



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
11th JULY 2021: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thank You

Dear Friends,

After 10 months among you, my time in England is coming to an end. On Monday 12th July I am going back to Rome, where I'll spend the next years concluding my studies and, if it's God's will, become a priest. I asked Fr Raffaele to give me the opportunity to thank and say farewell to all of you through this letter.

There are many things that I would like to say, but in this very moment the word that best explains my emotions is gratitude: I'm absolutely grateful for all the wonderful things that have happened during this year. I've experienced what is written in the Gospel, when Jesus says: "I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands" (and I would also add grandparents).

But the main reason for my gratitude is another one. Many of you have said to me that it was a shame I had spent my year in England during the pandemic and been in Lockdown most of the time. But actually, I feel very lucky. In English you have this way of saying: "Training to become a priest". Of course, being here was one part of my training, but it was not the aim. The purpose of my experience in England was to go deeper in exploring what my vocation is... and it happened! This year lit a fire inside me, a burning desire to bring Jesus to people. It might be something that I'd always had, but if before it was like a little flame, now it is a proper bonfire. A lot of times I felt this fire burning inside me during this year, in which my heart was overflowing with joy. Thinking about those moments, my mind is filled with faces, stories, places, which I will always treasure in my heart.

For this reason, I want to say thanks to all of you! All of the children, young people, parents and leaders of Stars of Abraham, Grail Seekers and Student Youth. The people who I brought Holy Communion to, the Schools of Community, St Swithun Wells Primary School (in particular TAZ group), St George College, the Parish Office, my English teachers, the deacons, the parishioners of Holy Cross, St Edward, St Andrew, St Joseph, St Swithun Wells and Our Lady Queen of the Apostles (in particular Fr Bruce).

Special thanks goes to my brothers: Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca and Fr Marco. They are the biggest gifts that I have received this year. They were the brothers chosen by God for this, my year in England, without whom all I'm talking about wouldn't have happened.

I'm very sad about leaving: going away from such beauty is not easy at all. But many times in my life I experienced that if I follow the path that God has prepared for me, the distance doesn't affect the friendship, but on the contrary, it can be the occasion to go deeper in it. This is my wish: that our friendship may deepen further by following what the Lord has prepared for us.

Pray for me, I will pray for you.

Yours in Christ,
Matteo

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a short video about the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano** - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 11th July 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: LET US BE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY, AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP.

READINGS: 1st reading: Amos 7:12-15 Psalm: 84 2nd reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18TH JULY:

READINGS: 1st reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm: 22 2nd reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website.

We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3pm** in Holy Cross for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

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 14th July, 7.30pm on Zoom.

This week we will be having an 'End of Year Liturgy and Social Evening on Zoom.'

Please come and join us, everyone is very welcome.

Contact Bob Birtles for the Zoom link:

bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



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.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at:

comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

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

Second Collection

Sunday 11th July is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Second collection baskets will be available in all of our churches or you can donate online at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Parish Picnic

Sunday 22nd August, 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. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

BBO for St Andrew & St Joseph Communities

Sunday 8th August at 12 Noon in the gardens at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley

All parishioners of St Andrew's and St Joseph's are welcome. The event will be by ticket only and details will be provided in the next couple of weeks. Please put the date in your diary. Parishioners will remember a successful similar event a few years ago. The main menu consists of chicken or salmon along with a choice of desserts. The main organisers are Roger Lillie and Tennyson Scaria and additional help will be welcome.

Fraternity and Mission

A copy of the magazine of The Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo is available in our churches. It tells the story of the priests ordained in June.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Changes to Mass in July

Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca and Fr Marco will be at their formation in Italy during part of July. For this reason from **Tuesday 13th July to Sunday 25th July** there will be no weekday Masses (apart from at OLQA), however our Deacons will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion following the normal church timetable. Eucharistic Adoration and tea & coffee will carry on as usual. Masses during the weekends of 17th/18th and 24th/25th (apart from at OLQA) will be celebrated as usual by supply priests.

10.30am Sunday Mass at St Edward

Unfortunately it will not be possible to continue to have Mass on Sundays at 10.30am in St Edward. The last 10.30am Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 11th July. After that date there will only be the 9.00am Mass on Sundays in St Edward.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Foster and for her family. Betty's Funeral Mass takes place at Holy Cross Church on **Tuesday 13th July at 12 Noon**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Porter and for his family. Tony's Funeral Mass takes place at St Joseph on **Friday 23rd July at 1.30pm**.

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 which is on our website and should

only take 10 minutes to complete. If you don't have access to the internet please pick up a paper copy of the survey from one of our churches.

Suggested reading for the Summer

Full Life: Letters to My Students by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman

These letters are reflections on the issues and questions students brought up to the author (religious studies teacher and headteacher) during a 30 year career working with young people. Their content touches upon many experiences at school and in the life of students. A provocative and original book for students, teachers, parents and everyone interested in education. Available on Amazon. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1st October**.

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of Rebecca falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley everything changes...A classic suspenseful novel about the power of distrust and suspicion in life.

Street Pastors

A new Street Pastors newsletter is available at: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/about-us/newsletters/>

Edition 23 contains information about our work and the dates available for the October/November Training (applications for this by 19th September 2021).

We really do need some new people to step forward to bolster this work. Is God calling you?

For more details or an informal chat, please contact Eric Hyom on 07736 967921, or email at erichyom@sky.com

LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Services

All of the Services from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk For details of all of our Public Masses/Services 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).
- **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).

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	No Confessions	St Edward
Tuesdays:	10.30am (only on 13th July)	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	No Confessions	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	No Confessions	St Andrew

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Due to our priests returning to Italy for their formation (13th to 25th July), they will be unavailable to meet during this period.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 10th July	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	Charles & Maria Cooper RIP FM Joyce Lucas (Special Intention) Tony Porter RIP Ben Dolbear (In thanksgiving)
Sunday 11th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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> The Intentions of the Layzell Family For the People of the Parish For the Intentions of the Knapman Family Diane Lopez RIP Anniversary Mike Davis RIP
Mon 12th July	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Finnerty & Molloy Families FM Mrs Anne Clayton Smith RIP FM
Tues 13th July	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	 Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led)
Wed 14th July	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led) Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led)
Thurs 15th July <i>St Swithun</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led) Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led)
Friday 16th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led) Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led)
Saturday 17th July <i>Morning Mass: St Bonaventure</i>	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	Liturgy of the Word & Communion (Deacon led) For the People of the Parish Margaret Martindale RIP The Intention of the Vokes' Family
Sunday 18th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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> The Intentions of the Winchester Layzell Family Vincent Curmi RIP Anniversary Angela Speight RIP FM Tony Porter RIP

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