



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

10th OCTOBER 2021: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Staying Put

Recently I happened to read a very small book, written by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. The book, *Candles in the Dark: Faith, Hope and Love in a Time of Pandemic*, has been written during the times of lockdown and is full of insights, also relevant to today's life. When you read it you have the impression of being in front of something which speaks to everyone, at every stage of their life, whenever and wherever they might be. I think this happens because the author is a man rooted in the Truth and precisely this is one of the "proprieties" of truth: it resonates with every human heart.

One of the most beautiful chapters is the one called "Staying put", written on Maundy Thursday, the 9th April 2020. Here some extracts:

Maundy Thursday commemorates the command, the mandatum, given by Jesus: love one another as I have loved you. And perhaps the clue is in those words, "as I have loved you". Jesus, says the Gospel narrative, loves "to the end"; he does not falter or turn away. We know this love, not because Jesus is always telling us how much he feels for us, but in the simple fact that he stays there, for us and with us...

So to obey the new commandment of love is to stay put: to stay with the people God has given us to love, to nurture and be nurtured by, to challenge and be challenged by.

But the truth is that we betray love ultimately not by feelings of impatience or even hostility, but by the desire to be somewhere else with people and circumstances other than the ones actually in front of our noses – by saying to God, in effect, Can we have a nicer and more manageable world, please, with people that it's easier to love?

Of course this doesn't mean we don't seek to change our world for the better; it certainly doesn't mean that we put up with or collude with situations of injustice, violence or abuse. But we always have to begin by engaging with what's actually there, not dreaming of a world where it's all so much simpler.

Jesus shows that he is with us always even to the end of the age by rising from the dead and giving us the gift of his life in the Holy Spirit. And the regular sign of this in the Church's life is the Holy Eucharist.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is an interview with Timothy Radcliffe, "NOTHING HUMAN IS ALIEN TO CHRIST"- you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 9.30am on Wednesday 13th October, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 10th October 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE SO THAT WE MAY REJOICE.

READINGS: 1st reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm: 89 2nd reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER:

READINGS: 1st reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm: 32 2nd reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6) Meet in person:
Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;
Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;
Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Meet in person on Saturdays in St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start on the 13th October 2021, 8pm in St Edward the Confessor Church.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays, 10.15am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For the 12th October we will watch a DVD on 'Living in the Spirit'.

Fellowship Group

Wednesday 13th October, 7.30pm on Zoom
A Scriptural Rosary - A new look at the Mysteries of the Rosary using quotes from scripture and short meditations. All welcome.

More information and the Zoom link from Marion and Bob Birtles: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre

(26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

CaFE

The CAFE group has restarted in Romsey and North Baddesley. It is on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's. Our course until December is "This is My Body", a series of DVDs which take us deeper into the Eucharist. All are welcome.

For more information please contact Ann Heslop: ann.heslop@virginmedia.com / 02380 734429.

MESSAGES



Come & See Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October, 9am-3pm
St Edward's Cloister

Cost: £5 per day. Spaces are limited.

For any enquiries please contact fr Luca/fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Message from CAFOD

Thank you so much for your donations this Family Fast Day. Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting cafod.org.uk/reclaim

Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Kosniowski and for his family. Jan's funeral takes place at Holy Cross on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 12 Noon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Boutwood and for her family. Maureen's funeral Mass takes place at St Joseph on 14th October 2021 at 11am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francesco Cannavo and for his family. Francesco's funeral takes place at St Edward on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 10.30pm.

Memorial Mass for Mike Walsh

Takes place at Holy Cross on Saturday 30th October at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Upcoming Second Collection

World Mission Sunday is on **Sunday 17th October 2021**. Second Collection envelopes will be available at all of our churches from next weekend, alternatively if you wish to donate online please go to www.missio.org.uk/donate/

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 10th October, 1pm-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH
An event for all of the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring your own food, beverage, cups/plates/cutlery (it is like a picnic). To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

Papal Blessing

On **Sunday 10th October at the 9am Mass** the Papal Blessing will be given to **St Edward's** in recognition of the ongoing work of the CAFOD group since its inception in 1988.

Parish Lunch - We're back! If you'd like to join us for lunch at the **Hunters Inn, Romsey, at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20th October**, you will be most welcome. Menus, with prices, are on the churches notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 11th October as we have to pre-book. Thank you.

Knitting

Do you enjoy knitting? Would you like to knit baby blankets that can be distributed to those in need? If you are interested please either email or phone the Parish Office so we can collate a list and pass to a volunteer. If we get enough people we will look to hold a first meeting in the Holy Cross Resource Centre on a Tuesday afternoon, date to be confirmed.

Baby & Toddler Group

We would like to start a baby and toddler group in the parish (possibly in Holy Cross or St Edward) and need some volunteers to organise the sessions and to help set up and clear down. If you are interested please email Katie: katiestickland2013@gmail.com

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Open days for prospective parents of children looking to start in September 2022 are:

Monday 11th October, Tuesday 12th October & Tuesday 9th November from 9.30am-11am; Tuesday 16th November, 7pm.

If you would like to attend any of these sessions please phone the school office on 02380 266210 or email: adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

For more information please go to: www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/admissions/

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Teachers Required - Starting January 2022

We are looking to recruit a part-time and a full time teacher for a KS2 class, starting from January 2022.

For more information and the job descriptions/ application forms please go to:

www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/vacancies/

Closing dates are Noon on 13th Oct (for the part-time role) and Noon on 15th October (for the full-time role).

Secondary School

If your child is currently in Year 6 of a primary or junior school, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2022 by the **31st October 2021**.

St Anne's Catholic Secondary School - is a highly successful school with a strong moral purpose: to work together to strive to be the best that we can be and to live life to the full. Our Catholic ethos, girls' school status at Key Stages 3 and 4 and our mixed Sixth Form College make us hard to beat as the best place to educate the region's girls from 11 to 18 and boys 16 to 18. Please go onto our website: www.st-annes.uk.com where you can find more information. If you would like to know more, please contact us to arrange a visit - you will be most welcome.

St George Catholic College - is a co-educational school for boys and girls aged 11-16 with a strong tradition of academic and sporting achievement. Knowing our students personally and guiding each of them to achieve their full potential is key to our and their success. Behind everything we ASPIRE to fulfil our six core values: Achievement, Spirituality, Respect, Independence, Relationships and Enjoyment. We are incredibly proud of the success of our college, which reflects the high expectations of our students and staff. Please visit our website to find out more about our family here: www.stgcc.co.uk
If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting reception on 02380 322603.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 9th October <i>Morning Mass: John Henry Newman</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Frederick Bishop FM
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Victor Reijs RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Mike McCarthy RIP 2nd Anniversary
Sunday 10th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	For the People of the Parish
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Widlake Family (Special Intention)
	11.00am	St Joseph	George Lewis RIP
Mon 11th October	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Lydia Pressacco RIP
Tues 12th October	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	For the Suffering People of Myanmar (Special Intention) Paulina Lesniczuk RIP FM
Wed 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Lydia Pressacco RIP Intentions of the Layzell Family
Thurs 14th October	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Danny & Maisie Simmonds RIP Margaret Martindale RIP
Friday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	 John & Margaret Birtwistle (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 16th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Allan Barltrop RIP Maria Jacobs RIP 8th Anniversary Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 17th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Ian Warwick FM
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	For the People of the Parish
	11.00am	St Joseph	Irene Dornan RIP

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