



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
29th AUGUST 2021: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
This Newsletter Covers Sunday 29th August & Sunday 5th September

'All That Is Good, Everything That Is Perfect, Is Given Us From Above'

The word 'tradition' is often used in relation to the Church. It can be thought of in a negative sense, as implying that we haven't thought about things, that we just do what we've always done. Yet 'tradition' literally means to hand on what we have received. As Christians, we have received our faith and practices from God, we have not invented them. The great responsibility of the Church – and each of us – is to hand on the treasure we have received.

This is the time of year when we invite people to join our next RCIA programme. This is for people who wish to become Catholics and culminates at Easter with the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. But for the invitation to work, it requires all of us to be aware of those around us who might be interested and to invite them to join us.

The last eighteen months have proved a challenge for us all. A global pandemic was the last thing we expected. Some have suffered considerably more than others but all of us in our own way have had to deal with its consequences. For many it has meant great disruption to their normal way of life. For others, it has meant a re-evaluation of what is important in their lives.

Our liturgical lives have also had to change. Many of us have chosen to stay away from Mass to protect ourselves from infection. With vaccination and the necessary protective measures we have taken in church, many have returned but there are many who have not. And to invite others to join us we need to be clear in our own minds of what is most important to us. As today's second reading tells us, we need to understand and accept that *'It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above'*.

All the readings at Mass today tell us that it is not enough to cling to what we have always done, to pay lip service to what we have received. As the Gospel says, what we are called to hand on is what has been *'planted in us and can save our souls'*. There is a danger that by not coming to Mass we no longer feel we need to, that we do not *'accept and submit to the word'*. By separating ourselves from the community we no longer allow ourselves to be fed by word and sacrament which can lead to our faith gradually withering and dying.

So, let us not *'cling to human tradition'* but renew and refresh our commitment to the faith. Let's hand on the treasure we have received by inviting our family, our neighbours, our friends to join us. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Catholic or just wants to know more, speak to any of our priests or contact me.

Deacon Paul Owen

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a "Statement from the Bishop's Conference about Sunday Mass Obligation"
- 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 8th September

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 29th August 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: THE JUST WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

READINGS: 1st reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm:14 2nd reading: Letter of St James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER:

PSALM RESPONSE: MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD.

READINGS: 1st reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm:145 2nd reading: Letter of St James 2:1-5 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER:

READINGS: 1st reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a Psalm:114 2nd reading: Letter of St James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website. We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3pm** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group - Holy Cross Resource Centre

We will not be meeting this coming Tuesday 31st August due to work being carried out on the Resource Centre. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th September at 10.15am** when we will be watching a DVD entitled 'The Father's Love'. All are welcome.

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 in September 2021.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Will resume in the week commencing 20th September.

Candlelight Prayer - Our next meeting is on **Monday 13th September from 7.30pm to 8.15pm**. Please email Marion or Bob if you would like the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Fellowship Group - Will resume on **Wednesday 15th September at 7.30pm** on Zoom. Please contact Deacon Bob on bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for the link. All welcome.

60 Club - Will resume on **Monday 6th September in the Holy Cross Resource Centre from 2pm-4pm**. Any questions/queries please contact Maureen on 02380 692682.

Come and See Holiday Activities

More Come & See Holiday activities are being planned for the October Half Term and the Spring & Summer Half Terms in 2022, please see our website as registrations for these Half Term clubs will open soon. Many thanks for those who gave up their time to support and help out in our August activities. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves and feeling welcomed in our Parish.

Beginning Day Communion & Liberation (CL)

On **Sunday 12th September** there will be an afternoon with all the CL groups of our Diocese in **OLQA, Bishop's Waltham**. We will start at **12.30pm with lunch (please bring your own) and will finish at 5.00pm**. Sunday Mass will be celebrated during this event. If you want to know more about the movement of CL this is a great opportunity. Everyone welcome.

MESSAGES



Message from the Family of Colin Davidovitz

Sadly on 19th August 2021 Colin passed away at home surrounded by his family after a short illness, aged 91. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Dornan and for her family. Irene's Funeral Mass takes place at **St Andrew on Wednesday 1st September at 2pm**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Margaret Young DW who died recently. Parishioners are welcome for the Liturgy immediately after the **6pm Mass on Thursday 2nd September** when the coffin will be brought into **St Joseph's**, prior to the Funeral Mass in Abbey House with the Sisters on the following day.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Upcoming Second Collections

On **Sunday 12th September** there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

On **Sunday 19th September** there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

Upcoming Parish Office Closures

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will be closed on:

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August & Friday 3rd September.

COVID

We strongly recommend the use of face coverings whilst attending church;

We are continuing to provide hand sanitiser;

If you wish to check in at any of our churches please use the QR code or give your details to a steward;

If anyone has any particular health care needs or concerns please speak with the stewards;

Although social distancing is no longer required you may prefer a gap of one or two seats as before;

We will continue with our one way system;

The physical sign of peace remains suspended;

Congregational singing will resume but will be phased in gently. Face coverings should be worn whilst singing until infection levels reduce;

The offeratory basket will resume being circulated during Mass;

Holy Communion will continue under one kind;

Thank you for your support.

St Swithun Wells Parish Financial Summary 2019/20

A summary of the Parish Finances covering the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 has been produced and is available in all of our churches, please pick up your copy.

MISSIO Your Red Box Is Vital - If it hasn't been emptied in a while, please count the money in your Box and:

i) Give via text - text REDBOX5 (to donate £5) or REDBOX10 (to donate £10) to 70085

ii) Call Missio on 0207 7821 9755 to donate

iii) Bank Transfer - Account Name: Missio; Sort Code: 16-00-16; Account Number: 10824230

Reference: RB+ your postcode

Alternatively, (for St Edward only) post it through my letter box: 65 Pine Crescent, Chandler's Ford.

Many thanks, Mary Vokes

Message - A young mother with an 11 year old boy (both are parishioners) urgently need accommodation, preferably in Eastleigh. If you can help please email: elicelvanessacdea@hotmail.com

Message from CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you

LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website 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).

• 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).

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)

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

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Not available to meet until 14th Sept Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Fridays:	Except the 3rd September Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 28th Aug <i>Morning Mass: St Augustine of Hippo</i>	9.30am	HC	Thomas Charles Robinson FM
	5.00pm	SSW	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm 6.30pm	St J St Ed	Sr Margaret RIP Cagampang family (Special Intention)
Sunday 29th Aug <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Deceased Members of the McCormack & Leavey Families RIP
	9.00am	St A	For the People of the Parish
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am 11.00am	HC St J	Bill Richards RIP Lucy & Frances (Special Intention)
Monday 30th Aug	9.30am	HC	Raymond Kelly RIP
Tuesday 31st Aug	10.00am	St A	Susan Butcher (RIP Anniv)
	6.00pm	St Ed	Joan Lake (Special Int)
Wed 1st Sept	9.30am	HC	Rev Mgr Canon Patrick O' Mahony FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP
	7.30pm	OLQA	
Thursday 2nd Sept	9.30am	HC	Mike Walsh RIP
	Midday	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Sr Margaret RIP
Friday 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J	Sr Margaret RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	Marie Duggan (Birthday)
Saturday 4th Sept	9.30am	HC	Raymond Kelly RIP
	5.00pm	SSW	For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	St J	Herbert Howie RIP Anniv
	6.00pm 6.30pm	OLQA St Ed	Aidan Kalsi (Wellbeing)
Sunday 5th Sept <i>Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	John Exworthy RIP 10th Anniversary
	9.00am	St A	Margaret Martindale RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am 11.00am	HC St J	Josephine Fernandez RIP Anniversary Gail Patrick RIP Anniversary

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Monday 6th Sept	9.30am	HC	Jerry McDonnell RIP Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 7th Sept	10.00am	St A	Margaret Martindale RIP
	6.00pm	St Ed	Dudley Roberts RIP FM
Wed 8th Sept <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	HC	Rev Murphy O'Connor FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Mary Marjorie & Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
	7.30pm	OLQA	
Thursday 9th Sept	9.30am	HC	Ludwick Kolacz & The Killick Family (Special Intention)
	Midday	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	In memory of Fr Olivier Maire SMM
Friday 10th Sept	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J	
	10.00am	St Ed	
Saturday 11th Sept	9.30am	HC	Raymond Kelly RIP
	5.00pm	SSW	
	6.00pm	St J	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 12th Sept <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm 6.30pm	OLQA St Ed	
	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	The Intentions of Maura & Tom Downes Irene Dornan RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	HC	Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary Sr Margaret RIP
	11.00am	St J	

CLERGY

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THE PARISH OF ST. SWITHUN WELLS

Churches

Holy Cross, Eastleigh

St Swithun Wells, Fair Oak

St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford

St Andrew, North Baddesley

St Joseph, Romsey

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishops Waltham



SUMMARY OF PARISH FINANCES 2019-2020

The management of finances within parishes can be compared to the management of finances within families. We have the same challenges to face in terms of managing income and expenditure. Families generally have income from earnings, from which they must pay for all structural aspects of the home; all consumables for the family in terms of food, utilities and any longer term planning for holidays or other bigger planned expenditure e.g. a new car. Similarly, parishes have planned giving which each week or month contributes towards the overall income. Many parishioners add Gift Aid to their donations, this is excellent as it adds 25% to the total donated. As with families, parishes have expenses in running the properties associated with the parish. We have repairs and maintenance for six churches, halls and four houses associated with St Swithun Wells parish. All of this needs to be carefully planned and budgeted for including making provisions for unseen expenses.

Financial Oversight

The St Swithun Wells Finance Committee provide financial oversight for the parish and ensure proper financial controls of the parish assets. The Committee meet quarterly and focus on budgeting, financial planning and monitoring of financial controls, including our income and expenditure. Following a recent meeting, the St Swithun Wells Finance Committee stipulated that a summary of parish finances for 2019-2020 be published and made available to parishioners prior to the 2020-2021 report being published, hence why this document is being circulated now.

Financial Year 2019-2020

On the reverse of this document you will find a snapshot of our parish finances for the year 2019-2020. There will be another report produced later this year when year-end accounts for 2020-2021 are finalised at the end of October 2021. As you can see the parish underspent by £29,227 during this financial year; we are attributing this to it being the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic when income was down but moreover because general expenditure was down while the churches were closed.

Should you have any queries please contact the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr William Sleeman, or Fr Raffaele Cossa in the first instance by contacting the parish office on 02380 273882 during office hours and the staff will endeavour to help you.

Thank You

The parish is extremely grateful for your continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic as this has resulted in a fairly stable financial situation. Please continue to support us especially through adding Gift Aid to your donations if you are a tax payer.

Giving to St Swithun Wells parish and Gift Aid

We have volunteer Gift Aid co-ordinators who look after the administration for the reclaiming of tax on donations received. The parish is very grateful for their work. Your local Gift Aid co-ordinators are:

Pat Baggott for Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells and Our Lady Queen of Apostles – 02380 694060
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Ian Fearon for St Edwards – 02380 265248 fearon_ian@hotmail.com

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David Martin for St Andrews and St Josephs – 01794 511883 2dmartin@gmail.com

You may also make donations by cheques made payable to PRCDTR St Swithun Wells and post to the parish office. We encourage Bank Transfers, however, please ensure you use a reference so we can allocate the funds correctly. Weekly cash collections are also acceptable at each church. Our website has more information should you need it, please go to www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Mr William Sleeman
Chairman of the Finance Committee

Fr Raffaele Cossa
Parish Priest

Swithun Wells Parish Year End 2019-2020

Our financial year runs from **1st September to 31st August.**

Please note, only main items within each category have been listed.

INCOME	2019-2020
Offertory Income <i>Includes planned giving, other offertory income £227,047; tax reclaimed by gift aid £54,310; Christmas and Easter offerings for Clergy £18,979.</i>	£300,336
Other Income <i>Includes rents for Chandlers Ford house £13,000; bungalow at Bishop's Waltham £14,000; the flat at Romsey £5,346; Hall rental £6,832; Car parks £14,206; Polish Community £3,770; Repository £1,332; votive candles & flowers £3,171; Investment Units £1,306.</i>	£68,439
Other Exceptional Income <i>Furlough funds £3,278; Miscellaneous funds £1,594.</i>	£4,872
TOTAL INCOME	£373,647

EXPENDITURE	2019-2020
Clergy Costs for 4 Priests <i>Includes 4 priests' Stipends £20,557; Housekeeping £17,345; Christmas & Easter Offerings £25,756 (this figure also includes one weeks planned giving, plus Gift Aid on the offerings within the parish); Supply priests £404; Car mileage</i>	£74,791
Staff Costs <i>Wages for two part time office personnel and two part time housekeepers £34,678; National Insurance £1,166.</i>	£35,908
Churches <i>Altar & liturgical £12,046; Light, heat & water £18,821; Repairs & maintenance £34,538.</i>	£65,405
Office, Presbyteries & Grounds <i>Includes Council Tax x 4 £4,520; Heat/Light/Water £1,034; Repairs £987; Telephones £2,868; Post/printing/stationery £2,561; Photocopying/IT & website £845; Sundry purchases £3,479.</i>	£16,294
Hall/Parish Centre <i>Includes utilities £492; Repairs £7,553</i>	£8,045
General Items <i>Includes Diocesan Levy £83,123; Insurance £13,342; Repository/Papers £1,558; CCLI Licenses £2,641; Donations to CAP/ subscriptions to local churches £2,260; Parish books/courses £1,858; Parish events £2,190; Sundry items £5,768.</i>	£112,738
Exceptional Items <i>Includes fogging machines £1,298; Laundry room/shower at 53 Leigh Rd and the final payment for fire escape £19,875; New kitchen at St Swithun Wells Church £8,472.</i>	£29,645
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£342,826

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION from 1st September to 31st August 2020

Funds from the Sale of Parish Land

- Fair Oak: The parish owned land in Allington Lane, however in agreement with the Diocese, it was sold for housing and the funds divided between the parish and the Diocese; the parish received £1,356,679.
- DOPIFS*: £600,000 (of the money from the Fair Oak Land Sale) was invested, with all interest being reinvested.
- Bishop's Waltham: Builders paid the parish £1.4m to gain access to their field through parish owned land and are in the process of building new homes. Again this amount was divided between the parish and the Diocese as per the protocol; the parish receiving £500,000.

Total Parish Funds at 31st August 2020

In the bank (end of August 2020): £198,581

Fair Oak funds: £756,679

Bishop's Waltham funds: £500,000

Investments DOPIFS* £643,554 *Diocese of Portsmouth Investment Fund

TOTAL: £2,098,814