



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 4th June 2023: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

HOLY TRINITY

Today's Gospel (see Jn 3: 16-18), on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, demonstrates - with the apostle John's succinct language - the mystery of God's love for the world, His creation. In the brief dialogue with Nicodemus, Jesus presents Himself as He who brings to fulfilment the Father's plan of salvation for the world. He affirms: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (v. 16). These words are to indicate that the action of the three divine Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - is all a single plan of love that saves humanity and the world. It is a plan of salvation: for us.

The world God created was good, beautiful, but after sin, the world is marked by evil and corruption, and we men and women are sinners; therefore, God could intervene to judge the world, to destroy evil and castigate sinners. Instead, He loves the world, despite its sins; God loves every one of us even when we make mistakes and distance ourselves from Him. God the Father loves the world so much that, to save it, He gives what is most precious to Him: His only-begotten Son, who gives His life for humanity, rises again, returns to the Father and together with Him sends the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is therefore Love, all in the service of the world, which He wishes to save and recreate. And today, thinking of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we think of God's love! And it would be beautiful if we felt that we were loved: "God loves me!". This is today's sentiment.

When Jesus affirms that the Father has given His only-begotten Son, we spontaneously think of Abraham and his offering of his son Isaac, about whom the Book of Genesis speaks (cf. 22: 1-14): this is the "measure without measure" of God's love. And let us also think of how God reveals Himself to Moses: full of tenderness, merciful, compassionate, slow to anger and full of grace and fidelity. This is what the Book of Exodus tells us. The encounter with this God encouraged Moses, who, as the book of Exodus tells us, was not afraid to stand between the people and the Lord, saying to Him: "Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance" (34: 9). And this is what God did, by sending His Son. We are children in the Son with the strength of the Holy Spirit. We are God's legacy.

Dear brothers and sisters, today's feast day invites us to let ourselves once again be fascinated by the beauty of God; beauty, goodness and inexhaustible truth. But also beauty, goodness and humble truth, close to us, who became flesh in order to enter into our life, into our history, into my history, into the history of each one of us, so that every man and woman may encounter it and have eternal life. And this is faith. This is faith: to welcome God-as-Love. To welcome God-as-Love who gives Himself in Christ, who moves us in the Holy Spirit; to let ourselves be encountered by Him and to trust in Him. This is Christian life. Love, to encounter God, to search for God, and He seeks us first. He encounters us first.

May the Virgin Mary, dwelling-place of the Trinity, help us to welcome with an open heart the love of God, which fills us with joy and gives meaning to our journey in this world, always guiding us towards our destination, which is Heaven.

Pope Francis

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "The Forgiveness of a Mother" - 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 7th June 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 4th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: (52B) TO YOU GLORY AND PRAISE FOR EVERMORE.

READINGS: 1st reading Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 **Psalms** Dn 3 2nd reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 **Gospel** John 3:16-18

Sunday 11th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: (12) O PRAISE THE LORD, JERUSALEM!

READINGS: 1st reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a **Psalms** 147 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel 6:51-58

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Tuesdays, 4pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Wednesdays, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Saturdays, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross R/Centre.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Usually Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm in Holy Cross R/Centre.

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

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. On 6th June we will be

exploring the Sycamore Course 8th Session,

"Prayer." All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - recommences on **Wednesday 7th**

June with "An Evening with the Spirit". The Holy Spirit

has been called the forgotten person of the blessed

Trinity. There will be the opportunity to look at Pope

Francis' homily for Pentecost and to use some "Spirit

Prayers". Everyone welcome to join us at **St Swithun**

Wells Church, Fair Oak (7.30pm) or by Zoom. For the

Zoom link contact: Peterbaggott@aol.com

60 Club - meets every fortnight on a Monday

from 2pm-4pm at Holy Cross Resource Centre. Our

next meeting is on **Monday 5th June.** All are welcome!

Oasis Women's Group - All women are invited to

come along to a fascinating Oasis evening on **Monday**

12th June at 7.30pm in **St Edward the Confessor**

Church in Chandler's Ford. Our Oasis group will be

treated to an evening learning about bees and bee-

keeping led by Fiona Mooney. If, like me, you would

like to spend an evening in the company of friends,

finding out about these amazing creatures and their

care, then please come along, bring a friend, all women

are welcome.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on **Wednesdays from 10am**

in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

St Joseph's Group meet on **Thursdays from 10.30am**

-12 Noon in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).

The groups are 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), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm.

Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

All are welcome!

Romsey Prayer Group - **Every Wednesday**

morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre,

26A Abbey Water. All will be made very welcome.

MESSAGES



Confirmation

On **Sunday 4th June**, we will have great joy of having some of our children confirmed by Bishop Philip in the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Let us pray for:

Aiden, Alessandra, Athena, Caleb, Carmella, Dian, Elle & Mika, and for their families on this special occasion.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children who will be making their

First Holy Communion on Sunday 11th June at St

Edward (9am), St Andrew (9am) & Holy Cross (11am)

and their families on this special occasion.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, 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.

Fr Peter Wilkie - we would like to offer our prayers and

congratulations to Fr Peter Wilkie, a former parish

priest at St Edward's, who celebrates the occasion of

his 70th Anniversary of Ordination on 4th June 2023.

A Mass is being offered for Fr Peter on 3rd June at

St Edward's.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Get2Gether Walk and

Picnic: Saturday 3rd June, 10.30am – 3.30pm

An event outdoors for all of the Parish, in particular families. Our Get2Gether will begin at 10.30am in the Forest of Bere (Wickham), at the following address: **6 Hundred Acres Rd, Wickham, Fareham PO17 6JB** (approx. 25mins from our Parish).

You can leave your car in the large forest car park (parking charge: £5 - you can pay with coins or card).

We will be going on a one hour circular forest walk on gravel. Followed by a picnic and games/activities in the field close to the car park.

Please bring your food/beverage/plates/blanket. You will have to take your litter home, there are no rubbish bins in the park. Toilets are available. We will also visit St Peter's church in Soberton. We finish at 3.30pm with free ice cream for all! **To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link. There you will find a map, more information and some photos.**

Mass for the Sick & Housebound

Sunday 18th June at 3pm in St Edward's Church

There will be a special Mass in which we will pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish. During the Mass it will be possible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole Parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey, 12.30pm, Wednesday 21st June. Menus are on the church notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Monday 12th June as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Shirley Martin. Sr. Shirley's Funeral Mass will take place at **St Joseph's on Tuesday 13th June at 2.00pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ian Roache and for his family. Ian's Funeral Mass will take place at **Holy Cross on Friday 16th June at 11.00am.**

It is with great sadness to let you know that Robert (John) McGhee passed away. John regularly attended Mass at Holy Cross and St Edward's and will be well known to numerous parishioners. We have no details as yet regarding his funeral.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Andrew Lee

As you know Andrew will be ordained to the priesthood on **3pm, Saturday 24th June in St Paul outside the Walls in Rome.** This is an occasion of great joy for both Andrew and for our parish and we would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for 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_yoururname" (for example: ALEE_Smith). Fr Andrew will be celebrating his first parish Masses at St Andrew & St Joseph on Sunday 2nd July and St Edward's & Holy Cross on 9th July. He will be presented with the gift during the Parish Summer Get2Gether on 9th July.

Message regarding John Williams - John was a very active parishioner in our parish. After an operation he went to recuperate with his family in Brighton and has stayed there ever since. Last week he moved on again, this time to a nursing home called Dean Wood. John does not use his mobile anymore, so cards and letters are most welcome...he would also love friends to drop by if they are in town. John's new address is:

Julie Mullen, Resident Experience Manager,
Dean Wood Care Home, Bupa UK/Care Services,
Warren Road, Woodingdean, Brighton, BN2 6DX
Tel: 01273 648100 ext.1250

Job Vacancy - Catholic Home Care Manager

Part-time 20 - 25 hours per week; around £15 per hour. Days and times to be agreed, based in Southampton. This post will require a full DBS check, own transport is essential. We are looking for a self-motivated, and resourceful individual to take over the role of co-ordinating the activities of the Catholic Home Care. For an application form or more details, please call Anne Monaghan or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498 or contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications is **3rd July with interviews on 7th July 2023.**

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.



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 (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 3rd June <i>Morning Mass: St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Arthur Mason RIP FM People of the Parish Muriel Matthias (Wellbeing) Fr Peter Wilkie (on the Occasion of his 70th Anniversary of Ordination)
Sunday 4th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</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> Agnes & John Walker RIP FM Kate Mason RIP FM Hugh & Bridie Roddy RIP FM
Monday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Deceased Members of the Charleston, Foster & Catt Families FM; Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 6th June	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	
Wed 7th June	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Anthony Ouseph (Wellbeing) Keith Small RIP
Thursday 8th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Carmela Campese FM In loving memory of Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
Friday 9th June	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Margaret Foster (Birthday Anniversary)
Sat 10th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mr Pappachan RIP Mary Tempest and Family (Wellbeing) People of the Parish
Sunday 11th June <i>Corpus Christi (The Body & Blood of Christ)</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> Zdzisław Krupa RIP Patricia & Pharic Gillibrand RIP Joseph & Najat Shaanine RIP Tony Perry RIP

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