



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

6th NOVEMBER 2022: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Vision of the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

The diocesan 10 year plan, **You will be my Witnesses**, which was published a few weeks ago, gives us the opportunity to reflect on our mission as a parish, on what we are doing and what we should improve or change according to the Bishop's plan. Because of this, we have updated the vision of the parish which was written three years ago. The document is available on our website and will be the starting point of our consultation. I would like here to share just the first part of the parish vision.

1. The vision of our parish is summed up in one sentence:

Our vision is the awe in front of a Person, Jesus Christ, the fount of true happiness, who is present in the sign of our Christian community.

Our **community** is a place where everyone is encouraged to establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to become one with Him, especially in learning how to love each other and take care of those in need. We believe that a community which fosters a personal relationship with Christ will be able to **reach out and become truly missionary.**

2. To become really life-changing, **this vision must be applied to our circumstances** and create activities, actions and proposals.

We need groups for young people, to show them the joy of belonging to a Christian community, groups where they can feel supported and protagonists. We need to give special attention to all adults, both as individuals and families. We need to support and encourage those who are elderly, vulnerable, in need and alone. Finally, we want to create opportunities for everyone to see the beauty that Christianity brings to all aspects of life, whilst finding ways to deepen the knowledge of our historic Christian culture.

3. We are sure that a Christian community like this can make a **life enhancing difference**, not only for our parishioners, but also for everyone who lives in our area, whether children, young people, adults or the elderly.

4. Our vision wants to address **loneliness**, one of the most pressing issues of modern times. A loneliness that has been highlighted through the lockdown due to the pandemic. Loneliness is an increasingly crippling experience throughout our society. Due to rising individualism and social isolation, increasing numbers of people of all ages find it challenging to find true friends, people that want to share life together, within a community where they can feel at home. But even people with many friends may feel a gnawing inner loneliness. We propose that at the root of today's loneliness lays the inability to find a fulfilling meaning for life.

A Christian community is precisely the place where people are called together to rediscover again and again that God is the one who gives me a real purpose for life. That God alone is able to defeat loneliness.

5. Finally, our vision can help people to **live a holistic life, offering mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.** Our contemporary society is fragmented. Individuals struggle to find the connection points for the various segments of their lives. It is difficult to find a core hub around which our life might revolve and discover a clear direction. We might have a deep interest in particular issues or activities, but we lack a vision for all of reality. Not only does Jesus Christ unify each person's life, but He also brings a fresh enthusiasm to all aspects of our human existence: working, studying, eating, culture, charity, holidays, free time and the like.

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GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is an "Interview with Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali, Anglican Bishop recently converted to the Catholic Church" - 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 9th November**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

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It is our personal experience that when Jesus Christ is put at the centre of our lives, He unifies our experiences, He becomes the bridge who connects the different parts of our lives and shows us clearly the direction to take.

6. Looking at the situation of the Church and our community it seems to us that there are four priorities we should focus on: 1) Sacramental preparation/Youth Groups, 2) Groups/Formation for adults and families, 3) Culture and 4) Charity. We believe that the New Parish Centre will be an important tool to develop these four areas.

I hope you will have time to read the full document on our website.

Fr Raffaele

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 6th November 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: I SHALL BE FILLED, WHEN I AWAKE, WITH THE SIGHT OF YOUR GLORY, O LORD.

READINGS: 1st reading Maccabees 7:1-2.9-14 Psalm 16 2nd reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Sunday 13th November 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE PEOPLES WITH FAIRNESS.

READINGS: 1st reading Malachi 3:19-20a Psalm 97 2nd reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Gospel Luke 21:5-19

PARISH GROUPS



Please go to our parish website (www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) for more information on the following groups:

- Youth Groups
- Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups
- Ark of Fellowship (group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties)
- Communion & Liberation groups
- Afternoon Club in Romsey

Fellowship Group - Wed 9th November, 7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. We continue looking at our 20th Century theologians. This week we are looking at the writings of CS Lewis, British Writer, lay theologian and scholar. Join us at St Swithun Wells Church or by Zoom. To join us on Zoom, please contact peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group
Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. 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!

OASIS Women's Group - All ladies are welcome to join us for our next meeting: **Mon 14th November at 7:30pm in St Edward the Confessor.** Our speaker who was due to give a talk has unfortunately had to postpone this to 2023. The topic will now be **Remembering our Loved Ones.** All ladies warmly welcomed!

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. Although this group came about following the CaFE group's sessions on The Gift, a Life in the Spirit, it is open to everyone in the Parish. The sessions last no longer than an hour. All will be made very welcome.

MESSAGES



Feast of All Souls: Annual Mass and lighting of candles for parishioners who have died in the past year
St Swithun Wells, Sat 5th November at 5pm.

Blessing of the Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our Parish. Details for this year are:

13th November (Remembrance Sunday)

OLQA after Sunday Mass

Romsey Cemetery 2pm

Woodley 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery 2pm

Eastleigh Cemetery 3pm

Fair Oak Cemetery 2pm

Ramalley Cemetery 3pm

15th November - North Baddesley 10.30am

Second Collection this weekend (5th/6th Nov)

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our sister Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Since 1974, the Diocese of Portsmouth has enjoyed a rich and close relationship with our partner Diocese of Bamenda, involving prayer for one another; practical and financial support for projects; the organisation of exchange visits; the promotion of the link in our schools and parishes, and the sharing of news and information. The annual Bamenda newsletter can be read at:

<https://bamendaandportsmouth.com/sunday2022.php>

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Get2Gether

Sunday 6th November, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH
An event for all of the parish, especially families. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link. Next Get2Gether date for your diaries: 11th December (Christmas Party)

Remembrance Sunday (13th November)

Holy Cross - Mass will start at **11.30am** following the civil commemoration in the park.

St Joseph's - Mass will be at **11.30am** following the civil commemoration in the park.

Fair Oak - We ask as many of the community of St. Swithun Wells church to come along at 11am to the Square in Fair Oak where we will join in the service and lay a wreath.

AS ONE event in Fair Oak - You may have seen the 'As One' banners around with the message 'Fill your street with friendliness'. The As One campaign has teamed up locally with Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council, Fair Oak Family Church, St Swithun Wells RC Church and King's School for an event in Fair Oak. The As One 'brunch' event will happen at **10.30am-12 Noon on Sat 12th Nov in the main hall at King's School, Allington Lane, Fair Oak**. Bacon rolls, tea and coffee and more - absolutely free. Everyone is invited.

The CL Portsmouth Diocese day, where CL communities from the diocese come together for half a day of sharing, fun and prayer, will take place on **Sunday 20th November at St Edward's**. We will meet at 12:30pm and have lunch, songs and games, a conversation for adults with a children's programme running at the same time, and finishing with Holy Mass. If you want to join, please email: portsmouthdiocesecl@gmail.com and we will send you details to register.

St Joseph Church Opening Times

Thursdays: 10am-6.30pm Saturdays: 10am-7pm
Fridays: 9.30am-10.30am Sundays: 10am-12 Noon

Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adeline Vivian and for her family. Adeline's Funeral Mass takes place at **Holy Cross on Friday 18th November at 2.30pm**.

Holy Cross Shop - Volunteers needed on Sundays to help at Holy Cross shop. If you feel you can give your

time before and/or after Mass on a Sunday, please contact Angela on 02380 647042 or see Lynette in the shop after Mass. Hopefully, if we are able to get a team together it would not involve every Sunday.

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.



Looking At Revelation In Advent - An Ecumenical Course From Christians Together in Bishop's Waltham

A series of talks given by the Clergy and Ministers of the Churches in Bishop's Waltham. **Beginning Wed 30th November at 7.30pm in OLOA**. Fr Bruce will talk about 'Who is Jesus Now? Who will bring peace? How will it all End?'

For more information please see the poster on church noticeboards.

Saving Energy - You are all invited to hear new tips on how you can save energy and money in your home. **Monday 7th November 7.00-8.30pm in St Mary's Church, Church Road, Bishopstoke, SO50 6DL**. All welcome - Refreshments provided.

Poitiers Care food bank would be grateful for food donations (e.g. rice, pasta, tinned meats, tins of fruit, soup, baked beans, tea, coffee, biscuits etc). Please leave donations in the boxes provided at St Edward, St Andrew & St Joseph churches. Thank you.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Anne's Catholic School and Sixth Form College remains Outstanding!

Local Catholic school St Anne's has been judged to be Outstanding for the second time in a row. Ofsted inspectors returned to the school and sixth form college for two days in September 2022, six years after the school's previous visit, and reconfirmed the top judgement against a new, more stringent framework under which the number of Outstanding schools is expected to halve nationally. Inspectors described the school as a "lively, diverse and inclusive school" where "pupils are well cared for and have excellent opportunities". The report describes how "parents are very positive about their experience, describing the school as 'amazing' and 'wonderful'. For more info and link to the full Ofsted report go to: <https://sway.office.com/qp87xAZe2W8VAdwK?ref=Link>

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	OLOA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 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 5th Nov	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Annina Neri RIP Birthday Anniversary Mass offered for our deceased Nigel Tait RIP John Foster RIP & the Postles Family
Sunday 6th Nov <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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> Keith Small RIP Patricia Roydon RIP Anniversary Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes Jesus Ocaya & Francisco Villaver RIP
Mon 7th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles
Tues 8th Nov	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Mahima Anthraper (Thanksgiving)
Wed 9th <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Paul Freeman FM Baker & Hanrahan Families RIP
Thurs 10th <i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Bill Reynolds RIP Nan Doing RIP
Fri 11th <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mary Heenan RIP
Sat 12th Nov <i>Morning Mass: St Josaphat</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Florence Bohan FM Tony Armshaw RIP Anniversary Rosemary Oxby RIP Anniversary
Sunday 13th Nov <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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> People of the Parish Margaret Martindale RIP Peter Singleton RIP Jane Palmer RIP

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