



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

**3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2021: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Last Sunday afternoon we had a meeting with the volunteers of the Parish. Around ninety people attended. Five of them spoke about their experience in giving their time and a short lesson was given about Charity. Below you can find the points which were covered during the lesson.

### 1. THE LAW OF OUR EXISTENCE

As human beings we have in us the desire to be interested in others. If we have something good, we like to share. If someone is in trouble we want to help. There is in us a natural need to share, help and support. It is in our human nature. We were created in this way. We call all of this the law of our existence.

### 2. WE COMPLETE OURSELVES

We complete ourselves insofar as we nurture this natural need to share, help and support. Giving our time, energy, love to others gives us the experience of fulfilling ourselves. This is so true that, if we are not able to give, we feel unhappy. Every act of charity is for others but is also for us.

### 3. CHARITY

The reason why loving others (charity) is fulfilling is because we are created by God and God is love (charity). The life of God is charity, it is unconditional love. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are a perfect communion of love. And this communion of love is not closed in itself. God created the angels, the world and us to be part of this unity and when we abandoned Him He sent His Son to rescue us. We are created in the image of God, so if we want to enrich ourselves we have to love, we have to imitate the love of God, the feelings of Jesus.

### 4. ATTENTION TO THE PERSON

When we love others giving our time and resources, there may not be a visible result. For us charity is first of all an attitude of attention to the single person who is before us whoever he or she is and whatever result there might be. Jesus thought this when he told the parable of the Lost Sheep. The love of the shepherd is not love for the group but for every single sheep. Love is not generic but is for the specific person in front of me.

### 5. CHRIST IS THE MEANING OF OUR LIFE

Sharing the lives of others, helping and supporting them enables us to discover a mysterious thing. We discover that because we love them, we cannot make them happy; and that not even the most perfect society, the greatest wealth, the surest health, the purest beauty, the most educated civilization will ever be able to make them happy. It is Another who can make them happy, Jesus Christ.

### 6. THE CHURCH

But Christ is present now in the Church. The Church is the body of Christ. The Church is our community and God Himself is among us, is present among us. For this reason, the friendship that we live among us might be for many of us the starting point for a charitable activity. I am able to share, help and support those in need because I do this with others.

*Fr Raffaele*

## **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](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

**For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 9.30am on Wednesday 6th October, please email your messages/notices to: [stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 3rd October 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm: 127 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 2:9-11 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER:

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

## 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 5th October we will watch a DVD on 'A Personal Pentecost' and on the 12th October we will watch 'Living in the Spirit'.

**Fellowship Group**

Wednesday 6th October, 7.30pm on Zoom

Over the coming months we will be looking at Theologians of the 20th & 21st Centuries starting this week with Tom Wright, a renowned New Testament Scholar and Pauline Theologian who was one time Bishop of Durham. He has also written guides to all the books of the New Testament including in them his own translation of the entire text. Please join us on Zoom, everyone welcome. Contact Deacon Bob Birtles on bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for the link.

**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!

**Oasis Women's Group** - To all ladies in the parish and friends: We would like to invite you to join us for an evening out. It has been a while since we could socialise and we would like to start having a few laughs again. We are planning to have a dinner together at FRANKIE and BENNY'S in Eastleigh on Tuesday 5th October at 7pm. There is plenty of space, the more the merrier, so please join us. To assist with numbers please email jessie.woolgar@gmail.com Lifts can be arranged.

**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.

**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 Francesco Cannavo and for his family. Francesco's funeral takes place at St Edward on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 10.30pm.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Upcoming Second Collection

For CAFOD Harvest on **Sunday 3rd October 2021**.

### Children's Mass is Back!

**10th October** at St Edward, Holy Cross & St Andrew.

### 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. During the afternoon we will have some music and games for everyone, and a short discussion with the adults about some topics of family life like education of the children, prayer in family and so on.

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](mailto:katiestickland2013@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL NOTICES



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. **Applications need to be submitted by the 31st October 2021.**

### St Anne's Catholic Secondary School

**Correction: In the previous Parish newsletter we stated that St Anne's is an Independent school, this is incorrect - St Anne's is an Academy.** It is an 11-18 secondary school for girls, the school's sixth form is coeducational. If you missed out on their Open Event which was held on the 29th September, please go onto their website: [www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com) where you can find more information and the link to a 'virtual open evening experience'.

### St George Catholic College

Open Evening **Thursday, 7th October from 5.30pm to 8.00pm**. St George Catholic College is a co-educational school for boys and girls aged 11-16. Parents considering a place for their children at St George Catholic College will have the opportunity to look around our classrooms, meet teachers and discover what makes an education at St George so sought after. It is not necessary to book a place, so please just arrive anytime between **5.30pm and 7.30pm**. We ask please, that all adults wear a face covering during their visit, except those who are exempt, so that everyone stays safe. We reserve the right to cancel the event at short notice.

### 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	OLOA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLOA

#### 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)

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

**Tuesdays:** *Not available to meet on 5th October*  
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:** *Not available to meet on 8th October*  
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
<b>Saturday 2nd October</b> <i>Morning Mass: The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	For the People of the Parish Peter & Pat Baggott (50th Wedding Anniversary) Anne & Peter Hooper (Well being)  Judith Van Willigenburg (Intentions)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
<b>Sunday 3rd October</b>  <b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Living & Deceased Members of Murphy & Lucas Families FM Margaret Martindale RIP  Antonio Cicu RIP FM Deceased Members of the Kelly, Slevin & Fox Families RIP
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
<b>Mon 4th October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Robert Brockway Fraternity of St Charles
<b>Tues 5th October</b>	10.00am	St Andrew	Eva (Well being)
	6.00pm	St Edward	
<b>Wed 6th October</b>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Margaret Martindale RIP Keith Small RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	
	7.30pm	OLQA	
<b>Thurs 7th October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Raymond Kelly RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
<b>Friday 8th October</b>	9.30am	OLQA	Josephine O'Grady RIP Joe Conlon (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St Joseph	
	10.00am	St Edward	
<b>Saturday 9th October</b> <i>Morning Mass: John Henry Newman</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Frederick Bishop FM Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving) Victor Reijs RIP  Mike McCarthy RIP 2nd Anniversary
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
<b>Sunday 10th October</b>  <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> For the People of the Parish  Widlake Family (Special Intention) George Lewis RIP
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	St Joseph	

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