



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 11th June 2023: CORPUS CHRISTI

The Beating Heart

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Body of Christ (or *Corpus Christi* in Latin). This feast reminds us of the real presence of the Son of God on earth in a piece of bread, the Eucharist. I know... some people struggle to believe this. Maybe this story can help them.

On August 15th, 1996, in the Parish of Santa Maria in Buenos Aires, a parishioner received the Consecrated Host in his hands during Communion, but inadvertently dropped it on the floor and thought not to pick it up because it seemed soiled to him. Another more pious person realized what had happened, picked up the host and put it aside, while quickly informing the Parish priest, Father Alejandro Pezet. The priest, following the instructions of the Church in these circumstances, put the Host in a container filled with water, which stayed in the tabernacle waiting for the Host to dissolve. On August 26th, the tabernacle was reopened and it was found that the Host had not dissolved and had some reddish stains that were growing day by day. The Parish priests hurriedly went to the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, to tell him what had happened. The Archbishop decided to open an investigation and to entrust it to Dr. Ricardo Castañón Gomez. He took a sample of the Host to a laboratory for the analysis. Here are some extracts from his report:

On 28th January 2000, the specialists found fragments of human DNA in the samples. They were human blood that contained human genetic code. In March 2000, I was informed that the famous Dr. Robert Lawrence, a forensic histopathologist and one of the leading experts in tissue analysis, had participated in this study. Dr. Lawrence studied the samples in which he found human skin and white blood cells.

In 2001, I went to Professor Linoli who identified the white blood cells and told me that the samples most likely matched heart tissue. The results obtained from the samples were similar to those of the studies carried out on Lanciano's Eucharistic miracle.

In 2002, we sent the sample to Professor John Walker at the University of Sydney, Australia, who confirmed that the samples had intact muscle cells and white blood cells, which normally disintegrate when they are out of the body for more than 15 minutes.

On March 2nd, 2004, we called in the leading expert in cardiac pathology and forensic medicine, Professor Frederick Zugibe of Columbia University, New York. The professor didn't know that the sample I was bringing him was from a Consecrated host. After studying it, he said, "The sample you brought me is a heart muscle, a myocardium, more precisely the left ventricle." And he confirmed that my patient had suffered a great deal. So I asked him, "Why do you say that?", "Because your patient has some thrombus, at certain times preventing breathing, oxygen supply, tiring and making the patient suffer because every breath had to be painful. He probably suffered a blow to the chest. On the other hand, cardiac activity was high at the time you brought me the sample. The white blood cells were found intact and these are only transported by blood. Therefore, if there are white blood cells, it's because at the time you brought me the sample, it was beating." The professor then asked me whose sample it was, and when we told him that it was from a Consecrated host, he said, "I don't believe it." He was very impressed. "Doctor, when you brought me that sample, that heart was alive!"

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Hey Bing, what is the meaning of everything?" an interview with Prof. Paolo Benanti - 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 14th June 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 11th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: (12) O PRAISE THE LORD, JERUSALEM!

READINGS: 1st reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a Psalm 147 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

Sunday 18th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: (3C) WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK

READINGS: 1st reading Exodus 19:2-6 Psalm 99 2nd reading Romans 5:6-11 Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Tuesdays, 4pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Wednesdays, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Saturdays, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross R/Centre.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Usually Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm in Holy Cross R/Centre.

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

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!

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 14th June

For the next 4 weeks we shall have scripture based discussions about how God still speaks to us through scripture and how we respond. For more details email Dcn Bob: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Join us in person at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak (at 7.30pm) or by Zoom. For the Zoom link contact: Peter at peterbaggott@aol.com

Oasis Women's Group - All women are invited

to come along to a fascinating Oasis evening on **Monday 12th June at 7.30pm in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandler's Ford.** Our Oasis group will be treated to an evening learning about bees and bee-keeping led by Fiona Mooney. If, like me, you would like to spend an evening in the company of friends, finding out about these amazing creatures and their care, then please come along, bring a friend, all women are welcome.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on **Wednesdays from 10am in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;**

St Joseph's Group meet on **Thursdays from 10.30am -12 Noon in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).**

The groups are 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

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

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday

morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very welcome.

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion

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

Mass for the Sick & Housebound

Sunday 18th June at 3pm in St Edward's Church

There will be a special Mass in which we will pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish. During the Mass it will be possible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole Parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

Upcoming Second Collection

18th June: Day for Life Initiative

Cultural Friday - 23rd June, 7pm at St Edward's

We will be watching 'A Man Called Otto', an American comedy-drama film starring Tom Hanks, directed by Marc Forster, about a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticising and judging his exasperated neighbours. A very moving film about the power of friendship and community. Film Certification 15. Cheese and wine from 7pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

St Swithun Wells Parish Online Giving

If you would like to give directly online please use your phone to scan in this QR code which will take you to our online giving page.



MESSAGES CONTINUED



Parish Party in the Park

Save the Date! On **Sunday 9th July from 1pm-5pm** there will be a Parish Party in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh (as we did last year). More details to follow, however there will be a map showing the location of the party on our website and a booking form to complete. As you know Dcn Andrew Lee will be ordained a Priest on 24th June in Rome, we will look to celebrate his Ordination to the Priesthood at the party and will also present him the gift which we are currently collecting for.

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey, 12.30pm, Wednesday 21st June. Menus are on the church notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 12th June as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Shirley Martin. Sr. Shirley's Funeral Mass will take place at **St Joseph's on Tuesday 13th June at 2pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ian Roache and for his family. Ian's Funeral Mass will take place at **Holy Cross on Friday 16th June at 11am.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elsbeth Maxwell-Brodie and for her family. Elsbeth's Funeral Mass will take place at **St Andrew's on Tuesday 20th June at 10am.**

Ordination to the Priesthood of Andrew Lee

As you know Andrew will be ordained to the priesthood on **3pm, Saturday 24th June in St Paul outside the Walls in Rome.** This is an occasion of great joy for both Andrew and for our parish and we would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for Andrew's gift please either put cash or a cheque (made payable to CDP St Swithun Wells) in an envelope and hand this to the clergy or take the envelope down to the parish office. If you would like to contribute to the collection please do so by **Monday 3rd July 2023.**

You can also make a transfer to the parish account.

The account details are as follows:

Account Holder: CDP ST SWITHUN WELLS

Account number: 01786599 Sort Code: 30-93-04

Reference: please indicate "ALEE_yoursurname" (for example: ALEE_Smith).

Fr Andrew will be celebrating his first parish Masses at St Andrew & St Joseph on Sunday 2nd July and St Edward's & Holy Cross on 9th July. He will be presented with the gift during the Parish Party in the Park on 9th July.

Banana Triathlon Crowd Funding

Inspired by the example of Carrie and the parishioners who ran the Romsey Relay Marathon, we would like to propose a crowd funding initiative connected with the Banana Triathlon (1st July 2023). Some parishioners will be participating in this event with the intention of raising money for the Parish Youth Groups. If you would like to support them please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sswp-banana-triathlon>

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, 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.

Poitiers Care Foodbank - If you wish to support the above please leave any of the following: tinned soup, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables, coffee, tea and sugar in the boxes provided at St Joseph's, St Andrew's and St Edward's churches. The Foodbank is organised by Fr Des Connolly and supported by volunteers from the parish.

Two Saints Homeless Shelter - Please leave any donations suitable for young homeless people of clean used clothing (especially clothing for young men) in the box provided in the Cloister of St Edward the Confessor Church. Also, particularly welcome are clean bath towels, soap and toiletries, socks and shoes.

Job Vacancy - Catholic Home Care Manager

Part-time 20 - 25 hours per week; around £15 per hour. Days and times to be agreed, based in Southampton. This post will require a full DBS check, own transport is essential. We are looking for a self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. For an application form or more details, please call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498 or contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications is **3rd July with interviews on 7th July 2023.**

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
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, 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
Sat 10th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mr Pappachan RIP Mary Tempest and Family (Wellbeing) People of the Parish
Sunday 11th June <i>Corpus Christi (The Body & Blood of Christ)</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Zdzisław Krupa RIP Patricia & Pharic Gillibrand RIP Joseph & Najat Shaanine RIP Tony Perry RIP
Monday 12th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Antonio Cicu FM
Tuesday 13th June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	10.00am <u>2.00pm</u> 6.00pm	St Andrew <u>St Joseph</u> St Edward	Elsy Joseph RIP Anniversary <u>Funeral Mass: Sr Shirley Martin RIP</u> Layzell Family Intentions
Wed 14th June	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
Thurs 15th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Sheila Watson RIP Jose Tew RIP
Friday 16th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward <u>Holy Cross</u>	Elizabeth Gare (Wellbeing) Fr Peter Wilkie (Special Intention) <u>Funeral Service: Ian Roache RIP</u>
Sat 17th June <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Charles & Martha Barrett FM Diana Evans RIP Tom, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
Sunday 18th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph <u>St Edward</u>	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Josie, Campbell & Brendon O'Connell RIP Kirsty Reynolds RIP Milad Joseph Kreiker RIP People of the Parish <u>Mass for the Sick</u>

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