



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
23rd MAY 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SPARKLE IN OUR LIFE

I met a rather well-off eccentric lady on the Isle of Wight who was also a member of the congregation, who once said to me during a visit..."Father, let me give you a word of advice." I leaned forward thinking I was going to get some profound thoughts about the Parish....she continued ..." Never drink cheap champagne!!" I asked her, "Why?" She replied, "It lacks the depth and the sparkle."

Well, I can't help but think about her comments every time I celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, because there is a word used in Greek to describe the way in which the Disciples reacted to the gifts of the Holy Spirit - *Glossolalia*. It means a "bubbling forth." Indeed the very word, in Greek, is onomatopoeic - it sounds like bubbles.

The Disciples were filled with this new power which just *bubbles forth* from them. And like the bubbles in champagne they were filled with sparkle which was attractive to others. For them they showed a joy in being over-taken by the power of the Spirit and so enthusiastic were they at expressing that joy and the gifts that the Spirit had given them, that it caught the attention of those around them to the point of the bystanders suggesting that they were drunk!! What a life changing experience it must have been for those Disciples.

This *Glossolalia*, or work of the Holy Spirit, has tremendous implications for our own discipleship; it makes glad those who accept Him and with that acceptance of the Spirit comes an added power from heaven. Indeed, if you have ever opened a bottle of champagne you will know how powerful those bubbles are in projecting the cork a long distance. Such is the power behind it. (It is also worth noting that once that cork has been fired one is unable to turn back and place the cork back in the bottle. It will not fit, it has expanded). Our discipleship should be joyful and so filled with the presence of the Spirit that we are attractive to others and determined to continue in that discipleship without looking back. Our very lives should be ones which bring the "sparkle of God" to every person we meet and we should be confident that the power of the Spirit will carry us along despite all our complications and dangers. It makes real sense of those words of Jesus for us called to be Missionaries of the Gospel to the whole world:

Go make disciples of all Nations and know that I am with you even to the end of time.
Go SPARKLE!!

Fr Bruce

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Christianity and the Modern World" by Bishop Barron, you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 23rd May 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

READINGS: 1st reading: Acts 2:1-11 **Psalm:** 103 **2nd reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 **Gospel:** John 20:19-23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30TH MAY:

READINGS: 1st reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 **Psalm:** 32 **2nd reading:** Romans 8:14-17 **Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

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 the Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm. 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.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Fr Luca's Group meet every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Fr Raffaele's Group meet every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

PARISH GROUPS



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.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 26th May, 7.30pm

our bible study continues on Jonah who has a lot to teach us about our relationship with God and others.

Week 4: Jonah - An Angry Man.

If you would like to join us please contact Deacon Bob Birtles for the Zoom link:

bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Oasis (Ladies' Group) - via Zoom

Tuesday 25th May at 8pm

Pentecost: A time to reflect on the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives and some friendly conversation. If you are new to Oasis you are most welcome.

Please email Jessie to request the Zoom link.

Jessie.woolgar@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Parish Get2Together

Sunday 30th May, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH Eastleigh. An event for all the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together, in tables of six (can be from different households) and then we'll have some entertainment until 4pm (games and activities for all the families). Cost: We ask you to give a contribution of £10 per table to be paid on the day to cover expenses. Please bring your own food, beverage, cups/plates/cutlery (it is like a picnic), and remember to wear a mask (except when you are at your table).

To book a table please go to our parish website and click the link, you will need to give the 6 names filling the table. The maximum number of people at this event is 90.

Confirmation

On Sunday 23rd May at 3pm in St Edward

30 young people from our parish are going to be confirmed. We pray for the children and their families on this occasion. May the Holy Spirit inflame their hearts and give them passion and energy in their Christian life.

Come and See Holiday Activities

We are pleased to announce this Summer we are running the following activities for young people:

August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford

Mon 9th; Wed 11th; Fri 13th

Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

For more information and how to book & pay for your place please go to:

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Coughlan and for her family. Patricia's funeral Mass takes place at **St Joseph on Friday 28th May at 2pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Sainsburys and his family. Brian's funeral Service takes place at **Holy Cross on Thursday 3rd June at 12.30pm.**

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Important Message from CAFOD

This year, the UK will host the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change, such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign our petition to the Prime Minister at:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

There are also petition cards available in the church entrance if you would prefer to sign one of these and then post it back to CAFOD. A group from the parish are planning to meet with our local MPs online to let them know how strongly we feel as Catholics about protecting our earth and helping our sisters and brothers around the world. The following people are meeting with MPs in each of the constituencies:

Eastleigh: Deidre Fairman
fairmans@ntlworld.com

Meon Valley: Maureen Thompson
maureen.t@live.co.uk

Winchester: Steve & Beth Taylor
sctaylor@win.eclipse.co.uk

Romsey & Southampton North: Jo Lewry
jlewry@cafod.org.uk

Catenian Conference Holy Mass

The Catenians are holding their Annual GB Conference on Friday (21st) and Saturday (22nd May) and will complete their weekend with Holy Mass at Arundel Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth. This is **being live streamed at 3pm on Sunday 23rd May**. Streaming details will be available at the Cathedral website: <https://www.arundelcathedral.uk> Unfortunately attendance is by ticket only but parishioners will be most welcome to join the Catenians virtually at the Mass.

Message from the Catholic Universe and Catholic Times

If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week post free (it's quick and it's simple) just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call us on 0161 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you.

Special offer 3 months: £25.00

Special offer 12 months: £99.00

Digital copy 12 months: £55.00

Or Digital copy/and hard copy for: £115.00

All papers are COVID safe and packed in a sterile component.

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 (6.30-7.30pm)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	10.30am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

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, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Fridays:	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

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Chandler's Ford

St Edward the Confessor Church
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU

North Baddesley & Romsey

St Andrew's Church
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP

St Joseph's Church
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

Eastleigh & Fair Oak

Holy Cross Church
53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

St Swithun Wells Church
Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB

Bishop's Waltham

Our Lady Queen of Apostles (OLQA) Church
Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd May	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Ernest Glanville RIP Holy Souls Paddy Boyle RIP & his family For the Parish David Hanbury RIP & Past and Present Supporters of Poitiers Care Food Bank
Sunday 23rd May Pentecost Sunday	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Special Intention Holy Souls For the People of the Parish Patricia Coughlan RIP Dunne & McElhinney Families RIP
Mon 24th May <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM
Tues 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	
Wed 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Fr Jaya, his family & parish in India (Special Intention)
Thurs 27th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Oswald Carr RIP FM
Friday 28th May	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sharon West (Well-being) Margaret Martindale RIP
Sat 29th May	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	For the People of the Parish Heidi Drummond (Well-being) Eric Warne RIP & Past and Present Musicians of our Parish
Sunday 30th May The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Chloe Godding RIP

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