



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
8th AUGUST 2021: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Clare And The Richness Of Poverty

On Wednesday 11th August the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Claire of Assisi. Among the many things we can learn from her life, the one that struck me the most is the way she lived poverty.

Let's listen to her story through the words of Pope Benedict XVI:

Born in 1193, Clare belonged to a wealthy, aristocratic family. She renounced her noble status and wealth to live in humility and poverty, adopting the lifestyle that Francis of Assisi recommended. Although her parents were planning a marriage for her with some important figure, as was then the custom, Clare, with a daring act inspired by her deep desire to follow Christ and her admiration for Francis, at the age of 18 left her family home and, in the company of a friend, Bona di Guelfuccio, made her way in secret to the Friars Minor at the little Church of the Portiuncula. It was the evening of Palm Sunday in 1211. In the general commotion, a highly symbolic act took place: while his companions lit torches, Francis cut off Clare's hair and she put on a rough penitential habit. From that moment she had become the virgin bride of Christ, humble and poor, and she consecrated herself totally to him. Like Clare and her companions, down through history innumerable women have been fascinated by love for Christ which, with the beauty of his Divine Person, fills their hearts. And the entire Church, through the mystical nuptial vocation of consecrated virgins, appears what she will be for ever: the pure and beautiful Bride of Christ.

In one of the four letters that Clare sent to St Agnes of Prague the daughter of the King of Bohemia, who wished to follow in Christ's footsteps, she speaks of Christ, her beloved Spouse, with nuptial words that may be surprising but are nevertheless moving: "When you have loved [him] you shall be chaste; when you have touched [him] you shall become purer; when you have accepted [him] you shall be a virgin. Whose power is stronger, whose generosity is more elevated, whose appearance more beautiful, whose love more tender, whose courtesy more gracious. In whose embrace you are already caught up; who has adorned your breast with precious stones... and placed on your head a golden crown as a sign [to all] of your holiness" (First Letter to Blessed Agnes of Prague: FF, 2862).

Claire teaches us that Christian poverty is not "lack of material goods", but to let ourselves be enriched by the union with Christ. For Claire poverty is not having anything, but having everything in Christ.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a "Statement from the Bishop's Conference about Sunday Mass Obligation"
- 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 8th August 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

READINGS: 1st reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8 **Psalm:** 33 2nd reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2 **Gospel:** John 6:41-51

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST:

READINGS: 1st reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab **Psalm:** 44 2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website. 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 18th September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3pm** in Holy Cross for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

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

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

MESSAGES



Come and See Holiday Activities

A reminder of dates for those booked into the Summer Club & Summer Camp:

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

Please note the Summer Club & Camp are now closed to new registrations.

BBQ for St Andrew & St Joseph Communities

Sunday 8th August at 12 Noon in the gardens at **St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley**

All parishioners of St Andrew's and St Joseph's are welcome. The event will be by ticket only. Please put the date in your diary. Parishioners will remember a successful similar event a few years ago. The main menu consists of chicken or salmon along with a choice of desserts. The main organisers are Roger Lillie and Tennyson Scaria, please speak to them for tickets and more information. Additional help will be welcome.

Second Collection this weekend (7th/8th Aug)

To support the Come & See Summer Club & Camp. The money raised from this collection will help to cover the costs of the gazebos, games materials and trips.

CAFOD at St Edward

We will be restarting the monthly meeting on **Monday 9th August in St Edward's cloister from 10.30am-12 noon**. If anyone would like to join us and be part of our group or just to find out more about CAFOD please come along, you will be very welcome.

Parish Picnic

Sunday 22nd August, 12.30pm-4pm
Fleming Park (Passfield Ave, Eastleigh, SO50 9NL)

The picnic will take place in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre. It is an event for all of the parish. Please bring your own food, drinks, cups/plates/cutlery. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



COVID Roadmap Update

The government has removed some of the legal requirements regarding COVID, however we need to ensure that we continue to keep each other safe and our churches be a place where parishioners can come and worship with confidence and feel safe.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales has recommended that churches continue with a number of measures.

We strongly recommend the use of face coverings whilst attending church;

We are continuing to provide hand sanitiser;

If you wish to check in at any of our churches please use the QR code or give your details to a steward;

If anyone has any particular health care needs or concerns please speak with the stewards;

Although social distancing is no longer required you may prefer a gap of one or two seats as before;

We will continue with our one way system;

The physical sign of peace remains suspended;

Congregational singing will resume but will be phased in gently. Face coverings should be worn whilst singing until infection levels reduce;

The offertory basket will now be handed out during Mass;

Holy Communion will continue under one kind;

Thank you for your support.

St Swithun Wells Parish requires a Part-Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals.

We require an enthusiastic, discreet and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must

and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload. The job is part-time (7 hours per week to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday/Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) with a salary of £3,535.30 per annum (FTE £17,672.20). For more details and an application form please see the parish website, www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk, or contact the Parish Office on email: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk tel: 02380 273882.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 31st August 2021.

Interviews will then be held the following week.

The intention is that the successful applicant will start as soon as possible once references have been received.

Suggested reading for the Summer

Full Life: Letters to My Students by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1st October.**

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants Required

Hours of work: 12pm until 1.30pm daily (7.5 hours per week, term time only). The rate of pay will be within Grade B: £9.62-£9.78 per hour.

For an application pack please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

All successful candidates will be subject to DBS checks and other relevant employment checks.

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

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	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	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, 4.00pm-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

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 7th August	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Mike Walsh RIP 1st Anniversary Emma MacDonald (Special Intention) For the People of the Parish Roger Wood (Special Intention)
Sunday 8th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> David & Ann Sandhu RIP and for David's family who are leaving the area Alan French RIP Anniversary Lucy Dickson (Special Intention) John Gare RIP Anniversary
Mon 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Margaret Martindale RIP
Tues 10th August <i>St Laurence</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Valerie Farrugia RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 11th August <i>St Clare</i>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Joyce Lucas (Special Intention) The Living & Deceased Members of the Johns Family FM
Thurs 12th August	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Shirley Griffin & Shirley Turpin RIP 1st Anniversary Mary Costigan RIP
Friday 13th August	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Hugh, Vera & Michael Peters RIP Anniversary Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Saturday 14th August <i>Morning Mass: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	 Caroline & Paul Gardner (60th Wedding Anniversary) Mary Marjorie & Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
Sunday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Intentions of the Layzell Family For the People of the Parish Ellen Lane RIP Tony Porter RIP

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