



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* 30th July 2023: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Travelling with Purpose

With the school holidays just beginning, many of us will be travelling over the next few weeks. Whether on holiday, visiting family or friends, whatever the reason might be, we will visit new places, meet new people, be stimulated by new experiences. We travel for a reason; we have a purpose in journeying. We have an objective which is why we are travelling to a particular place.

I have recently returned from our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham. I had not been to Walsingham before and had no idea how important it was as a medieval pilgrimage site. I was amazed to find that before the Reformation, it was one of the big 4 medieval pilgrimage sites of the Western World along with Jerusalem, Rome and Compostella. It was a joy filled experience which reminded me of the importance of pilgrimage to the faith of medieval Christians.

The term 'pilgrimage' is often used to describe an individual's journey through life. For Christians, to travel on a pilgrimage is to outline a spiritual focus or pathway leading to a closer encounter with God. It deepens the connection with God and helps us to learn more about and feel connected to the history of our faith. That was very much the effect our Walsingham pilgrimage had on me.

As we hear in this Sunday's Gospel, nothing is more important than the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price that is the kingdom of heaven. Yes, we may find different ways of finding the treasure. For some, it may happen suddenly, for others it may involve a careful search. All of us find God in our own way. But the joy of the discovery of the kingdom should bring with it a willingness to give up everything else for it. Such is the reality of becoming a disciple.

We travel with a destination in mind. When we travel on a spiritual pilgrimage we do so that we might come to a closer encounter with God. We come to faith through other people and it can help us to share their experience and testimony and vice versa. We can help them come to know and understand who Jesus Christ is and what he can offer us. Because, by accompanying them on their journey, by speaking about our experiences and sharing theirs we can all come to recognise the priceless value of the kingdom of heaven.

If you, or anyone you know is on that journey towards Jesus Christ and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and/or would like to join our RCIA programme when it restarts in September, please speak to one of the priests or to me.

*Deacon Paul Owen*

### GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "That's All That Matters" a surprising interview with the Oklahoma softball players - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 2nd August 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 30th July 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Psalm 118 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 8:28-30 Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Sunday 6th August 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KING, MOST HIGH ABOVE ALL THE EARTH.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 96 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation) - are now taking a Summer Break, they will resume in September.

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

[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community groups are now on their Summer break, resuming in September.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - now on their Summer break.

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, 26A Abbey Water, first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

both groups are now on their Summer break, resuming in September (dates to be confirmed)

Holy Cross Group normally meet on Wednesdays in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

## PARISH GROUPS



St Joseph's Group normally 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](mailto:littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com)

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

Now on their Summer break. Normally Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. More information is on the website. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact:

[arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com)

Knitting Club - 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!

Sunday Boules Group OLOA

Meet in the car park at 11am, all welcome! If you have a set of boules please bring them along.

60 Club

We meet every fortnight on a Monday from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Our next meeting is on Monday 31st July. All are welcome!

## MESSAGES



New to the Parish? - A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. If you are looking to regularly attend one of our churches and join our vibrant community please complete one of the new 'Parishioner Registration' Forms available from the Welcome Areas in our churches or from our parish website: [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk).

All families are welcome at ALL Masses, however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kim Mucci and for her family. Kim's Funeral Service takes place on **Wed 2nd August, at 11.30am in Holy Cross Church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diamantino (Dino) Guerreiro and for his family. Dino's Funeral Mass takes place on **Wed 2nd August, at 11.30am in St Edward's Church.**

Gift Aid Declaration Forms cut off 31st August 2023 - Urgent Message

As you will all be aware we changed our charity name on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. This requires all of our regular Gift Aid donors to sign a new gift aid declaration form under the new charity name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. We are required, as a Diocese, to have completed this by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 or gift aid claims under old declaration forms will be invalid.

Please, if you haven't already, collect a new form from your church, your Gift Aid Co-ordinator (Pat Baggott, Donna Scappaticci, Mike Greenslade, David Martin) or download from the 'Comprehensive Giving Guide' available on our parish website: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

Please hand your completed forms in at the parish office, to any of our clergy, or to your Gift Aid Co-ordinator as a matter of urgency.

*Many thanks, Fr Raffaele*

# MESSAGES CONTINUED



## Come & See Summer Club (ages 7 years to 14 years)

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm  
Monday 7th to Friday 11th August 2023

Monday 14th to Friday 18th August 2023

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more information and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>  
Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am (activities start at 9am) and will close it at 3.30pm (activities finish at 3pm). Please note that every day the Summer Club is on we are offering a **Club Extension** where children can stay at the venue from 3.30pm until (maximum) 5.30pm. The Club extension costs £10 per day per child.

In order to join the Summer Club please complete the registration form on our website and **pay the whole amount by bank transfer by Friday 4th August 2023**. Please also include the cost of the Club Extension (3.30pm-5.30pm) if your child is going to attend.

## Grail Seekers & Student Youth Summer Camp Monday 21st to Friday 25th August 2023

St Joseph's House (8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton, SO40 7DU). Cost: £150

Our two youth groups **Grail Seekers** (school year 7 to 9) and **Student Youth** (school year 10, 11 and sixth form) organize two camps during the year: Easter and Summer. The camps are a wonderful occasion for all children and young people to learn how to live life to the full! For more information, registration and how to pay (please note, **the whole amount needs to be paid by Monday 31st July** by bank transfer) please go to our website:

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

Parish BBQ - The CAFOD group and the Knights of St Columba invite you to a parish barbeque at St Edward's on **Saturday 19th August, from 1pm**.

Food including desserts and a first free drink with each **£12 ticket. Children under 12 are FREE.**

BBQ, desert, and raffle contributions all gratefully accepted and there will be a CAFOD produce stall. Enquiries to Neil Hendricks (023 8026 6324); tickets on sale after Masses 5th/6th August and 12th/13th August. Places are limited, so don't delay!

Holy Cross Shop - We will be closing the shop during August for the Summer break and will re-open on **Sunday 7th September 2023**.

## Diocesan Day for Catechists

**St Peter's Catholic Church, Winchester, SO23 8RY**  
Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join them on **Saturday, 30th September (10am-4pm)** for a day for fellowship, formation and prayer for the Catechists of Portsmouth Diocese to be encouraged and strengthened in faith.

This day for catechists is a great source of support and strength, as we meet catechists from all corners of the diocese, share with them our experience, and take time to pray together. The day is free to attend, however please bring a packed lunch.

Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-598927286637>

## Keeping Your Details Up-To-Date

Have you ever filled in one of our parishioner registration forms, sacramental forms or standing order/direct debit forms? If yes, please remember to inform the parish office of your new address and telephone number if you move house, or if your family circumstances have changed so we can keep your records in our database up to date. Thank you.

## St Anne's Catholic School & Sixth Form College

St Anne's is an outstanding 11-18 state funded Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form in the heart of Southampton, with excellent transport links to all points of the compass. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a strong Catholic ethos.

Parents with daughters in Years 4, 5 and 6 can visit us on **Wednesday 27th September 2023 for our Open Morning (9am - 11am) and/or our Open Evening (6pm - 8pm)**. Parents can book free tickets via Eventbrite (see poster in church welcome areas). We ask that parents arrive at 9am and 10am for open morning tours. Open mornings give parents the opportunity to see the school on a normal day and talk to their student guides as they tour the school. Open evenings provide the opportunity to talk to staff and students, as well as hearing talks from the Head teacher, Head girls and Year 7 students. We look forward to seeing you at St Anne's to share with you the many ways in which we support our students to grow and thrive.

[www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com)

## 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

## CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

<b>Tuesday:</b>	6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass)	St Edward
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30am-10.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew
<b>Saturday:</b>	10.00am-10.30am (after Mass)	Holy Cross
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass)	St Joseph
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tues:** St Edward (6.30pm-7.30pm)  
**Wednesday:** Holy Cross - 10.00am-11.00am  
**Thursday:** St Joseph - before Mass (5.30pm-6.00pm)

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29th July <i>Morning Mass: Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	People of the Parish  Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Anniversary Vocations for the Priesthood, Religious Life and the Diaconate
Sunday 30th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am  11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (& livestreamed)  St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Sheila McMinn RIP Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary  Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM Cecilia Harris RIP
Mon 31st (St Ignatius of Loyola)	9.30am	Holy Cross	Janet Burton RIP FM
Tues 1st Aug <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	
Wed 2nd Aug	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am <u>11.30am</u> <u>11.30am</u>	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward <u>Holy Cross</u> <u>St Edward</u>	Keith Small RIP <b>Funeral Service: Kim Mucci RIP</b> <b>Funeral Mass: Diamantino (Dino) Guerreiro RIP</b>
Thurs 3rd Aug	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Mike Walsh RIP 3rd Anniversary  Aisling Young (Wellbeing)
Fri 4th Aug <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	John Marsh (Wellbeing)
Sat 5th Aug <i>Morning Mass: Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Patricia Cowling RIP FM  Andrew Flannery RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 6th Aug <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (& livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Layzell Family FM Alan French RIP Anniversary  Deeb Mousa RIP John Gare RIP Anniversary

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**Safeguarding:** Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield ([rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))