



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

10th JULY 2022: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BISHOPS COMMENTS ON ROE V WADE

As you probably know the US Supreme Court has overturned the 1973 Roe vs Wade ruling, which guaranteed abortion rights in the US. We would like to share two statements with you, one by Bishop Philip and the other by Bishop John Sherrington, which helps us to navigate this moment.

In momentous news last Friday – the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – the US Supreme Court overturned the Roe v. Wade 1973 abortion case and the 1992 Casey v. Planned Parenthood decision that affirmed Roe. These rulings made abortion up to birth a constitutional right in the USA. After last Friday's ruling, abortion will be legal in the US but it is up to each individual State to decide what their abortion laws should be. Typically, Mississippi now bans abortion after 15 weeks, although other States such as New York will have much more relaxed laws. The new ruling, passed by 6 out of the 9 judges, rules that abortion is not a right enshrined in the US constitution. It restores the situation of 50 years ago. The Supreme Court judgment comes after years of campaigning by pro-life groups, from all faith perspectives and from across political spectrum and after many years of prayer and advocacy from the Catholic community. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco added that even so "our work has just begun. The struggle to demonstrate we can build a culture that respects every human life, including mothers in crisis pregnancies and the babies they carry, continues. We must redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, as well as to offer mercy to those suffering the after-effects of the abortion experience." 60 million abortions have been carried out in the US over the last 50 years.

The US decision, although it will be controversial within the political and social context of America, nevertheless gives us new heart here in the UK. It is a massive encouragement to us to continue the campaign to persuade hearts and minds to respect life from conception to natural death, especially the life of the unborn child.

Bishop Philip

The recent decision of the US Supreme Court to overturn the Roe v Wade judgement and so affirm that the constitution does not confer a right to abortion is momentous and of huge significance. It reflects the prayers, dedicated work and commitment of those who seek to protect women who are pregnant and the unborn child. Pope Francis reminds us of how abortion laws have trivialised the gift of human life, "It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child." (Pope Francis to UN, September 2020)

The judgement not only calls for reflection in the US, but also for significant reflection in our country as we see again the rising numbers of abortions in 2021. The many painful situations which lead to abortion are reflected in these shocking statistics and call for better legal and social protections for women and the unborn child. They call for much more reflection on what is needed for relationships and sex education that is rooted in respect and self-restraint, support for the family and single mothers. We need to reduce the upper time limit for abortions and re-examine the law which permits a child with disability to be aborted up to birth. This is a moment that calls for the building of a culture of life and welcome where all are recognised and treated as a gift. This is the work of the evangelisation of culture.

The Church will strive to offer hope and healing for all those hurt by the tragedy of abortion.

We wish to see fruitful debate on these important topics, avoiding polarised ideologies. The value of human life is too precious for such an approach.

We ask the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Gianna Beretta Molla and remember the prayer of the Hail Mary, 'Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus'.

John Sherrington
Lead Bishop for Life Issues
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "The Church Is In You" by Pope Francis - 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 July**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 10th July 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: SEEK THE LORD, YOU WHO ARE POOR, AND YOUR HEARTS WILL REVIVE.

READINGS: 1st reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Psalm 68 2nd reading Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Sunday 17th July 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

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

READINGS: 1st reading Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 14 2nd reading Colossians 1:24-28 Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Youth Groups

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Stars of Abraham also prepares the children for First Holy Communion usually in school year 3. Grail Seekers also prepares the children for Confirmation usually in school year 9. For more details and to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. 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.

Fellowship Group - Wed 13th July, 7.30pm at St

Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. We are looking at Saints from the South, from Saxon St Wilfred to Philip Howard, one of the 40 Martyrs. This will be followed by cheese and wine as our last meeting until after the summer holidays. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to join us on Zoom please contact Peter Baggott on peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 12th July we will be beginning a new series called 'I Believe', based on the Creed. All are welcome!

PARISH GROUPS



Knitting Club - Third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre

(26A Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

CaFE - latest course is The Gift, a Life in the Holy Spirit.

Our meetings will be as usual at 2pm in the Parish Centre Romsey, repeated at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's N. Baddesley, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, finishing on 26th July. For more information please call/email Ann Heslop: 02380 734429 ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

60 Club - Meets fortnightly in Holy Cross Resource Centre from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome!

Next Meeting: 18th July

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

This weekend is for Apostleship of the Sea (9th/10th July) - Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. On Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea>

Come & See Camp - 16th/17th July

We are collecting for the families who cannot afford the full amount and whose children would like to attend the Summer Camp.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Emilia Tuppein and for her family. Emilia's Funeral Mass takes place at Holy Cross on Tuesday 12th July at 12 Noon.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Garrett and for her family. Patricia's Funeral Mass takes place at St Edward's on Tuesday 12th July at 2.30pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geoffrey Bird and for his family. Geoff's Funeral Service takes place at St Edward's on Thursday 21st July at 12.45pm.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Parish BBQ

A reminder to those who are booked onto the Parish BBQ... **Sunday 10th July from 1pm-5pm** in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh. There is a map showing the location of the BBQ on our website. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre, we can also use their toilet facilities during the event.

We will provide standard BBQ food (burgers, sausages, bread, vegetarian option) however please bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs/picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share. Price £5 per person, for children 10 years and under free. Payment by cash or card reader on the day. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for children during the afternoon. As you know Andrew Lee our Seminarian was ordained a Deacon on 2nd July in Rome and will be with us during the BBQ, we will therefore look to celebrate his Ordination during this event.

Meeting for all the Volunteers of the Parish

In our Parish we are blessed with many volunteers and we are very grateful for what you do. For this reason we would like to have a meeting with all of you at the end of this pastoral year. We will listen to some of your experiences and we will spend some time together in friendship. The meeting will be on **Sunday 17th July, 3pm to 4.30pm in St Edward the Confessor in Chandler's Ford**, refreshments will be provided. We are so grateful for all you do for the Parish and hope to see all of you at the meeting. *Fr Raffaele*

OLOA Summer Family Cream Tea Party

Saturday 30th July, 2pm-4.30pm in the church grounds. £5 for adults, children 10 years and under free. Tickets are available at weekend Masses.

Altar Servers

Any young person who has made his/her First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, please see the following after Sunday Mass:

Holy Cross - James (in the Sacristy);
St Edward's - Emmanuel;
St Andrew & St Joseph - Deacon John Di Meo.

Come and See Clubs & Camp

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and for our Summer Camp. For more information, cost and registration please click on the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

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 - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

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| Tuesday: | 6.30pm-7.30pm | St Edward |
| Tuesday: | 9.30am-10.00am | St Andrew |
| Saturday: | 10.00am-10.30am | Holy Cross |
| | 5.30pm-6.00pm | OLOA |
| | 5.30pm-6.00pm | St Joseph |
| Sunday: | 8.30am-9.00am | St Andrew |
| | 9.00am-9.30am | OLOA |

Volunteer Mini Bus Driver Required for Come & See Holiday Activities. You will need to have the required license to drive a mini bus. Please speak to Fr Marco/Fr Luca for more details or email: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Street Pastors

Patrols - we need more volunteers to show God's love on the streets of Eastleigh. Can you spare one Friday night a month? Provisional training dates:

Friday 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th October 2022

Friday 21st, Sat 22nd & Sunday 23rd October 2022

Friday 4th, Sat 5th & Sunday 6th November 2022

Please note the training dates are Fri 7.30pm to 9.15pm and Sat/Sun 9.30am to 4.30pm

You can also come out as an observer with one of our patrols. Our latest newsletter can be found at https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/wp-content/uploads/sites/67/2022/07/newsletter_Edition_25.pdf
Contact Eric Hyom at erichyom@sky.com or phone 07736967921 for an informal chat. Or email: eastleigh@streetpastors.org.uk

Latest Diocesan Job Vacancies

Head of Estates (Diocesan Surveyor)

Senior Estates Manager

Application closing date is Mon 18th July at 9am, for more information please go to:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

Member of Investment Committee – Volunteer Property Investment Specialist

We need a person who would be able to attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and have experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee property investment portfolio. If you would like further details of what is entailed please contact: Hereward Drummond Secretary to the Trustees

Email: hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

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| Tuesdays: | Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh) |
| Wednesdays: | Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh) |
| Fridays: | Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey |
| Saturdays: | Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey |

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

| DATE | TIME | CHURCH | MASS INTENTION |
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| Sat 9th July | 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm | Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward | Charles & Maria Cooper RIP FM Peter Giffard RIP People of the Parish |
| Sunday 10th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am | Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Margaret Martindale RIP Stanisław & Władysława Olearnik RIP Diane Lopez RIP Anniversary Deceased Members of the Hogan and Porter Families RIP |
| Mon 11th <i>St Benedict</i> | 9.30am | Holy Cross | |
| Tues 12th July | 10.00am <u>12 Noon</u> <u>2.30pm</u> 6.00pm | St Andrew <u>Holy Cross</u> <u>St Edward</u> St Edward | <u>Funeral Mass: Emilia Tuppein RIP</u> <u>Funeral Mass: Patricia Garrett RIP</u> Kamil Nadasky RIP |
| Wed 13th July | 9.30am 9.30am 10.00am | Holy Cross OLQA St Edward | Layzell Family Intentions |
| Thurs 14th July | 9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm | Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph | Finnerty & Molloy Families FM Dora Pond RIP Anniversary |
| Fri 15th July <i>St Swithun</i> | 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am | OLQA St Joseph St Edward | Cecilia Harris RIP Anniversary Margaret Martindale RIP |
| Sat 16th July | 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm | Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward | Geza Gejeli & Christina Webber (Wedding Day) Mrs Anne Clayton-Smith RIP FM Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary |
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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;

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