



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* 2nd July 2023: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

During this weekend I am leading a group of parishioners on a pilgrimage to the village of Walsingham. The story of what happened there is fascinating.

Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since 1061. In that year, when Edward the Confessor was King of England, a lady of the village, called Richeldis de Faverches, received a vision from Our Lady. Richeldis was led in spirit to the Holy Land and shown the house where Mary was told she was to be the Mother of God. Richeldis was then requested by Our Lady to build a replica of that house at Walsingham. She promptly obeyed and this started the Walsingham story.

An account of the vision was published in 1485 by Richard Pynson and says, "Our Lady led Richeldis in spirit to Nazareth and showed her the house where the angel had greeted her. 'Look, daughter' said Our Lady. 'Take the measurements of this house and erect another one like it in Walsingham, dedicated to praising and honouring me. All who come there shall find help in their need. It shall be a perpetual memorial to the great joy of the Annunciation, ground and origin of all my joys and the root of humanity's gracious Redemption. This came about through Gabriel's message that I would be a mother through my humility and conceive God's Son in virginity.'"

The story clearly tells that the reason why Our Lady wanted a replica of the Holy House was so that we should celebrate the joy of the Annunciation. This is something that really struck me. The message of Walsingham is a message of joy, we go there to remember the most important fact that happened in history, the Incarnation of Christ. While other Shrines in the world were established to lead us to conversion and change, Walsingham is a Shrine of remembrance, of memory of a joyful event, a place of pilgrimage for all those who want to rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation.

There is something else which struck me when I first heard the story of the Shrine. Walsingham was one of the most famous places of pilgrimages in Europe until King Henry VIII in the XVI century. He had a remarkable devotion to Our Lady, but when he effected his tragic break with Rome, he closed the Priory, the Holy House was burned and the statue of Our Lady was transported to London and desecrated. When you visit the site where the Holy House was, there is only a wooden plaque with a simple cross in the ground. It is sad to stop at that place but the truth is that, even if the original Holy House does not exist anymore, people have come back to Walsingham and pilgrimages have restarted. The mistakes of the past can be accepted, offered to God and from this act of acceptance a new life can begin. What is evil can be accepted, offered and be the starting point of a journey toward what is good.

We will pray for all of you during the pilgrimage. May Our Lady of Walsingham make you rejoice at the truth that "The Word became flesh and lived among us."

*Fr Raffaele*

### GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Forty Martyrs of England and Wales" an interesting TV Series - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 5th July 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 2nd July 2023:** Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** I WILL SING FOR EVER OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Psalm 88 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

**Sunday 9th July 2023:** Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 144 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 8:9, 11-13 Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

## PARISH GROUPS



**Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)** - Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.  
[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://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 5th July**

We continue our 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](mailto: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](mailto:peterbaggott@aol.com)

### **Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday**

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

### **Sunday Boules Group OLOA**

**Meet in the car park at 11am**, all welcome! If you have a set of boules please bring them along.

### **60 Club - Meets fortnightly in Holy Cross Resource**

**Centre from 2pm to 4pm.** All are welcome!

Next meeting is on **Monday 3rd July.**

## **Upcoming Second Collections**

### **Peter's Pence Second Collection - 2nd July**

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Parishioners may also use the yellow gift aid envelopes or donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2023>.

The collection will close on 11th July. Thank you.

### **Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) - 9th July**

### **Upcoming Funerals**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Josephine Hooper and for her family. Anne's Funeral Mass will take place at **St Andrew's on Tuesday 4th July at 11am.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McGhee and for his family. John's Funeral Mass will take place at **Holy Cross on Tuesday 11th July at Midday.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Sillence and for her family. Jean's funeral will take place at **St Joseph's on Tuesday 11th July at 3pm.**

Lyn Fryer, a long standing member of St Swithun Wells Church has died aged 99 years. Her funeral will take place at **Wessex Vale Cemetery on Tuesday 11th July at 10am.** There will be a reception after at East Horton Golf Club and everyone who knew Lyn is most welcome.

## MESSAGES



### **Parish Party in the Park**

On **Sunday 9th July from 1pm-6pm** there will be a Parish Party in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh (as we did last year). Please see the map of the exact location on our website. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre, we can also use their toilet facilities during the event.

We will provide standard BBQ food (burgers, sausages, bread, vegetarian option) however please bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs/picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share. There is a booking system in place on our website, please book your place/food by **Thursday 6th July.**

**Price £5 per person, for children 10 years and under it will be free.** Payment by cash or card reader on the day.

### **Event Programme:**

**1pm** - we eat lunch, BBQ food will be available;

**2.15pm** - entertainment for children (magic show by Clumsy Entertainment);

**3.30pm** - games in the park and craft activities (for children and adults);

**4.30pm** - talk by Fr Andrew Lee, we will then present him the gift which we are currently collecting for;

**5pm** - live music by Stomping Boondocks (Irish/Folk music & dance);

**6pm** - event ends.



# MESSAGES CONTINUED

## Come & See Summer Club

(ages 7 years to 14 years)

**St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm**

**Mon 7th to Fri 11th August 2023**

**Mon 14th to Fri 18th August 2023**

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more information and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>  
Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am (activities start at 9am) and will close it at 3.30pm (activities finish at 3pm). Please note that every day the Summer Club is on we are offering a **Club Extension** where children can stay at the venue from 3.30pm until (maximum) 5.30pm. The Club extension costs £10 per day per child.

In order to join the Summer Club please complete the registration form on our website and **pay the whole amount by bank transfer by Friday 4th August 2023**. Please also include the cost of the Club Extension (3.30pm-5.30pm) if your child is going to attend.

## Ordination to the Priesthood of Andrew Lee

As you know Andrew was ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday 24th June**. We would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for Fr 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, St Edward's & Holy Cross on 9th July and St Swithun Wells Church on Saturday 15th July. He will be presented with the gift during the 'Parish Party in the Park' on 9th July.

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As you may have heard the previous weekend, Fr Andrew will be heading off to a new mission in August. He will join a parish in Budapest, Hungary, please pray for his new adventure.

Matteo (one of our previous Seminarians) was ordained a Deacon (on the same day as Andrew) and will re-join our parish from August.  
Another priest, Fr Mario, will join our mission too from August. We are sure that our parish will welcome them with joy.

## Cultural Friday - 14th July, 7pm

### St Edward's Cloister

Please save the date for the Cultural Friday on 14th July, where we will be introduced to the book "Miguel Manara" - a man with an infinite thirst for great things who found peace after leading a restless life. It's a great story that shows us what can happen when one takes their religious sense seriously! Cheese and wine from 7pm, the talk starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

**Good Companions** - Our next gathering for those who live alone or are lonely is at **3pm on Friday 21st July in St. Edward's cloister**. Please join us for tea and a chat. If you have any queries call Tony Wilson on 023 80266617. Hope to see you there.

## Weddings 2023

This year many couples from our parish are preparing or have already celebrated their weddings:

Kelly Painter & Aleks Gross; Emma Polden & Daniel West; Keira Hassim & Jordan Dennis; Sally Phillips & Joseph Benson; Kate Lewis & Jonathan Preston; Cheyrinne Udeagbala & Roman Kwiaton; Jordan Skellon & Matthieu Gelot; Katie Murray & Jared Hayward; Tandiwe Jenje & Francis Muringayi.

Please pray for them.

## KSC National Relics Tour 2023 - coming to this

**parish!** On **Tuesday 4th July** the Relics of St Columba, St Margaret and St Andrew will be coming to the parish of St Swithun Wells along with the Fraternal Cross and the St Columba Cross. This is part of a National Tour of the Relics and we are very honoured to be able to bring these Relics to our parish and allow parishioners to venerate these Relics at the 6pm Mass at St Edward's that day. We thank Fr Raffaele for allowing us to bring these Relics to our Church.

## Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed:

**'Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation' hosted by CAFOD on 14th July 7pm-8.30pm.**

Speaker: Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines.

Go to: [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording.

## 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

## 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 1st July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Rita McCann RIP  Roy Russell-Smith RIP Birthday Anniversary John Milles FM
Sunday 2nd July <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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> Geoff Bird RIP Patricia & Pharic Gillibrand RIP  People of the Parish Gloria Colman RIP
Monday 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 4th July	10.00am <u>11.00am</u> 6.00pm	St Andrew <u>St Andrew</u> St Edward	<u>Funeral Mass: Anne Josephine Hooper RIP</u> Deceased Brothers of the Eastleigh Council of the Knights of St Columba
Wed 5th July	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Mrs Mary McManus RIP FM
Thurs 6th July	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Chant & Clifton Families RIP FM  Anne Hooper RIP & her family
Friday 7th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Ellen Farmer RIP
Sat 8th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jim McGinn RIP  People of the Parish Bellwood Family (Wellbeing)
Sunday 9th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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> Ana Da Silva RIP Anniversary Timmy Fung RIP Anniversary  Charles & Maria Cooper RIP FM Sr Shirley RIP

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

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