



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

**24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Lord That I May Receive Back My Sight

I have to admit to being quite concerned about the way in which we are all being sucked into a world of *virtual reality*. My concern was sharpened when I watched an advertisement to save tigers and other wild cats. What disturbed me most was the way in which I was encouraged to think of them as my friends and that they were really rather cuddly creatures. Well, I may be naive, but I do not think that lions and tigers think of us as friends and I firmly believe that given the chance they would kill and eat us! It prompted me to listen more carefully at the way things are being described in relation to animals; no longer do we give the right noun for their offspring but they are called babies and often given the attributes of a human being.

Virtual reality continues in the way society looks at moral problems; there are no significant differences between an irritant in the stomach of a female and a child. Just dehumanise it and call it a foetus instead of a child and its much easier to get rid of. The same is true for the elderly which, like the children in the womb, are considered as useless eaters and non homo sapiens (unable to think). People placing their energy and time in the addictive pursuit of enjoyment through drugs, alcohol, gambling and other distraction to take them away from the god given world and its environs; to idolise a pop group, a football team all mitigate towards a society which is indeed living in virtual reality.

To miss the opportunity to celebrate the dignity of being human - a person created by God as the crown of His created order - is to miss reality. To live for oneself instead of recognizing others in a society created for the advancement of humankind in truth and love, is to miss reality. I want to live in a real world, and, I see, reflected in the teaching of Jesus, one who celebrates the reality of the human condition in all its forms. Into that humanity He brings hope and not despair for the future. Hurrah!! The gospel for this weekend sets out in the Lord's prayer words of reality. It is a short prayer but notice it is in the plural and not in the singular. In this simple way Jesus brings us all into the real world of interdependence - of being dependent upon each one of us and to live in the moment. This reality is made with God and not on a machine which might conjure up all sorts of images but, which at the end of the day, remains but unsatisfying fantasies.

*Fr Bruce*

## GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "The Church Is In You" by Pope Francis - 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 27th July, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 24th July 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** ON THE DAY I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME, O LORD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 137 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Colossians 2:12-14 Gospel Luke 11:1-13

**Sunday 31st July 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23 Psalm 89 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Gospel Luke 12:13-21

## 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)

Stars of Abraham also prepares the children for First Holy Communion usually in school year 3. Grail Seekers also prepares the children for Confirmation usually in school year 9. For more details and to join please go to the parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community are currently on their summer break. 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 (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest.

**Fellowship Group** - there will be **no meeting during the holidays**, return date to be announced.

## Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 26th July we continue our series called 'I Believe', based on the Creed. All are welcome!

**Knitting Club** - Third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you

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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

**Are currently on their Summer break** (they normally meet on 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](mailto:littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com)

### 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. All are welcome!

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

**Are currently on their Summer break** (they normally meet on 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? If yes, please contact Fr Luca at: [arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com)

### CaFE

Our meetings will be as usual at 2pm in the Parish Centre Romsey, repeated at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's N. Baddesley, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, finishing on 26th July.

## MESSAGES



### World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly

This Sunday, 24th July is the Second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Holy Father has written a message for the Day. Its theme is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92: 15). This is what the Holy Father says:

*Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring*

*'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life". To read the full message please go to:*

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/world-day-of-prayer-for-grandparents>

**Change to Mass at St Joseph's** - On Friday 29th July the 10am Mass will be moved to 11am in order to celebrate the Funeral Mass for Sister May Lewis RIP. Please see the back page of the newsletter.

### Parish Office - Summer Holidays

The Office will be closed on Fridays during the school holidays. Double newsletters will be produced for Sunday 31st July and Sunday 21st August (there will be no newsletters for Sundays 7th & 28th August).

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



**OLOA Summer Family Cream Tea Party**  
**Saturday 30th July, 2pm-4.30pm in the church grounds.** £5 for adults, children 10 years and under free. Tickets are available at weekend Masses.

### **St Andrew's & St Joseph's BBQ**

Following the success of last years BBQ, even in the rain, the event is being repeated **on Sunday 7th August at 12 Noon.** The venue is St Andrew Church, North Baddesley. Participation by ticket only and announcements will be made at weekend Masses at both St Andrew & St Joseph. Contact Tennyson Scaria or Roger Lillie after Mass. Let's hope this year is sunny.

### **Invitation to the CAFOD Group & Knight of St Columba BBQ**

The CAFOD group and the Knights of St Columba invite you to a parish barbeque at **St Edward's on Saturday 20th August, from 1pm.** Food including desserts and a first free drink with each £10 ticket. Children under 12 are FREE. BBQ and raffle contributions gratefully accepted and there will be a CAFOD produce stall. Enquiries to Neil Hendricks (023 8026 6324); tickets on sale after Masses during the first two weeks of August. Numbers will be limited to about 80.

**Altar Servers** - Any young person who has made his/her First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server, please see the following after Sunday Mass in the Sacristy of each church:

Holy Cross - James;

St Edward's - Emmanuel;

St Andrew & St Joseph - Deacon John Di Meo.

### **Come and See Club & Camp**

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and Summer Camp.

**Summer Club (7yrs-14yrs) at St Edward's, 9am-3pm Mon 8th to Fri 12th August 2022**

**Mon 15th to Fri 19th August 2022**

Parents/guardians will need to bring and then collect their children. Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am and will close at 3.30pm. Children have to bring their own lunch and suitable clothes for games and walks according to the weather of the day.

### **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 OLOA

5.30pm-6.00pm St Joseph

**Sunday:** 8.30am-9.00am St Andrew

9.00am-9.30am OLOA

£5 per day - the whole amount has to be paid by cash or cheque to the team leaders who will be at the club the first day your child comes. Spaces are limited! Part bursaries may be available on application.

### **Summer Camp (11yrs-18yrs)**

**Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August 2022**

St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, SO40 7DU

We will have some activities like walks, playing outdoor and indoor, bonfires, sport activities and brief moments of reflection on our life with the help of some wonderful life-changing stories. We will sleep in St Joseph's House (not in tents!). £150 all inclusive (board and lodging and activities). The whole amount has to be paid by cash or cheque to the team leaders who will be at the camp. Spaces are limited!

Part bursaries may be available on application.

To register for the Club/Camp please go to the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

**Volunteer Mini Bus Driver Required** for Come & See Holiday Activities. You will need to have the required license to drive a mini bus. Please speak to Fr Marco/Fr Luca for more details or email: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

### **Holy Cross Shop**

The shop will be closed for the whole of August and will re-open on Thursday 1st September. If you need anything from the shop during this time, please phone Lynette on 02380 618542.

*Lynette & Angela*

### **Notice for Holy Cross Resource Centre Users**

There have been a number of instances recently where the Resource Centre has not been properly locked up. Please can we politely ask all users to ensure the Resource Centre main door is closed fully before locking and that you double check it's locked before leaving. Thank you for your co-operation.

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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

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 23rd July <i>Morning Mass: St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP (Wedding Anniversary) Mike State RIP
Sunday 24th 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 (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Special Intention People of the Parish Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandez FM Cathie & Joe Dunne (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 25th <i>St James</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	
Tues 26th <i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Edward Fenwick RIP FM
Wed 27th July	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Molly Collins RIP
Thurs 28th July	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	John Hooley - For Recovery
Fri 29th <i>Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	OLQA St Edward <u>St Joseph</u>	Margaret Martindale RIP <u>Funeral Mass: Sister May Lewis RIP</u>
Sat 30th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Steve & Trisha Holmes (Golden Wedding Anniversary) Sarah & Herbert Howie RIP Anniversaries Patricia Garrett RIP
Sunday 31st July <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ana Da Silva RIP Anniversary Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary Janet Burton RIP FM People of the Parish

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