



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 30th JANUARY 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How Is Your New Year Working Out?

Dear friends in Christ, we are coming to the end of the first month of 2022, and you may be thinking, *“but where am I in in my life; what am I doing; where am I going; and the big question am I making a difference?”* Yes, great questions – questions which we need to continually ask ourselves, or maybe we need to ask them of God – and even more critically we need to listen to God’s reply!!

You may well have made a number of New Year resolutions – but how good have you been at keeping them? Sadly, I am pretty poor at keeping resolutions on my own, I am much better at keeping resolutions when part of a group. I find I get strength from being part of a community of like-minded people. If like me, you are taking stock of what you thought needed to be done in 2022, what are those thoughts? How do they come about? How can you maximise them? Wow, another two very important questions, **how do our thoughts come about, and how can we maximise them?**

The first question is relatively easy for me to answer: I often wake up in the morning and think, *“What about... etc, ...etc?”* Normally this is often brought on from the previous days BBC News – even though I grow more sceptical about whether this is really news. Sometimes it is started by an email from a friend, or a Christian article on the internet. **But on Monday mornings**, it is often linked to the *“Sunday Prayers of the Faithful”*. I always appreciate these as important prayer intentions, but sometimes they ‘really shake me up’. Sometimes I think, *“YES that really covers it, WOW that has totally nailed it, sometimes I think Oh I never considered that; and this normally leads to, we have got to do something about this etc,...etc”*. While it is good to hear the congregation confirm these prayers as their own, as they respond, *“Lord hear our prayer”*, all too often we are left with the question *“but what can I/we do about it?”*

Too often in life we see injustice, we see wrong doing, we see apathy in our government, we see so many things that are wrong, we see so many things as Christians – that we feel are unacceptable. And you may well think that you can’t change any of this. **I used to think that, but I was wrong, oh so WRONG**. We, as Christians, must work for humanity and challenge anything that minimises or marginalises any person.

Over the previous year, there were many developments in our parish and our diocese. In both cases you will find much to enrich your Christian life and this will help answer some of the points I raised earlier. I suggest you visit the following web sites and book mark them (if you have not yet done this):

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/>

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/>

There is so much information and ideas.

Finally, we live as Christians in a world that would have us believe religion has nothing to do with politics. I believe that any one who says that is trying to minimize; if not cancel out the rights that Christians believe - every human being as a child of God has. A politician is elected to look after and respect the people, when they do not do that, the electors (you and I) need to challenge them and make sure they are aware of our point of view. We already pray often for our “leaders” in the Prayers of the Faithful. Recently, there has been much indirect activity in parliament to water down the rights of the unborn child, and only because of the massive input from Christians to their MP’s (much online) has this been drastically limited. If you don’t know your MP or their contact details, email or ring me with your postal code and I will get the details for you, challenging politicians on core Christian issues is the duty of all Christians.

If I can help, my details are always in the newsletter.

Deacon Paul Wilson

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week’s GEM is *“The Smart Era and the Need for Contact”*, by Davide Prospero - 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 2nd February, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 30th January 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: MY LIPS WILL TELL OF YOUR HELP.

READINGS: 1st reading Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 70 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Sunday 6th February 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8 Psalm 137 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel Luke 5:1-11

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

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 St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. 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. All are welcome!

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

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Meeting on Wednesdays, 8pm in St Edward. 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.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue our series 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'. On Tues 1st

February we look at Egypt & Exodus. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 2nd February

7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church. We will be completing the second part of our discussion on the Future of the Church as part of the ongoing world-wide Synod. Everyone is welcome to come along. If you cannot come in person but would like to join us on Zoom please contact Peter Baggott on peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

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 More volunteers are always welcome.

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

Knitting Club - meets 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!

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

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We will have fun and games and meals together. We are looking for volunteers to help run the group. If you would be interested in volunteering or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Parish Get2Gether

Sunday 6th February, 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. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your

own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

St Joseph's Church Private Prayer times

Thursday (10am-6.30pm) & Sunday (10am-12 Noon).

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 31st January as Linda will be on annual leave.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Synod Meetings Across The Parish

We are going to have a number of meetings in our different churches to give everyone the chance to participate in the Synod that Pope Francis launched a few months ago.

Saturday 12th February:

St Andrew Church at 10am;

St Edward the Confessor Church at 10am;

OLQA Church at 10am;

Holy Cross Resource Centre at 2pm.

Each meeting will last 1½ hours. To prepare for the meeting please go to our website and read the questions and reflections on the synod page.
www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/synod

St Andrew's & St Joseph's Coffee Mornings

Over the last four months St Andrew's and St Joseph's coffee mornings have raised £299.73 for Mary's Meals. The coffee mornings are after Mass on a Tuesday at St Andrew's and a Friday at St Joseph's, please do join us!

Call My Bluff is back, in Romsey Parish Centre at **2pm on Tuesday 15th February**. There will be no charge but, as numbers are limited by the available space, if you would like to attend please give your name to any of Ann Heslop, Margaret French, Jean Prescott or Rosemary Peacock (01794 522411), no later than Sunday 13th February.

Come & See Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 21st - Friday 25th February, 9am-3pm
St Edward's Cloister

Cost: £5 per day. Spaces are limited.

For any enquiries please contact fr Luca/fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey on **Monday 28th February at 12.30pm**. Menus are on church notice boards. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 21st Feb as we have to pre-order.

Vacancy for St Swithun Wells Parish Finance Administrator (Part-time)

Up to £21,278 per annum (for 30 hours per week) dependant on experience, plus contributory pension. To be based at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh and reporting to the Parish Priest. A full job description can be found on our parish website.

To apply please forward the following to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

1. A Covering Letter: Please tell us how your motivation, values, skills, experience, and personal

qualities demonstrate your suitability for the role (around 500 words) and why you would like to work for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.

2. Current CV and the Details of Two Referees: This should include full education and employment history (including dates, with no gaps left unexplained). Please include your current or most recent employer as one of your referees.

Closing Date: Thursday 3rd February 2022

Interview Date: Friday 11th February 2022

Message of Thanks

A local family in need would like to thank parishioners for their incredible kindness and generosity in responding to their recent request for donations.

Poitiers Care - would like to thank all those who donated Christmas gifts of food or money over the festive period. Many thanks to those who continue to support us on a regular basis.

St Edward's Shop - 'The Church Art' calendars are on sale in the repository at £1 each.

Friendship through Faith

Our parish has the good fortune of hosting two of the most active UK Circles in the global Catenian Association. Their members not only contribute to our parish life in many spheres, but also recognise and practice the inherent value of social interaction for men and women of a likeminded faith background. Recent times have left many people isolated and bereft of mentally stimulating engagement beyond their homes.

Do you need a new start and a way forward? There is an answer available via this QR code or view <https://www.wincats.net/b2020>



Local Catenian websites: <https://www.wincats.net/> and <https://southamptoncatenians.org/>

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

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)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 29th Jan	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sylvester McMahon RIP FM Sam & Sheila Sanders RIP Tony Silvester RIP Anniversary Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 30th Jan <i>Fourth 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> The People of the Parish Calvin Nel RIP Anniversary Mary McMahon FM Eric Clarke RIP Anniversary
Monday 31st Jan <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Marjorie Harris & Benji Roberts RIP FM George Hendrikse (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 1st Feb	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 2nd Feb <i>The Presenta- tion of the Lord</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed) OLQA St Edward	Sarah Wilson RIP Keith Small RIP
Thursday 3rd Feb	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) OLQA St Joseph	The Deceased Members of the Schefer & Cartmell Families RIP Phyllis Boyle RIP and her family
Friday 4th Feb	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Deceased Members of the Wyman & Uphill Families FM
Saturday 5th Feb <i>Morning Mass: St Agatha</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	William & Isabella Regan FM The People of the Parish Phyllis Boyle RIP Angela Frances Adams FM
Sunday 6th Feb <i>Fifth 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> Joan Applin RIP (10th Anniversary) Margaret Martindale RIP Albert & Violet Harrington FM Alfred Fernandez RIP

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