



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

2nd APRIL 2023: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Week

This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday and then we will enter into Holy Week, the high point of which is the Pascal Triduum with **The Mass of the Lord's Supper** (with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass) on Maundy Thursday; **The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** on Good Friday afternoon; **The Easter Vigil** on Holy Saturday and **Easter Mass** on Easter Sunday. We will be also having **Stations of the Cross** for families on Good Friday morning.

The Holy Week begins with the festive procession with olive branches: the entire people of Jerusalem welcome Jesus. The children and young people sing, praising Jesus. During the liturgy of Palm Sunday, we listen to the Passion of our Lord. We might ask ourselves a key question: Who am I? Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters in Jerusalem? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus?

We hear many names. Which of these persons am I like?

We hear names of groups: the group of leaders, some priests, the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, who had decided to kill Jesus. Am I like one of them?

We hear the name of Judas. Thirty silver pieces. Am I like him?

We hear other names too: Peter, James and John who understand nothing, who fell asleep while the Lord was suffering. Has my life fallen asleep?

Am I a traitor? Am I like those people in power who quickly summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses: am I like them?

Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and avoid my responsibility?

Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him, who humiliate him?

Am I like the man from Cyrene, who was returning from work, weary, yet was good enough to help the Lord carry his cross?

Am I like those who walked by the cross and mocked Jesus, "You who destroy the Temple and in three days rebuild it, save yourself, if you are God's son, and come down from the cross!"

Am I like the mother of Jesus, who was there, and who suffered in silence?

Am I like Joseph of Arimathea, the hidden disciple, who lovingly carries the body of Jesus to give it burial?

Am I like Mary of Magdala and the other Mary, who remained at the Tomb, weeping and praying?

Am I like the centurion who said, "In truth this was a son of God?"

Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question remain with us throughout the entire Holy Week.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is **Communion & Liberation's Easter video poster 2023 "Easter Morning"** - 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 5th April 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 2nd April 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Psalter Week 2

PSALM RESPONSE: MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

READINGS: 1st reading Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21 2nd reading Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sunday 9th April 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Psalter Week Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD: WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD.

READINGS: 1st reading Apostles 10:34a,37-43 Psalm 117 2nd reading Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel John 20:1-9

PARISH GROUPS



Growing In Faith Together Group

Tues 4th April at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We will be reflecting on Holy Week. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. There will be no Fellowship Group on Wed 5th April or Wed 12th April.

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday

morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very welcome.

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!

MESSAGES



Second Collections

This weekend (1st/2nd April): Easter Flowers

A collection will be taken for the beautiful flower arrangements that will be in all of our churches at Easter.

Good Friday Collection: Holy Places

Today, there are approximately 150,000 Christians living in the Holy Land. As this Christian population struggles to survive in a volatile political environment, this appeal gives them a reason to remain in their homes, providing education, housing and humanitarian support, and thus safeguarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. You can also give online at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023>

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 CDP 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 CDP St Swithun wells (Sort code: 30-93-04, A/c: 01786599 using ref: Easter);
- Click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' link on our website.

Chrism Mass - Tues 4th April, 11am in Portsmouth Cathedral. Bishop Philip would like to invite you all to join him for this great celebration.

Stations of the Cross During Holy Week

St Swithun Wells: Tuesday 4th April at 10am with coffee available afterwards;

St Edward & OLQA: Good Friday at 10am for children and families.

Changes to Mass During Holy Week

There will be Mass at 10am on Monday 3rd April & Wed 5th April at OLQA.

There will be no Mass at St Andrew's on Tuesday 4th April due to the Chrism Mass in Portsmouth.

On Thursday 6th April there will be no morning Mass as it is Maundy Thursday.

Please see the back page of the newsletter for details of all the Masses in our Parish during Holy Week.

Changes to Mass During Easter Week (Mon 10th - Fri 14th April):

St Edward - There will be no Masses, no Eucharistic Adoration and no Confession during this period.

St Andrew - There will be no Mass and no Confession on Tues 11th April.

St Joseph - Liturgy of the Word & Communion on Thurs 13th & Fri 14th April. Eucharistic Adoration on Thurs 13th April.

Holy Cross - Liturgy of the Word & Communion on Mon 10th, Wed 12th (also Eucharistic Adoration) & Thurs 13th April.

OLQA - Masses as normal.

Communion under both kinds - The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have decided that a suitable time for the resumption of Holy Communion received under both species would be at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Holy Week 2023, given the theological significance of the celebration. We aim to follow that lead in this parish, though we won't be able to offer this opportunity at every Mass for some while.

Note for EMHCs - On Maundy Thursday there will be a renewal of commitment of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 2nd April, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH. An event for all of the parish, especially families. We begin by sharing a meal together followed by some activities and a talk about education by John & Stefania Burke. For more info and to book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Divine Mercy Sunday

16th April 2023, Holy Cross Church, starting at 2.45pm with procession of the Divine Mercy Image, 3pm prayers and Chaplet, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Blessing with a 1st Class Relic of St Faustina, Meditations and Litany and ending with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be available. Refreshments in the Resource Centre afterwards, all very welcome. Enquiries to Roz Monaghan on 0775 263 9593 or to Fr Raffaele.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Kennedy and for his family. Allan's Funeral Mass will take place on **Mon 3rd April, at 11am in St Swithun Wells Church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald McNally and for his family. Ronald's **Funeral Service will take place at Test Valley Crematorium on Tues 4th April.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denis Queen and for his family. Denis' Funeral Mass will take place on **Wed 5th April, at Midday in Holy Cross Church.** Sadly Rev Fr James Carling whose parish is part of our Pastoral area passed away recently. His **Requiem Mass takes place at 11am on Wed 19th April at St Mary's Church in Alton.**

Remember in your prayers **Tony Cashman**, former parish priest at St Edward's, who has sadly passed away.

Changes to Office Opening Hours - The office will be closed on **Good Friday and Easter Monday.** Sarah, our Parish Secretary will be taking the second week of the Easter School holidays off however Fiona, our Finance Administrator will be in Tues 11th -Thurs 13th April. On **Friday 14th April** one of our wonderful volunteers will be in the office from **10am-1pm** and will be able to take messages.

Help Needed at Holy Cross Coffee Stop on Thursday mornings. Coffee Stop has been going for over 30 years. Some of our wonderful volunteers have recently had to stop due to various circumstances. We are looking for 1 key holder and 3/4 helpers. If you have 3 hrs free every 5/7 weeks please consider helping us out. There is a lovely friendly atmosphere in the Resource Centre on Thursday mornings. If you would like to help out or want more information, please phone Pat Baggott on 02380694060 or call in at Coffee Stop

and speak to any of the helpers there. **NB - There is no Coffee stop Maundy Thursday or the week after.**

Holy Cross Linen - We are after some helpers to wash and iron the church linen. The more helpers we have, the less frequently we have to do it! For more info please contact Denise on 07912 257455.

Parish Concert/Evening of Entertainment

Sometime after Easter we are hoping to hold a Parish Concert. We don't have a date yet, however it will be on a Saturday evening at St Swithun Wells Primary School. This is alert all musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, poets etc of any age to start practising, so that when we ask you, you will be able to offer a contribution of approx. 3-5mins in length. Any questions please phone Veronika on 02380 616356.

Closer to Christ - this weekend marks the end of the Closer to Christ campaign in our Parish. This important initiative will support our priests from formation through to retirement and also ensure our parish has the necessary resources to thrive. Our parish has raised nearly **£340,000** and I want to thank you all for the support and generosity you have given to this vital initiative. *Fr Raffaele*

Message of Thanks - we are very grateful to the Knights of St Columba who kindly donated £200 towards the Grail Seekers/Student Youth Easter Camp; this will enable more of our teenagers to attend.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid - If you wish to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order, or change the amount you give, please see the Gift Aid Co-ordinator for your church who will be available after each weekend Mass on **15th/16th April** and **23rd /24th April.** The Gift Aid Co-ordinators can help you with any questions and provide you with forms for planned giving whether you are able to gift aid your donations or not. Our Lady Queen of the Apostles will make arrangements for their Gift Aid Co-ordinator to be available on separate dates to those above. Regular Planned Giving and Gift Aid is the mainstay of our Parish's financial viability, and we sincerely thank all our planned givers who silently and loyally give each month.

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

Latest Diocesan Job Vacancies

Full-time Estates Manager/Building Surveyor
For more info and how to apply please go to:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

During Holy Week

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm St Edward

A priest will be available to hear Confession on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross in St Edward and after the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Holy Cross, St Edward and St Andrew.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

There will be no Priest's Surgeries during Holy Week

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 1st April	9.30am	Holy Cross	People of the Parish Alan Jones RIP (4th Anniversary) Muriel Matthias (Wellbeing) Mike Vokes (Wellbeing)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sunday 2nd April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Julia Jackson RIP FM Margaret Martindale RIP Mary Webber RIP FM Tren Ginevra RIP FM
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	
Monday of Holy Week	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles; Ann, Teresa & Peter Greig (Special Intention) <u>Funeral Mass: Allan Kennedy RIP</u>
	10.00am	<u>OLQA</u>	
	11.00am	<u>St Swithun Wells</u>	
Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am	<u>St Andrew</u>	<u>No Mass</u> <u>Chrism Mass</u> Sean & Bridget Baker (Wellbeing)
	11.00am	<u>Portsmouth Cathedral</u>	
	6.00pm	St Edward	
Wednes- day of Holy Week	9.30am	Holy Cross	Margaret Martindale RIP Keith Small RIP <u>Funeral Mass: Denis Queen RIP</u>
	10.00am	<u>OLQA</u>	
	10.00am	St Edward	
	12 Noon	<u>Holy Cross</u>	
Maundy Thursday 6th April	7.00pm	<u>No Morning Mass</u>	<u>All Masses followed by Watch before the Blessed Sacrament:</u> <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u> <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u> Mass Intention: Annina Neri RIP <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>
	7.30pm	<u>St Andrew</u>	
	7.30pm	<u>Holy Cross</u>	
	7.30pm	<u>OLQA</u>	
Good Friday 7th April	10.00am	<u>St Edward</u>	<u>Stations of the Cross for Children and Families</u> <u>Stations of the Cross for Children and Families</u> <u>Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion</u> <u>Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion</u> <u>Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion</u> <u>Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion</u>
	10.00am	<u>OLQA</u>	
	3.00pm	<u>St Edward</u>	
	3.00pm	<u>OLQA</u>	
	3.00pm	<u>St Andrew</u>	
	5.00pm	<u>Holy Cross</u>	
Holy Saturday 8th April	8.30pm	<u>St Edward</u>	<u>Easter Vigil</u> Mass Intention: Mrs Edward Christian <u>Easter Vigil</u> <u>Easter Vigil</u> MI: Anne & Peter Hooper (Wellbeing)
	8.30pm	<u>OLQA</u>	
	8.30pm	<u>St Joseph</u>	
Easter Sunday 9th April	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Umberto Pugi RIP Anniversary People of the Parish Edith & Lizzie (Thanksgiving) Peter Penrose (Junior) RIP Anniversary
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	St Joseph	

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