



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 1st MAY 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Simon son of John, do you love me?

This weekend we can read in the Gospel one of the most inspiring episodes, it is the end of St John's Gospel. Jesus is preparing food for some of his disciples on the shore, after the miraculous catch of the fish. There is an atmosphere of intimacy. At some point he asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" This question is obviously addressed to Peter, but it is also addressed to each one of us.

If we want to understand more about this episode that closes St John's Gospel, it is useful to compare it to the end of the Gospel of Matthew, where the last words Jesus addresses to his disciples are, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." At the end of his Gospel, St Matthew wants to stress Jesus's commandment to go into mission by preaching to everyone and making disciples.

St John has a different vision. He was the one who had the deepest knowledge of the Lord and he understood that what the Lord wanted more than anything was our love. Jesus wanted to be loved. For this reason, St John decided to close his Gospel with this question, "Do you love me more than these?" Jesus asked for love.

St Matthew and St John's visions are not opposed, obviously. They complement each other and tell us that the source of our activity, service, mission and attention for others is our love and affection for the Lord.

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus wanted as his closest friend not a genius like Paul, not a man of austere penance like John the Baptist, not a man with a great spiritual life or a man with sensational success in his preaching. No, Jesus wanted Peter, because Peter loved his Master more than all the other disciples, he showed that the greatness of man is found in loving Christ. Peter was a simple person, as us all, living a simple life, but he definitively loved his Saviour more than anyone else did.

I would like to conclude with a personal memory. Almost 18 years ago I was in St Peter Square during a Mass celebrated by St John Paul II. He revealed to us that the Lord had asked him in his heart every day of his pontificate the same question, "Do you love more than the others?" And every day he had answered, "Yes Lord you know I love you." And this was the secret of his pontificate!

Let us ask the Lord to give us a true and strong love for Christ.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the, "Easter video poster of Communion & Liberation" - 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 4th May**, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 1st May 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Psalm 29 2nd reading Apocalypse 5:11-14 Gospel John 21:1-19

Sunday 8th May 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 13:14.43-52 Psalm 99 2nd reading Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 Gospel John 10:27-30

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

For more details and how to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every **Wednesday at 8pm**, 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)

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

Fellowship Group - Restarts Wed 4th May

7.30pm at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

Part of the meeting will be discussing the programme for the summer months so please come with your ideas. All are welcome!

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy

Cross Resource Centre. We will be having a closer look at our faith. All are welcome!

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!

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

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre (26

Abbey Water), 2pm on the first Tuesday in the month.

Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. For more information please phone Elizabeth Gare on 01794 515265. All 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. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group, then please contact Fr Luca at:

arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

Diocesan Clergy Training Fund on 7th/8th May

The Clergy Training Fund supports the ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. An online giving page has also been set-up for this appeal:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>

Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from **Monday 2nd May until Saturday 14th May.**

Easter Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your Easter greetings, prayers, cards and gifts. We are also very grateful for your generosity shown through the Easter Offerings which we do appreciate. Thank you to all the many people who had a part in ensuring our Triduum liturgies were well-prepared and celebrated joyfully.

Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca, Fr Marco & Fr Bruce

Parish Office - The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday **Monday 2nd May.**

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline Lovesey and her family. Jacqueline's funeral service takes place on **Thursday 12th May** at Test Valley Crematorium.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Coffee and Conversation - In OLQA Church Hall following the 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays. Beginning 4th May. Everybody most welcome!

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 8th May, 1pm-4pm Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH An event for all of the parish, especially families. 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.

Day Trip for Secondary School Students

Saturday 14th May we invite all the young people in secondary school to a day trip to the New Forest. We'll meet at 9am in the car park at the back of Holy Cross Church and aim to return to the same venue around 4pm. Bring your packed lunch. For more information and to register (by the 10th May) please email fr Luca or fr Marco at comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

CAFOD Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

Wednesday 18th May, 10.30am-1pm in St Edward's On sale will be home made cakes and produce, plants and new or nearly new items e.g. unwanted gifts. Any of these will be gratefully accepted. There will also be a raffle. For more information contact call Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

Come and See Clubs & Camp - Registrations are open for our Summer Half Term Club, Summer Club and for our Summer Camp. For more information, cost and registration please click on the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

Fryern Funtasia, Fryern Recreation Ground, Chandlers Ford - Takes place on **Monday 2nd May from 12 Noon till 4.30pm**. Churches Together in Chandlers Ford will be running a stall at this event. Please do come along and support them.

Caritas Poverty Challenge

See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Ukraine Appeal

For information about how you can help please go to: <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

We are also supporting the Polish Social Club in

Southampton who are collecting for Ukrainian Refugees. For the latest list of requirements please visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PolskiKlubSouthampton> A copy of this list can be found in each of our churches. If you would like to donate any of the required items please drop them off at Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh during office hours.

Mind Solent are running FREE Digital Skills courses (navigate phones, tablets and computers confidently, create an email account and communicate online, access GP's and mental health services online, order groceries and shop online etc):

Mayfield Nursery Garden Centre, Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HL – Courses commence on Monday May 9th 2022 at 10:00am

St Mary's Church, Chapel Rd, Southampton SO14 1AQ – Courses commence on Thursday May 19th 2022 at 10:00am

Mayfield Nursery Garden Centre, Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HL – Courses commence on Monday July 4th 2022 at 10.00am

Courses are weekly and run over an 8-week period. If you would like to know more about this course, please feel free to give Simon Walters a call on 07966 474188.

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, 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

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 - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
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

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 30th April	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Cecilia Taylor RIP 3rd Anniversary
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Eileen Murphy (Wellbeing)
	6.30pm	St Edward	Tom Holder RIP
Sunday 1st May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Tony & Joyce Goodfellow (Special Intention)
	9.00am	St Andrew	Margaret Martindale RIP
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Peter Singleton RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Ann Pickles RIP
Monday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 3rd May <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	Holly Lund RIP
	6.00pm	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 4th May The English Martyrs (1535-1680)	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Shafika Hamoud RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
Thursday 5th May	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Jackie Higgins RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	For John & Marian (Wellbeing)
Friday 6th May	9.30am	OLQA	Phillip Breen RIP
	10.00am	St Joseph	Margaret Martindale RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	
Saturday 7th May	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Aisling & Patrick Young (recently married)
	6.30pm	St Edward	People of the Parish
Sunday 8th May <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Kathleen Mary Boaden FM
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Jackie Higgins RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Special Intention

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