



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

17TH JANUARY 2021: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Where do you live?

After the celebrations of the Christmas season, let us begin our journey of faith in order to enter ever deeper into communion with Jesus, our Saviour. To this purpose, the Church invites us to meditate on a very popular page of the Gospel in which the journey that introduces us into the mystery of the Lord is narrated. It is therefore a very important page, because it is like the 'navigator' who will guide our journey in Ordinary Time.

So, what does the Gospel page deal with? It is how two men, Andrew and another, discover the mystery of Jesus - how they come to know Him. The story begins with a question that Jesus asks us which forces us to be honest with ourselves, 'What do you want?'

A better translation of the original Greek would be however, 'What are you looking for?'

These are the first words that Jesus says in the Gospel according to John. This is a very important question, which must be asked by anyone who follows Jesus, 'What do you really seek, in wanting to follow Jesus?' In fact, there are different reasons. The crowd were looking for Jesus to make Him king! There are also those who want to solve their problems and search for someone who will have a solution for everything.

Andrew and his companion answered, 'Where do you live?' This is the true journey in the search for Jesus. The authentic researcher is the one who wishes to know where the Lord 'lives'. Jesus, in fact, wants his disciple to 'live' with Him forever. 'And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be' (John 14:3). Therefore, Jesus wants his disciple to be where he is, hence the first question he must ask Him is, 'where do you live?'

The true meaning of the disciple's question is, 'what is your life, your way of existence?'

Jesus answers those who honestly ask Him this question, 'Come and see'. These words make an obvious sense, 'Follow me and you will see where I live.' But they conceal a deeper meaning beneath this more obvious meaning. It is a journey that leads to the encounter with Jesus. And the meeting is indicated by the word 'see'. It is not just what we can see with our eyes, it is also what we 'see' through our faith, which makes us able to recognise that Jesus is our Saviour by seeing in humanity, in the people around us, the presence of God.

Faith makes us meet Jesus. The divine light which is in us makes us see Jesus the Son of God who became man for our salvation, 'We saw his glory, glory of the Only Begotten Son of the Father.'

And finally, what followed after the encounter with Jesus? 'They stayed with him.' If we stay with Jesus, it leads to a life of communion with the Lord; we with Him and He with us.

This mystery of communion with the Lord is the Church.

Father Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a **video by Fr Raffaele explaining the idea of a new parish centre** - 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 17th January 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

READINGS:

1st reading: 1st Book of Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 **Psalms:** 39 **2nd reading:** 1st Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 **Gospel:** John 1:35-42

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY:

1st reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 **Psalms:** 24 **2nd reading:** 1st Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4,

5 & 6) - All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on Saturday at 11.00am. To join the group and for more information please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) - All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on Saturday at 2.00pm. To join the group and for more information please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on Friday at 8.00pm. To join the group and for more information please click the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca) is meeting **every Wednesday** through Zoom. For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Raffaele) is meeting **every Thursday at 8pm** through Zoom. For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

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

Fellowship Group

A synodal church, according to Pope Francis, is one which "walks together", bringing people, priests and bishops together in an ongoing mission to spread the gospel. It is an ecclesial model which moves Catholicism away from a top-down Rome model and gives greater voice to ordinary Catholics and local bishops.

Join us on **Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th January** for a discussion on this topic. Everyone in the Parish is most welcome to join us. Please contact Bob Birtles, bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for the link to the meeting.

OASIS Women's Group - Zoom Meeting

Tuesday 19th January, 8pm (The work of SVP)
We're delighted that we will be joined by Mark Warwick, who is local Development Officer (p/t) within Portsmouth Diocese and volunteer in the Southampton area of **The Society of St Vincent de Paul**.

Mark is going to tell us about the work of SVP; we will consider how we can contribute within our Parish. Do join with us to find out more.

If you are new to Oasis you are most welcome, please email Jessie to request the Zoom link.

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MESSAGES



Message from Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca, Fr Marco & Matteo

Dear parishioners unfortunately in our community of priests, Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca and Matteo have tested positive for COVID, whilst Fr Marco has tested negative. For this reason our churches will be closed (apart from OLQA) until Friday 22nd January inclusive. For more information on Masses please go to the back-page of the newsletter.

Parish Get2Gether Via Zoom

Sunday 31st January 3pm-4.30pm

An event for all the people of the parish with games, songs, activities for children and conversations for adults. Please go to our website for more details and how to join.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Parish Office

In light of the current situation the office will be closed however:

Linda Roberts is working from home (Mon-Thursday) - she can be contacted through email (details on back page) and on the office telephone number. Sarah Goodfellow is working from home on Wednesday & Thursday but will also be taking Fridays off whilst the primary schools are closed.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicola Iarossi whose funeral takes place at Holy Cross on Friday 22nd January at 1.30pm, and for her family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jimmy Meehan whose funeral liturgy takes place at St Joseph on Friday 22nd January at 11.30am, and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kieran Mooney whose funeral takes place at St Edward's on Wed 27th January at 11am, and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pasquale Marucci RIP whose funeral takes place at Holy Cross on Wed 3rd February at 11am, and for his family.

Upcoming Second Collections

Next weekend is the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Due to the lockdown and restrictions being imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has been created to enable you to donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal>

Message from Bishop Philip about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th January)

This year's Week of Prayer has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. For more information and resources please go to <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Teacher training - Are you thinking about a rewarding career in teaching? An online Primary Catholic Partnership Information Session can give you the opportunity to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply. We have online sessions scheduled for **28th January (1-2pm) and 4th March (5.30-6.30pm)**. More dates will be added soon, please visit our website for the latest information. For more information and to register your place go to: <http://www.pcp-scitt.org.uk/home/teacher-training-information-events/>

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM) & COMMUNAL PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

As explained in the Messages section, all of our churches (apart from OLQA) will be closed for public Masses & private prayer until Friday 22nd January inclusive.

Live Streamed Mass

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross:

- **Saturday 16th January at 9.30am**
- **Sunday 17th January at 10am**
- **Monday 18th through to Friday 22nd at 9.30am**

These Masses are not open to the public.

To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Public Masses will resume from Saturday 23rd January please see the back-page for details.

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery Tuesday 19th January to Friday 22nd January at 6.00pm through Zoom

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

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph's & OLQA

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Sunday at 9.30am**. To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 16th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Catherine Mary Robinson FM Sr Margaret (Well-being) Rocio Bates (Thanksgiving)
Sun 17th Jan	9.30am	OLQA	
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Colleen Patricia Recardo RIP Michael Jeffrey & Jane Roberts RIP
Mon 18th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph Collette Hickey RIP
Tues 19th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph Ellen Gibbons (Anniversary)
Wed 20th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Hazel Freda Jurd FM Paul Serellis RIP Anniversary
Thurs 21st Jan <i>St Agnes</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Ronald Walter Russ RIP FM Sr Shirley (Well-being)
Fri 22nd Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross—Live Streamed	Sr Marie Bernadette (Well-being) Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
Sat 23rd Jan	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Sam & Sheila Sanders RIP David & Sheila Freemantle 50th Wedding Anniversary
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Sr Rani Kurian (Well-being)
Sun 24th Jan	9.00am	St Andrew	
<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.30am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP Anniversary FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Sr May (Well-being)
	11.00am	Holy Cross (Also Live Streamed)	Jimmy Rice RIP

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