



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Real Presence of Jesus

Last week Fr Luca wrote about the recent Eucharistic miracle that happened in Argentina. I would like to share with you the story of another Eucharistic miracle. Especially in this year dedicated to the Eucharist, I think it is helpful to know a bit more about these many miracles which are widespread throughout the history of the Church.

In 1273 in the town of Lanciano in Italy, a woman named Richiarella went to a witch and asked her how she could regain her husband's affection, Giacomo Stasio. Following the witch's advice, she went to Holy Communion to obtain a consecrated Host. She returned home and put it on the fire in an earthenware jar with the intention of turning it into powder and putting it in her husband's food. The Particles, however, were transformed into living Flesh. Richiarella, horrified by these events, wrapped the jar and the bloodied Host in a linen handkerchief and then buried the bundle under the manure in her husband's stable. Strange events began to take place inside the stable; every time Giacomo's donkey entered, it would genuflect toward the place where the miraculous Host was buried, and Giacomo began to think that his wife had put a spell on the beast.

Seven years later, Richiarella remorsefully confessed her terrible sacrilege to the Prior of the Augustinian priory in Lanciano, Giacomo Diotallevi, a native of Offida, a village not far from Lanciano. According to the oldest stories, the woman, in tears, began screaming, "I killed God! I killed God!". The priest went to the place, found the bundle with the relics, and gave them to his fellow-citizens.

A cross-shaped reliquary was made to contain the Host. An ancient story recounts that two monks, Brother Michele and a Confrere, were invited to Venice. When they arrived, they made the craftsman promise with an oath of loyalty "that he would not reveal to anyone what he was about to see and place inside the cross. Having taken the oath, the craftsman took the pyx containing the miraculous Host, but, struck with a sudden fever, exclaimed, 'What have you brought me, oh my Brother?' The religious then asked him if he was in mortal sin. The craftsman answered, 'Yes', made his Confession to the same priest and, the fever having left him, he took the pyx without any danger. Without extracting the Host, he fixed both Host and pyx, together with the sacred Wood, inside the same cross, with a crystal above it." The reliquaries of the jar and the bloodstained linen with the cross containing the miraculous Host are exposed in the Church of St. Augustine in Offida.

I visited that church and I saw the miraculous Host and prayed in front of it a few years ago. The house of Richiarella was transformed into a small chapel. In 1973, the seventh centenary of the miracle was celebrated, and every year, on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the citizens of Offida celebrate the anniversary of the miracle.

*Fr Marco*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a short video about the Eucharistic Miracle in Argentina - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

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

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 20th June 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HIS LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Job 38:1, 8-11 **Psalm:** 106 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 **Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27TH JUNE:**

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## PARISH GROUPS



### 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

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

### 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 23rd June, 7.30pm on Zoom. Fr Raffaele will be talking to us about the proposed Parish Centre. This is open to everyone to join in and discuss. Please contact Bob Birtles for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### 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.stswithunwellparish.org.uk/comeandsee](http://www.stswithunwellparish.org.uk/comeandsee)

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

**The deadline to register for the Summer Club and Summer Camp is the 31st July 2021.**

### Second Collection 19th/20th June - Day for Life

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of the Day for Life collection assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the church. Second Collection baskets will be available in our churches however if you prefer to donate online please go to:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life>

## MESSAGES



### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Hales and his family. Christopher's Funeral Service takes place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on **Tuesday 22nd June at 1.45pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Barltrop and his family. Allan's Funeral Service takes place at **Holy Cross on Wednesday 23rd June at 11.30pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clare Fisher and her family. Clare's Funeral Service takes place at Test Valley Crematorium on **Friday 2nd July at 12.15pm.**

### Proposed Parish Centre: Second Survey

Following the first consultation you kindly completed earlier in the year, we have worked hard to address your original feedback and concerns. We have produced a standalone document detailing our vision, criteria and narrowed down options for the proposed parish centre. This document is available on our website and in our churches.

**We ask you now to complete a second more detailed survey** to understand your opinion on the general vision of the proposed parish centre. The survey is on our website and should only take 10 minutes to complete and your comments and thoughts are important to us. If you don't have access to the internet please pick up a paper copy of the survey from one of our churches.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Parish Picnic

27th June, 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, stewards will be there to help ensure we are Covid rule compliant. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. Fleming Park Leisure Centre has agreed to us using their toilet facilities. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

### Tea and Coffee in the Parish

We are happy to announce we have reopened tea and coffee after Mass in some of our churches. A massive thank you to all those who are organising and volunteering. At the moment we have tea and coffee at:  
**St Andrew, Tuesdays at 10.30am (after Mass)**  
**St Edward, Wednesdays at 10.30am (after Mass)**  
**Holy Cross, Thursdays at 10.00am (after Mass)**  
**St Joseph, Fridays at 10.30am (after Mass).**

### 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](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office ([stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk); tel: 02380 273882).

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Sunday 20th June 2021.**

Interviews will then be held the following week. The intention is that the successful applicant will start week commencing 28th June 2021.

### Message from Bishop Philip - Five Hopes

I have five hopes for our current Year of the Eucharist. The Year will run until Christmas 2022. These are my prayers and aspirations:

1. Let us grow so much in our faith that we always acknowledge Jesus Christ to be really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist.
2. Let us see the Mass as the source of our life's activity.
3. Let us practice regularly spending time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.
4. Let us beg the Eucharistic Lord to fill us with His Holy Spirit, sending us out to transform the world in loving mission and service.
5. Let us reach out in welcome to others, those outside the church, the non-practicing and the needy, in order to draw them to Jesus in the Eucharist.

*Bishop Philip*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am	OLQA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 19th June</b>	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	Special Wedding Anniversary Intention  For the People of the Parish Paddy Boyle RIP  Tom, Rose and Paul Murray RIP
<b>Sunday 20th June</b>  <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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  Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Special Intention For Monica On the Occasion of her Birthday  Deceased Members of the Atterbury, O'Connell, O'Grady and Griffin Families RIP Jack & Chris Molloy FM
<b>Mon 21st June</b> <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Joan Weale (70th Birthday) Christopher Hales RIP
<b>Tues 22nd June</b> <i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP Richard & Teresa Layzell (Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Wed 23rd June</b>	9.30am 10.00am  7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward  OLQA	Cheryl Robinson RIP Living & Deceased Members of the Bonetti and Wilson Family FM
<b>Thurs 24th June</b> <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Josie Noonan & McDonald Family RIP
<b>Friday 25th June</b>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Margaret Tapper RIP Jim Shine RIP 1st Anniversary
<b>Saturday 26th June</b>	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	Dennis Bensiek (Special Intention)  Dennis Bensiek (Special Intention) John Walsh RIP  For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 27th June</b>  <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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 Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Anne & Sean Connolly RIP  Anthraper Family (In Thanksgiving) Ellen Lane RIP

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