



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ENTRUSTED TO ST JOSEPH

This month of May has begun with the special protection of a great saint, "Saint Joseph the Worker".

Our Parish is strongly connected to the Patron and protector of the Universal Church. One of our six churches – in Romsey – is dedicated to him. There are beautiful statues of St Joseph in three of our churches: in Romsey obviously, in St Andrew's in North Baddesley (actually, it is a statue of "St Joseph the Worker", represented with the hammer and the wood for his work), and in Holy Cross in Eastleigh. More, the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St Charles Borromeo, whom the Parish is entrusted, has St Joseph as its main Patron Saint.

So, we are called as a Parish to a special devotion to the adopted father of Jesus Christ. We know that Pope Francis decided to dedicate this year (from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021) to the holy Spouse of Our Lady, with the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), which recalled the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Fr Raffaele presented this letter to our Parish and suggested the opportunity to obtain the indulgence for themselves or for a soul in Purgatory through the prayer to St Joseph (especially on the 19<sup>th</sup> of every month) and following the usual conditions.

I would like to highlight a passage of this letter by the Pope, in which he writes of those who are vulnerable at this time of the pandemic. He refers to those who cannot find work (and many have lost their job because of the lockdown). St Joseph is the protector of all the workers. He teaches us to sanctify the work of our own hands. The same Saviour worked thirty years as a carpenter. Our daily work is the first step in the path toward holiness. We have to remember, however, that a human being cannot be measured in pure "productivity". We possess a value which precedes what we can do. It is a value given to us from our Creator.

Fr Raffaele has already suggested we read "The Shadow of the Father" by the famous Polish writer *Jan Dobraczyński*, quoted by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter. This book is a novel focused on the thoughts and feelings of Jesus' earthly father, who perfectly knows that his task is to protect the most precious gift given to him, namely our Saviour. I believe that reading this book is the best way to enter in the comprehension of the figure of St Joseph, so amazingly described by Dobraczyński.

We would like to put under the protection of St Joseph all the young people of our Parish who are going to receive Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, they are:

Edward, Morven Elizabeth, Jan, Giada, David, Natalie, Benjamin, Michael, Oktawian, Taygan Clare, Ethan, Jacob, Sereena, Latoya, Tommy, Madelyn, Nicole, Justine, Rachel, Olivia, Aimee, Millie, Eleanor, Courtney, Joel, Kelvin, Edward, Anna-Marie, Freya and Lydia.

Let us pray to St Joseph for them.

*Fr Marco*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Christianity and the Modern World" by Bishop Barron, you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 16th May 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

**PSALM RESPONSE:** THE LORD HAS SET HIS SWAY IN HEAVEN.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 **Psalm:** 102 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** A reading from the 1st Letter of St John 4:11-16, **Gospel:** John 17:11b-19

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 23RD MAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY:**

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Acts 2:1-11 **Psalm:** 103 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

## PARISH GROUPS



### Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 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 the Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm. 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.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

Fr Luca's Group meet every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Fr Raffaele's Group meet every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

### 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start in September 2021.

### Fellowship Group - Wednesday 19th May, 7.30pm

our bible study continues on Jonah who has a lot to teach us about our relationship with God and others. *Week 3: Jonah - Back on Dry Land.*

If you would like to join us please contact Deacon Bob Birtles for the Zoom link: [bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Parish Get2Together

**Sunday 30th May, 1-4pm**

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH Eastleigh. An event for all the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together, in tables of six (can be from different households) and then we'll have some entertainment until 4pm (games and activities for all the families). Cost: We ask you to give a contribution of £10 per table to be paid on the day to cover expenses. Please bring your own food, beverage, cups/plates/cutlery (it is like a picnic), and remember to wear a mask (except when you are at your table). To book a table please go to our parish website and click the link you will need to give the 6 names filling the table. The maximum number of people at this event is 90.

### Recommended Reading

Two suggested books for the next few months are:

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

*The Shadow of the Father* by Jan Dobraczyński

Both books can be bought online, e.g. from Amazon.

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley will be presented during the Cultural Friday on the 11th June.

## MESSAGES



### Confirmation

**On Sunday 23rd May at 3pm in St Edward** 30 young people from our parish are going to be confirmed. We pray for the children and their families on this occasion. May the Holy Spirit inflame their hearts and give them passion and energy in their Christian life.

### St Edward's Wednesday Coffee

**Starting from 19th May**, coffee will resume after the 10am Mass every Wednesday. All Covid requirements will be adhered to. We look forward to seeing you then.

### Volunteer Stewards Required at St Edward

Help is needed at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses to guide parishioners to their seats.

- It is a lovely way of getting to know people.
- The only skills required are to be approachable and friendly.
- You will not be on a fixed rota but just help when you can at the Mass you would normally go to.

Please help us if you can, for more information please see any of the Stewards after Mass.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Second Collection this weekend

Sunday 16th May is World Communications Day, therefore we are having a second collection for the Holy See to support this area of work. In addition to the second collection baskets being available in our churches an online fundraising page has been set-up to support this collection: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day>

### Rosary for the End of the Pandemic

Please remember to pray the Rosary during this month of May. Pope Francis has asked every Christian to pray it for the end of the pandemic.

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

We currently have places for September in the Reception class and in other year groups.

We can offer:

- A Christian education open to all families
- High Standards
- Excellence in all that we do
- Very good behaviour

Please contact the school office for further information.

Tel: 02380 266210

Email: [adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk)

Web: [www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk](http://www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk)

## LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

### Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLOA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

### To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph, Romsey

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wed to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am**  
To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wed through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / [joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### CONFESSION

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	6.30am-7.30pm	St Edward
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	10.30am	St Andrew
<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	OLOA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)  
**Thursday:** St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

## CLERGY & PARISH OFFICE

### **Fr Raffaele Cossa (Parish Priest)**

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### **Fr Marco Vignolo (Assistant Priest)**

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### **Fr Bruce Barnes (Assistant Priest)**

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### **Deacon Bob Birtles**

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### **Deacon John di Meo**

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### **Deacon Paul Owen**

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### **Deacon Paul Wilson**

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### Parish Office Address

Holy Cross Church  
53 Leigh Road  
Eastleigh  
SO50 9DF  
Telephone: 02380 273882

### Holy Cross Resource Centre & Finance

**Admin: Linda Roberts**

Works full day Mon to Wed (9.30am-5.30pm, office closed on Mon & Tues for an hour over lunch); half day Thursday working from home.

[lroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Parish Secretary: Sarah Goodfellow

Works Wed to Friday from 9.30am until 2.30pm  
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**Website Contact:** [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 15th May</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Carol Johnson RIP  For the People of the Parish  Phyllis & Georg Roman RIP FM
<b>Sunday 16th May</b>  <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> For Tina on the Occasion of her Birthday Margaret French & Ann Heslop (In Thanksgiving) Daughters of Mary  Paddy Boyle RIP Kathie McGinn (Sick)
<b>Mon 17th May</b>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Francesco Papallo RIP FM
<b>Tues 18th May</b>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP
<b>Wed 19th May</b> <i>Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth</i>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Anne & Sean Connolly RIP Holy Souls
<b>Thurs 20th May</b>	9.30am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Bryan Hobbs RIP FM  Peggy Carmody (Well being)
<b>Friday 21st May</b>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Well-being of the Pond family
<b>Sat 22nd May</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Holy Souls  Paddy Boyle RIP & his family For the Parish David Hanbury RIP & Past and Present Supports of Poitiers Care Food Bank
<b>Sunday 23rd May</b>  <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Special Intention  Holy Souls For the People of the Parish  Dunne & McElhinney Families RIP

## CHURCH ADDRESSES

### Eastleigh & Fair Oak

Holy Cross Church  
53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

St Swithun Wells Church  
Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB

### Bishop's Waltham

Our Lady Queen of Apostles (OLQA) Church  
Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

### Chandler's Ford

St Edward the Confessor Church  
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU

### North Baddesley & Romsey

St Andrew's Church  
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP

St Joseph's Church  
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB