



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 12th JUNE 2022: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Feeling Powerless?

Raise your hand if you have never felt powerless. I'm sure it's something that has happened at least once in your life. Maybe when you found yourself faced with a situation you can't change, that feels inevitable. Like the sudden loss of a friend or a relative. But also in front of small events you can't control, like, for example, when your little child cries all the time during the night and nothing you do can stop him. Or, when you have planned all of your week in every detail and then you catch COVID and there is nothing you can do except to stay at home and wait...

This sense of powerlessness is something that the Apostles also experienced, after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. They would have liked Him to stay with them, in the way they were used to, with his human body, but there was nothing they could do to bring Him back! Nothing upsets people more than having a desire they can't achieve.

Let's go back to the Apostles. Suddenly, "they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting ... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The situation changes immediately. Before the coming of the Spirit the Apostles were afraid and feeling empty. After, they were "filled" and bold. When we experience a great delusion we lose trust in life, we tend to self-isolate, like the Apostles closed in the upper room. What can save us? What happened the day of Pentecost, when the mood of the Apostles suddenly changed?

After the coming of the Spirit, the Apostles went out, started talking with everyone. They were no more afraid, but courageous and brave. A divine and mysterious power took possession of them. They didn't change, it was the power of the Holy Spirit that changed them. And with this power they can now face every situation. We read in the Acts of the Apostles that they were persecuted, almost every day, to the point of being killed because of their faith. Life after Pentecost is not a life without problems, but it is a life animated by the electric current of the Holy Spirit.

When you find yourself powerless, think about the Apostles in the upper room, and ask for the gift of the Spirit. He won't wipe away your problems, but will give you the strength to face them.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "Returning to Mass At Pentecost" by the Catholic Bishop's Conference - 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 15th June**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 12th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: HOW GREAT IS YOUR NAME, O LORD OUR GOD, THROUGH ALL THE EARTH!

READINGS: 1st reading Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8 2nd reading Romans 5:1-5 Gospel John 16:12-15

Sunday 19th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: YOU ARE A PRIEST FOR EVER, A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK OF OLD.

READINGS: 1st reading Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 109 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel Luke 9:11b-17

PARISH GROUPS



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)

For more details and how 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)

Meeting on Wednesdays, 8pm in St Edward. 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 - Wednesday 15th June, 7.30pm

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

We continue with the Bible Study: Firm Foundations - Looking at the beginning of the Christian Church. Week 4 - The Life of the Church. Everyone welcome. If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact 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 14th June we continue our new series called the Joy of Hope. All are welcome!

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 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 welcome!
Next Meeting: 20th June

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th June at St Edward (9am), Holy Cross (11am) and St Andrew (9am).

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.

Upcoming Second Collection

18th/19th June: Day for Life

For more information please visit the *Day for Life*

website at <https://www.dayforlife.org/>

The Catholic Bishops this year invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations, devoting quality time, energy and creativity to caring for the older persons in our communities. The focus of the *Day for Life* this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia.

You can also donate on line at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-2022>

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Betteridge and for his family. Barry's Funeral Service takes place at Holy Cross Church on Thurs 16th June.

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 12th June, 1pm-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH An event for all of the parish, especially families. 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 some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

CAFOD Volunteer Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea

This year CAFOD is celebrating it's Diamond Jubilee. To mark the occasion the CAFOD group at St Edward's are holding an afternoon tea in the Cloister on Saturday 18th June from 4.30pm followed by a Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm, to which all CAFOD volunteers past and present are invited. If you are able to come please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138 a.s.a.p. for catering purposes.

Cultural Friday 24th June, 7pm at St Edward's

We are going to watch a film called 'Father Stu' (starring Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson - the film follows the life of Fr Stuart Long, a boxer turned priest who inspired countless people during his journey from self destruction to redemption). We will start at 7pm with cheese and wine followed by the film at 7.30pm. Afterwards, there will be time for a discussion together.

Save the Date

On **Sunday 10th July** there will be a BBQ for all of the Parish, venue to be confirmed.

Livestreaming from Holy Cross

Please be aware that our live streaming cameras were stolen last week from the church, hence why we have been unable to live stream Mass. This has now been resolved. From 13th June we will no longer be livestreaming weekday Masses, however we will continue to livestream Sunday Mass for our housebound and sick parishioners.

Pauline Wilson - We would like to say a big "thank you" to the many parishioners who sent messages, cards, calls and offered prayers for the repose of Pauline's soul, and to the large number of you who attended the funeral. We have been overwhelmed by your support and enjoyed hearing your memories of Pauline.

God bless you all, Tony, Martin, Clare & Louise.

Southampton Polish Club - Ukraine Aid Appeal

Many thanks to all of you who have kindly donated items and to the volunteers who have been taking donations down to the former ToysRUs site in Southampton. The Polish Club managed to deliver over 2000 pallets of donations to Poland & Ukraine. Sadly due to a massive drop in donations across the region **their Ukraine Aid Appeal has now ended, therefore please do not bring donations into church.**

Message from Diocesan Communications

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:
Facebook: @PortsmouthRC Twitter: @PortsmouthRC
LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
The Diocese website:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>
If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact:
communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.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 - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

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	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

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

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor

191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

OLQA - Our Lady Queen of Apostles

Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

HC - Holy Cross Church

53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

SSW - St Swithun Wells

Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB

St A - St Andrew

Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph

Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 11th June <i>Morning Mass: St Barnabus</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	In Thanksgiving for the Parishioners who have been praying for Mary Quinn
	6.00pm	OLQA	John Walsh RIP
	6.00pm 6.30pm	St Joseph St Edward	Tom, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
Sunday 12th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Pauline Wilson RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	People of the Parish
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	Christine Watson RIP
	11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	Joan Hogan RIP
Mon 13th <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Antonio Cicu RIP FM Layzell Family Intentions
Tuesday 14th June	10.00am	St Andrew	Pauline Wilson RIP
	6.00pm	St Edward	
Wed 15th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Private Intention
	9.30am	OLQA	Pauline Wilson RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	
Thursday 16th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Charles & Martha Barrett FM
	11.00am	Holy Cross	Funeral Service: Barry Betteridge RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
Fri 17th June	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	
	10.00am	St Edward	
Saturday 18th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Margaret Martindale RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	OLQA	Paul Kearney RIP In Thanksgiving for CAFOD's Diamond Jubilee
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sunday 19th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Thomas 'Ricky' Layzell (Special Intention)
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Francisca Silva R.D.C. RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	

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