



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

**22ND NOVEMBER 2020: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

## The Crown of Life

It is fitting that our Liturgical year should end with the great Feast of Christ the King. For in this wonderful celebration we are reminded of the fundamental truths of our Faith; that God creates and sustains all that He has made through a solemn promise to us – a covenant, in which God will reign over us.

To confirm this He comes to earth in Jesus to establish His Kingdom; He enters our time and history. In this great gesture, His majesty is manifest not in pomp and circumstance but established in humility and obedience to God's Word.

This is what is written large in the hearts of the Holy Family and which is seen and attracts those who come to visit and adore the child, Jesus. Christ the King begins His life in humility, and, as His Ministry unfolds he shows us the virtues of a true Kingly life; obedience to God, care for those in need and justice for all. These are the truths which will be sealed with Christ's blood on Calvary, and like the good King, He will fight and defeat for His people the last great enemy, death. The way that Christ Our King shows us will be a place of safety – a way which no longer fears death and which casts out fear! He tells the repentant thief that there will be a Paradise – a Heaven – which will be opened for all who believe. Here is the King who will not be confined to the annals of history. This Kingship will never fade away but will be sealed forever in the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Universal King who reigns and continues to reign over all that he has made. The miracle is that He chooses us to be part of His Royal Family and asks us to continue to show those virtues which make for a good and Godly member of it. As one hymn writer puts it:

*This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this:  
that you act justly, that you love tenderly,  
that you walk humbly with your God. (Sr Mary McGann R.S.C.J)*

It is with joy that we come to Mass as the eternal banquet held by Christ Our King at which he invites all to feast upon the very food that will last for ever, His Body and Blood. I ask you - What more could a true King do for us!!

*Fr Bruce*

## **GEM OF THE WEEK**



This week's GEM is "About Civil Unions" a letter by Bishop Philip Egan - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

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

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 22nd November 2020: Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 Psalm: 22 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B):

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8 Psalm: 79 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

## PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

- Stars of Abraham: weekly on Saturdays at 4pm
- Grail Seekers: weekly on Saturdays at 2pm
- Student Youth: weekly on Fridays at 8pm
- Communion & Liberation Group with Fr Luca: weekly on Wednesday at 8pm
- Communion & Liberation Group with Fr Raffaele: weekly on Thursday 8pm

The above 5 groups are meeting through Zoom please follow these instructions:

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these numbers:

0203 051 2874; 0203 481 5237

Follow the instructions when asked enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Fellowship by Zoom

Advent Bible Study on Zoom starting **weekly every Wednesday on 25th November at 7.30pm and running for four weeks.** Written during the first lockdown, when many were fearful, a hope emerged that there could be better times ahead. The theme for the four weeks is Hope and Week 1 looks at the 'Nature of Hope'. All are welcome - if you would like to join the Zoom meeting please contact Bob and Marion Birtles for the link on [bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## MESSAGES



Day of Prayer & Fasting to End the COVID Crisis

Bishop Philip has called a Day of Prayer and Fasting for a Speedy End to the Pandemic – "24 Hours with the Lord" - on **Friday 27th November 2020**. He is inviting everyone across the Diocese to join in.

There will be a twenty-four hour long programme of Mass, Prayer, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration live-streamed from the Cathedral. Please go to <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/day-of-prayer> to find a detailed programme of timings and events, with links so you can join in all aspects online.

As a Parish we encourage you to pray and fast on that day. On the **27th November Holy Cross Church will be kept open from 10am until 6pm for private prayer. From 6-7pm there will be an online service from Holy Cross with Rosary, Prayers & Reposition.** The service will be streamed online on our website:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/copy-of-mass-times>

Please join in as much of the '24 hours with the Lord' as you can.

Carols by Zoom! Sunday 13th Dec at 4.30pm

As congregational singing is not allowed at the moment we have had an idea! We shall have our "Advent to Christmas Carol Service" on Zoom. As far as the Christmas Carols go, there will be piano/organ music, everybody will be 'muted' so you can sing along to the carols at home, on your own, or in your family or "bubble" or just listen to both the music and readings if you prefer! We shall send the Zoom link nearer the time - email Marion if you would like to join us, [marionbirtles@gmail.com](mailto:marionbirtles@gmail.com)

Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Cooper who was a Eucharistic Minister at Bishop's Waltham and sadly died last Saturday morning. Tony's funeral will take place at **OLOA on Wednesday 25th November.** Prayers go to his wife Sylvia and children Victoria and Gregory.

A reminder for parishioners and visitors to

St Joseph's - please do not park on Convent property even for short visits to the church. Thank you.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Streamlining Parish Giving

#### Message from Fr Raffaele:

The parish needs to streamline the ways of giving, in order to match the needs of these Covid times, and to help the volunteers who handle all the tasks associated with parish giving - the envelopes, counting, claiming Gift Aid, etc.

I want to re-emphasise Standing Orders and, particularly, Direct Debits as being very efficient ways to give, requiring minimal admin by the parish. I especially wish to thank those who have changed from Planned Giving Envelopes to Standing Orders and Direct Debits this year. It has made a big difference to parish finances, and to the volunteers' jobs.

Planned Giving Envelopes need now to be ordered for the 2021-2022 financial year. I ask any parishioner who wants a new box of envelopes to let their Gift Aid Organiser know, within the next 2 weeks.

This may be the last year for Planned Giving envelopes in the parish. The tasks of organising, purchasing, supplying, counting, and recording all envelopes are well out of proportion to other means of giving. Accordingly, please consider moving away from envelopes now, rather than waiting. Your Gift Aid Organiser would be pleased to take you through the necessary steps for a new Standing Order or Direct Debit. Some parishioners will wish to donate cash in a plain envelope, and that's perfectly ok.

If you want to read more, please look here: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/donate>

If you go to the end of that page you can download a comprehensive document about giving.

Your Planned Giving and Gift Aid Organisers are:

**St Joseph & St Andrew**     **David Martin**  
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**Holy Cross, OLQA & St Swithun Wells**     **Pat Baggott**  
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### Mass Intentions

Everyday 3 Priests will celebrate Mass, that means 3 Intentions can be offered. There are open spaces in the following weeks. If you want to book an intention please send an email or call the office.

There are two options if you want to make an offering for your Mass intention.

(1) You can send to the office a cheque made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (specifying on the back that it is a Mass intention and including the name of the person and the date of the Mass), or if you want you can send a cash offering.

(2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599** indicating the Mass intention and date.

## ONLINE MASS, PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSION



### During Lockdown there will be no Public Masses

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church  
Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham

You will be able to follow Fr Bruce celebrating Mass via Zoom on:

Thursdays at 12.00 Midday

Sundays at 9.30am

To connect via Zoom, the login details are 655.161 0661, password 016150.

Please remember when connecting via Zoom to mute your microphone at the start, otherwise it interferes with the audio from the Mass.

### Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

### Times the Churches are open for Private Prayer

(during those times a Priest will be available for Confession)

#### **St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford:**

Tuesday     6.00pm-7.30pm  
Wednesday     10.30am-12.00 Midday  
Friday     10.30am-12.00 Midday  
Sunday     11.00am-12.30pm

#### **Holy Cross, Eastleigh:**

Wednesday     10.00am-12.00 Midday  
Thursday     10.00am-12.00 Midday  
Saturday     10.00am-12.00 Midday  
Sunday     11.00am-12.30pm

#### **St Andrew, North Baddesley:**

Tuesday     10.30am-12.00 Midday  
Sunday     11.00am-12.30pm

#### **St Joseph, Romsey:**

Thursday     5.00pm-6.30pm  
Friday     10.30am-12 Midday  
Saturday     5.30pm-7.00pm  
Sunday     11.00am-12.30pm

#### **St Swithun Wells, Fair Oak:**

Saturday     5.00pm-6.00pm

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 21st Nov <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Joseph Fonseca RIP The good estate of John Connolly Edward Rayment RIP Anniversary
Sun 22nd Nov <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	9.30am 10.00am	OLQA - Via Zoom Holy Cross - Live Stream	Harold Butcher RIP Patrick Burke FM Rosemary Oxby RIP
Mon 23rd Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Zaki Hanna Hayek RIP Anna Nadaska (Thanksgiving) Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
Tues 24th Nov <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Anthony Whittle RIP Anniversary Jim Long RIP St Swithun Wells Parish Priests (In Thanksgiving)
Wed 25th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Barney & Peggy Rice FM Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Elio (RIP)
Thurs 26th Nov	9.30am 12.00pm	Holy Cross - Live Stream OLQA - Via Zoom	Charlie & Rita Kelly FM John Milne RIP (5th Anniversary)
Fri 27th Nov	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross - Live Stream <u>Holy Cross - Live Stream</u>	Phyllis & Emmanuel Altman RIP Deceased Members of the Eastleigh Knights of St Columba RIP John Ashman RIP <u>Service of Prayer for a Speedy End to the Pandemic</u>
Sat 28th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Roberto Consigli RIP The good estate of John Connolly
Sun 29th Nov <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30am 10.00am	OLQA - Via Zoom Holy Cross - Live Stream	Antonio Cicu FM The Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Bennett Family RIP Mrs Ann Sandhu RIP (2nd Anniversary)

### CLERGY

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Thursday-Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm

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