



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 3rd APRIL 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE BREWERY OF THE SOUL - THE FERMENTING PROCESS

One of the great joys of the British educational system is the phenomenon of the "school trip". These take the form of visiting places of interest which tie in with a particular subject on the school curriculum; historic buildings, factories and museums. Imagine the joy to me and the rest of my fifth form class when it was announced that, as part of the science course we would be visiting a Brewery!! I am sure that for some this would be a life changing experience.

The visit lived up to our expectations in all things but the free sample at the end of the tour - not allowed; we smelt the hops being roasted and stared in amazement at the vast vats to contain the beer, the sparkling pipe work, the moment when the yeast was added and the inevitable lecture on the art and craft of brewing. One particular part of the process stuck in my mind. It was the huge shining vats where the beer had to ferment. In other words it had to be left to its own devices once the yeast had been added to allow the miracle of maturity and fermentation. Here the liquid would be given strength, taste and clarity. The only thing, apart from the constant temperature, which had to be controlled, was to take off the scum of the impurities which rose to the surface. This I believe had to be done several times before the liquid became clear and drinkable.

Last week there were some very useful guidelines in the Newsletter concerning Confession. My observance of Lent this year has led me back to the trip so many years ago to the brewery. Lent for me is a time when we are called to "fermentation". In other words we are called to enter into the desert with the Lord and to allow time for our relationship with Him to mature. In that maturing process of being with the Lord, a lot of *spiritual scum* comes to the surface. It has to be skimmed off if we are to be kept clean, clear and strong. We need to go to Confession, not just once, but, regularly, so that these impurities may be taken away and that we may be clear enough for people to see the Lord in our very Being.

In a way there is some truth in the description of the Disciples after they received the Holy Spirit as "being drunk". It was true! They were filled with the Holy Spirit which had intoxicated their lives. They would never be the same. All that had been fermenting away in their lives during the listening of the Words of Jesus and following his example burst onto the world. How care-free they became and how full of Joy. All this expressed in the right way.

If you have not had a chance to lift the lid on your spiritual journey through Lent to see how your *fermenting* in God is getting on, then you may need to find a quiet place and take stock of what is happening to you. You may have a surprise to see what has risen to the surface. Don't be frightened, take the opportunity to get it skimmed off through Confession and remember that you really are a *Special Brew*.

Fr Bruce

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, "A Massive Spiritual Campaign" - 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 April**, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 3rd April 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1 (except Holy Cross where Year A readings will be used instead)

PSALM RESPONSE: WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US! INDEED WE WERE GLAD.

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125 2nd reading Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel John 8:1-11

Sunday 10th April 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 2nd reading Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Luke 22:14-23:56

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

For more details and how to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

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. All are welcome!

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

Fellowship Group - Wednesdays at 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church. We continue looking at 'Becoming Church', on Life in the early church as brought to us by Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. Week 5 - 6th April: An Outward Looking Church If you cannot join us in person, you can join us on Zoom. Please contact Peter Baggott peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water), normally 2pm on the first Tuesday in the month except in April when we will meet on Wednesday 6th April instead. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. For more information please phone Elizabeth Gare on 01794 515265. All welcome!

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would be interested in volunteering to help run the group or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Stations of the Cross During Lent (not Holy Week)

St Andrew: Tues at 9.30am (before Mass);

St Swithun Wells: Tues at 10am;

OLQA: Weds after 9.30am Mass & Fridays at 7pm;

Holy Cross: Thursdays at 9am (before Mass);

St Joseph: Fridays at 9.30am (before Mass);

St Edward: Fridays at 6.15pm (Mass at 7pm just in Lent).

OLQA During Lent

Lent Discussion Groups Wednesdays at 7pm.

Holy Rosary: 5.30pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Penitential Services

Saturday 2nd April, 11am at Holy Cross

Thursday 7th April, 7.30pm at OLQA

Friday 8th April, 7.30pm at St Andrew

A number of priests will be available during these times.

St Edward's Lenten Soup Suppers for CAFOD

Every Friday during Lent following Stations of the Cross at 6.15pm and Mass at 7pm. Cost £5.

All proceeds will go to the CAFOD Ukraine appeal.

Upcoming Funerals Outside of the Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Karl Richmond

and for his family. Karl's funeral takes place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 5th April.

Upcoming Second Collections

Easter Flowers: 9th/10th April

Good Friday Collection: 15th April to support the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land who maintain the Holy Places and preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our parish priests, in recognition for all their dedication, guidance and care they give across our parish. For your convenience there are several ways of making these offerings:

- Loose cash or cheques in the collection basket (please make cheques out to PRC DTR St Swithun Wells with Easter offering on the back);
- If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your offering you can use the yellow envelopes provided in the reception area of each church. Please ensure all relevant info is included so we can reclaim the gift aid on your behalf.
- Bank Transfer to the main parish account (Sort code: 30-93-04, A/c: 01786599 using ref: Easter);
- Click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' donate button on our parish website.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Get2Gether

Sunday 3rd April, 1pm-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH
An event for all of the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. For more info and to book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

Come & See Easter Camp (12-21 years)

Mon 11th - Wed 13th April Cost: £100 (all inclusive)

St Joseph's House - 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton

For more info & to book your space/your child's space please go to our website and complete the form as soon as possible. For any enquiries please contact Fr Luca or Fr Marco at comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

Funeral Mass for Fr Michael Peters

Fr Eugene Michael Peters who previously served at this Parish from July 1968 to June 1971 sadly passed away on 17th March 2022. The funeral will be held at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3QA.

Funeral Mass – Saturday 9th April at 2pm (followed by reception in cathedral hall). Should you not be able to attend you can view online at:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral>

Donations to the Bamenda Fund in lieu of flowers

please: PRC DTR Bamenda Commission

Account No: 00867633 Sort Code: 30-93-04

Diocesan Chrism Mass

Tuesday 12th April at 11am

St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth

Bishop Philip would like to invite everyone – clergy, religious and laity – to join him for this Diocesan Mass.

Parish Office - Closure

Fiona will be away from 3rd-11th April inclusive therefore no financial matters/queries will be dealt with during this time. **The Parish Office will be closed on Mon 4th April, Tues 5th April and Mon 11th April.**

Proposed Parish Centre

During the first half of 2021 the parish was consulted on the proposal to build a new parish centre on one of our existing sites. The conclusion from that consultation was that only two sites, Holy Cross and St Edward the Confessor had the possibility of accommodating the new centre. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, progress was put on hold for several months. More recently, in discussion with the diocese, we have developed a briefing document for the architect and have now been given permission by the diocese to appoint Stride Treglown Architecture to carry out an architectural feasibility study looking at possible options on the two sites. As the feasibility study progresses we will present the developed options to the parish in a further consultation. The feasibility study is expected to run through to September.

Singers needed at Holy Cross Church for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Please speak to Catherine to find out more including details of practice sessions.

Parishioner Walking Against Hunger

Margaret Birtwistle continues to walk at least 5km daily for the 40 days of Lent. This is in aid of the CAFOD Walk-Against-Hunger appeal. Please encourage her to continue by giving a donation to:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-against-hunger3212>

Any donation helps CAFOD feed the many starving people in this unequal world. Thank you.

Photo Project for the Diocese - Elizabeth Challand (Media & Communications Manager) is looking for inspiring photos of people and the life of the Church around the Diocese. Please send your photos to: communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Monday 11th April**.

Ukraine Appeal

For information about Caritas/CAFOD work to help in the Ukraine refugee crisis and how you can help please go to: <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

We are also supporting the Polish Social Club in Southampton who are collecting for Ukrainian Refugees. **For the latest list of requirements please visit their Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/PolskiKlubSouthampton>

A copy of this list can be found in each of our churches. If you would like to donate any of the required items please drop them off at Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh during office hours: Mondays to Thursdays 9.30am-5.30pm & Fridays 9.30am-2.30pm, also on Saturdays and Sundays 9.30am to 12 Noon.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Would like to invite all of our parishioners to their Easter Passion Play on **Wed 6th April at 2pm**. It will be outside in the school grounds. All the children will be taking part and the congregation will be led round by a real donkey!

School Office: 023 8026 6210

Email: adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.st-swithunwells.org.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)

Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 2nd April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Mary Webber RIP FM
	11.00am	Holy Cross	Penitential Service
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	OLQA	Elaine Griffin (Wellbeing)
	6.00pm	St Joseph	The People of the Parish
	6.30pm	St Edward	Julia Jackson RIP FM
Sunday 3rd April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Luciano & Tina Matteucci RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Margaret Martindale RIP
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	Elaine Griffin (Wellbeing)
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Peter Singleton RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Tren Ginevra RIP FM
Monday 4th April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles Elaine Griffin (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 5th April	10.00am	St Andrew	Hesla Rayment RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm	St Edward	Elaine Griffin (Wellbeing)
Wed 6th April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Elaine Griffin (Wellbeing)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
	11.30am	St Edward	Funeral Mass: Tom Holder RIP
Thursday 7th April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Bill Reynolds RIP FM
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	The Pond Family
	7.30pm	OLQA	Penitential Service
Friday 8th April	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	Maureen Clewlow (Wellbeing)
	12 Noon	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Funeral Mass: Alfred Kerfoot RIP
	7.00pm	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
	7.30pm	St Andrew	Penitential Service
Saturday 9th April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Tom Holder RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Margaret Martindale RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	John & Marie Cable RIP
Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Umberto Pugi RIP (4th Anniversary)
	9.00am	St Andrew	The People of the Parish
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Lydia & Joe Fonseca RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Peter Penrose (Junior) RIP Anniversary

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