



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

20th AUGUST 2023: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This triple newsletter covers 20th & 27th August and 3rd September

'She has strengthened the presence of Christ in my life'

In one of the previous newsletters, I spoke about the story of Kathleen, a student from the University of Winchester I met last year. I promised to write about her fiancé Roberto, and now I am keeping my promise.

Roberto was a baptised Catholic who had slowly abandoned the faith during his adolescence. Towards the end of secondary school, however, he had an incredible opportunity. His parish priest, Father Dominick, invited him on a pilgrimage to Lourdes as a volunteer. Roberto couldn't afford to go, so Father Dominick paid for him.

«It was there that I encountered Christ for the first time – he told me – in the acts of charity we performed but more fully in the real presence of the Eucharist, carried in procession around the Basilica. I left Lourdes with great peace and happiness. Sadly, Essex, where I grew up, was not as sacred a place as Lourdes, and I subsequently lost my way again until I left home. I started university in Winchester and went to Confession for the first time in almost 3 years and attended my 'first' Mass shortly after. The parish was warm and welcoming, and I felt right at home. I have made many great friends. I had a lot to learn and a lot of bad habits to get rid of, when a blessing came that I could never ask for. I met Kathleen and asked her out without really thinking about faith or marriage. She was amazing, strong, intelligent, and totally in love with God, even though she wasn't a Catholic. I knew very little about the Protestant faith, and because I had fallen in love with her, we decided that discussing our differences would help us grow together in the faith. So, we learned a lot together, and, in the end, she decided that she wanted to convert. I too have decided to receive Confirmation, which I had refused as a teenager. God continued to bless me, because in Kathleen I had found reasons to grow in my faith and in my life. She is the "highlight" of all my days and, in our universal call to holiness, she inspires me to be better and better, slowly but surely. So, I decided to marry her, because she has strengthened the presence of Christ in my life, and she radiates a kindness and a love that I hope to emulate in me one day».

Kathleen and Roberto are together a great witness for me because their testimonies show how the encounter with Jesus and his Church can change us. I am going to celebrate their wedding at the beginning of September. A great joy pervades me in thinking that God allows each of us to have meetings like the one with Kathleen and Roberto.

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "That's All That Matters" a surprising interview with the Oklahoma softball players - 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 6th September 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 20th August 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD; LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Psalm 66 2nd reading Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday 27th August 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: YOUR LOVE, O LORD, IS ETERNAL: DISCARD NOT THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 137 2nd reading Romans 11:33-36 Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday 3rd September 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O LORD MY GOD.

READINGS: 1st reading Jeremiah 20:7-9 Psalm 62 2nd reading Romans 12:1-2 Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday 10th September 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

READINGS: 1st reading Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 94 2nd reading Romans 13:8-10 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are on their Summer break resuming in September:

Youth Groups (Stars of Abraham, Grail Seekers & Student Youth);

School of Community Groups;

Fellowship Group;

Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups;

Ark of Fellowship Group for people with learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends.

Growing In Faith Together Group

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

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.

Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Our Youth Groups for children in primary school and young people in secondary school will restart at the end of September 2023. They are also the path we propose to those who want to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registrations for the year 2023/2024 are now open on our website:

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife

(scroll down to Youth Groups).

We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 16th September 2023 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the **2023/2024 Stars of Abraham programme**.

The first meeting of Grail Seekers and Student Youth will be on **Friday 29th September, 6.30pm-8.30pm** with a meeting for the parents afterwards.

For more information about these groups please go to our website.

St Andrew's & St Joseph's BBO

Sunday 3rd September, 12.30pm at St Andrew

Participation is by ticket only (£7.50 per ticket),

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announcements will be made at weekend Masses at both St Andrew's and St Joseph's. See Tennyson Scaria or Roger Lillie after Mass, alternatively please call Roger on 07729 368195.

Portsmouth Diocese CL Day Together

Sunday 10th September, 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Chieveley Village Hall, High Street Chieveley, RG20 8TE
We start with a bring and share lunch, followed by games and songs, conversation among adults and Holy Mass. Everyone is welcome! For more info please see posters on noticeboards. To register please send an email to: portsmouthdiocesecl@gmail.com

Holy Cross Shop re-opens on **Sunday 7th September**.

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey

Tuesday 19th September at 12.30pm. All are

welcome. Menus are on the churches notice boards. If you would like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 11th September as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Cassidy and for his family. Michael's Funeral Mass will be held at **OLOA on Wednesday 30th August at 10.30am** followed by a reception in the Church Hall.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Ryan and for her family. Anna's Funeral Mass will take place at **St Edward's on Wednesday 30th August at 11.30am**.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Office - Summer Holidays

The Office closes on Saturday 19th August and reopens on Monday 4th September. One of our kind volunteers will check the answer machine for messages left during this time, however for anything urgent please phone the clergy on 02380 612430.

Urgent Message

Gift Aid Declaration Forms cut off 31st August 2023

As you will all be aware we changed our charity name on 1st January 2023. This requires all of our regular Gift Aid donors to sign a new gift aid declaration form under the new charity name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. We are required, as a Diocese, to have completed this by 31st August 2023 or gift aid claims under old declaration forms will be invalid.

Please, if you haven't already, collect a new form from your church or your Gift Aid Co-ordinator (Pat Baggott, Donna Scappaticci, Mike Greenslade, David Martin). Please hand your completed forms in at the parish office, to any of our clergy, or to your Gift Aid Co-ordinator as a matter of urgency. Many thanks.

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass) St Edward
 Tuesday: 9.30am-10.00am (before Mass) St Andrew
 Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am (after Mass) Holy Cross
 10am or by appointment OLQA
 5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass) St Joseph
 Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Edward
 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward (6.30pm-7.30pm)
 Wednesday: Holy Cross - 10.00am-11.00am
 Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.30pm-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 not on 23rd Aug, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross R 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

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sat 19th August	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW OLOQA St J St Ed	Paula Norris RIP Andrew Bates RIP Anniv Sr Maureen (Wellbeing) Layzell Family Intentions
Sun 20th <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> People of the Parish Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM John Marlow RIP Anniversary
21st <i>St Pius X</i>	9.30am	HC	Gunta Navickiene (Wellbeing & God's Protection)
22nd <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of the Harry & Cavanagh Families FM
Wed 23rd	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	HC OLOQA St Ed	Raymond Kelly RIP 2nd Anniversary
Thurs 24th <i>St Bartholomew</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	HC OLOQA St J	Frederick John Johnson FM Richard & Victoria (Wellbeing)
Friday 25th August	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOQA St J St Ed	

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 Fri 9.30am-2.30pm (see newsletter for changes).

Holy Cross Resource Centre & Finance Admin: Fiona Mooney
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Website Contact: website.sswp@gmail.com

Safeguarding: Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield (rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Sat 26th August	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW OLOQA St J St Ed	Paddy Rooney RIP Ansuya & Jienna Patel RIP	Mon 4th Sept	9.30am	HC	Fraternity of St Charles
Sunday 27th Aug	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> People of the Parish Susan Butcher RIP Anniv Ron & Collette Reynolds FM Susan Mitchell RIP	Tue 5th Sept	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	
<i>Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				Wed 6th Sept	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	HC OLOQA St Ed	Jerry McDonnell RIP FM Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP Dudley Roberts RIP FM
28th Aug <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	9.30am	HC	Thomas Charles Robinson FM	Thurs 7th Sept	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	HC OLOQA	Ludwik Kolacz & Deceased Members of the Killick Family RIP
29th Aug <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed		Fri 8th <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOQA St J St Ed	
Wed 30th August	9.30am <u>9.30am</u> 10.00am <u>10.30am</u> <u>11.30am</u>	HC <u>OLOQA</u> St Ed <u>OLOQA</u> St Ed	<u>No Mass</u> <u>Funeral Mass: Michael Cassidy RIP</u> <u>Funeral Mass: Anna Ryan RIP</u>	Sat 9th Sept	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW OLOQA St J St Ed	Reverend Murphy O' Connor FM People of the Parish Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary
Thurs 31st Aug	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	HC OLOQA St J		Sunday 10th Sept	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Keith Small RIP Joya Elie Bassil & Pascal Hokayem RIP
Fri 1st Sept	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOQA St J St Ed	Frances & Grandchildren	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sat 2nd Sept	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW OLOQA St J St Ed	People of the Parish Mrs Marie Hendricks RIP				
Sunday 3rd Sept	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Roger Candler RIP 1st Anniversary Albert Jrejy RIP Special Intention for Lucy & Erin * Also Live Streamed				

CHURCH ADDRESSES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

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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