



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 30th JUNE 2024: SS PETER & PAUL

Disciples and Apostles

Do you remember the names of all 12 Apostles? If not, you will certainly remember the names of the first two. Peter and Paul, even though Paul was not one of the original twelve!

Peter, even after his rebellious moments and having denied all knowledge of Jesus, was appointed as "the rock on which I will build my church" in today's Gospel reading. He is sometimes known as the Apostle to the Jews.

Saul, even though he persecuted the early church, became Paul, the Apostle dedicated to the Gentiles.

At the Council of Jerusalem (circa 48-50CE, Acts 15) Peter, and the other Jerusalem disciples, defended the strict Jewish laws and rituals for all converts to the new Christian faith but were eventually persuaded to allow Gentiles to become followers of Christ without having to follow (most) of the Jewish traditions. The rest, as they say, is history.

Something which we take for granted is the fact that all the Apostles were men! This is even though Jesus' earliest and most dedicated disciples were women. Some of the more well known among them were Mary, Jesus' mother; Mary Magdalene; Salome; Joanna and Susanna. Jesus' resurrection appearance was to women first and only then to the twelve!

Clearly, the early church was greatly influenced by women. Paul in Romans (16:1-2) talks about the Deacon Phoebe and 10 other women in the next 14 verses! Sadly, very little is known about these women and their roles. Throughout history there have been many women listed among the Saints. It is sad that because of the standing of women in society then (and now?) many of them have been largely confined to the shadows. For instance, out of the 37 "doctors of the church" only 4 are women.

Jesus' mission to "go and make disciples of all nations" was entrusted to all the disciples, men and women alike and to all followers of Jesus, including you and me. May this feast day inspire all of us to respond to that mission, in the footsteps of Peter and Paul, in our own different ways.

In the words of the hymn by John Bell "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?" True for Peter and Paul, could it be said for you and me as well?

Dcn Bob

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the Trailer of Takashi and Midori Nagai Exhibition - 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 **10am on Wednesday 3rd July**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 30th June 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM.

1st reading Acts 12:1-11 **Psalm 33** **2nd reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 **Gospel** Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday 7th July 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: OUR EYES ARE ON THE LORD TILL HE SHOW US HIS MERCY.

1st reading Ezekiel 2:2-5 **Psalm 122** **2nd reading** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 **Gospel** Mark 6:1-6

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Our Youth Groups have now come to the end of their meetings for this 2023/24 year. We would like to thank all those who gave their time and effort to help with the running and organisation of these groups. It is a joyous occasion as a number of our children who attended Stars of Abraham received their First Holy Communion earlier this month and a number of our young people who attended Grail Seekers will be confirmed by Bishop Philip this Sunday in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Youth Group Registrations for the next year, 2024/25 will open shortly on 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 - Wednesdays at 7pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. On Wed 3rd July we shall be looking at the Four Women Doctors of the Church; Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Sienna, Therese of Lisieux and Hildegard of Bingen. Everyone is welcome, refreshments served at the end of the evening. If you

would like to join on Zoom, please contact Peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;

The group in St Edward's Church, Chandler's Ford (who normally meet on Thursdays) are now on a summer break and will restart in September.

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. 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!

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Meet on Wednesdays during term time from 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh. The group is for 0-4 yrs and their families. More information is on the parish website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Second Collection This Weekend

29th/30th June: Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Please do not use the yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection. To donate online please go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2024>

Masses with St Swithun Wells Primary School

On Sunday 30th June at 9am in St Edward's & 11am in Holy Cross we will welcome the children of St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School who are going to lead the readings, bidding prayers and offertory. A warm welcome to them and their families!

Confirmation - Sunday 30th June 2024

Please keep our young people in your prayers as they are confirmed by Bishop Philip at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on 30th June.

We welcome Fr Pietro Pausco FSCB who has recently joined our parish. Fr Pietro was born in Milan and lived with his family in Legnano until the end of high school. He studied Physics in Milan and Vienna earning his master's degree (2012) before entering the seminary of the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo in Rome. From August 2015, he lived with the priests and deacons of the Fraternity in the house at Santa Giulia Parish in Turin. He was ordained a priest in Turin in 2020. After ordination, Fr Pietro continued his work as a teacher in the high schools of Turin and undertook an apostolate among the young people of the parish of Santa Giulia.

Changes to Mass - there will be **No Mass** on **Weds or Thursdays** for the time being at OLQA.

Grail Seekers & Student Youth Summer Camp **Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August**

St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton
Cost: £180 for eldest/only child, siblings £130 each
Registrations are now open. For more information and to register please go to:
<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/camp>



Ordination to the Priesthood of Dcn Matteo Pagani

Last Saturday (22nd June) was a time of great celebration as our former Dcn, Matteo, was ordained to the priesthood. A group of 40 people from across our parish travelled to Rome to celebrate with him, it was truly an amazing and memorable day. To mark this momentous occasion we would like to present Fr Matteo with a gift. If you would like to make a donation for Fr Matteo's gift please either put cash or a cheque (made payable to CDP St Swithun Wells) in an envelope and hand this to the clergy or take the envelope down to the parish office. If you would like to contribute to the collection please do so by **Monday 1st July 2024**. You can also make a transfer to the parish account.

The account details are as follows:

Account Holder: CDP ST SWITHUN WELLS

Account number: 01786599 Sort Code: 30-93-04

Reference: please indicate

"MATTEO_yoursurname" (for example:

MATTEO_Smith). Fr Matteo will be celebrating his first parish Masses at **St Edward (9am) & Holy Cross (11am) on Sunday 7th July and at St Andrew, St Joseph & St Swithun Wells the following weekend**. He will be presented with the gift during the Parish Summer BBQ on 7th July.

Upcoming Parish Festival (2nd –7th July)

Please make sure you take a leaflet regarding the programme for the Parish Festival.

Programme Summary

Tuesday 2nd July: 6pm Mass for Vocations at St Edward's with Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Thursday 4th July: 7.30pm Presentation of the Exhibition: Takashi & Midori Nagai - Beacons of Faith and Hope Among the Ruins of War (There will be cheese and wine from 7pm);

Saturday 6th July: Football Tournament at St Swithun Wells Primary School:

9am for children in school years 3,4,5 & 6.

11am for teenagers in school years, 7,8,9,10,11 & sixth form.

3.30pm Adults football match.

5pm & 8pm Watch UEFA EURO Quarter Finals in the School Hall.

To take part in the tournament book your place on the parish website by Wed 3rd July.

Food will be available throughout the day (payment by cash or card). £5 per child however there is no charge for siblings, payment by cash or card on the day.

Sunday 7th July:

First Mass of Fr Matteo, 9am at St Edward's and 11am at Holy Cross;

Parish Party in the Park, 1pm-6.30pm, Field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh.

Please go to our website to book your place/BBQ food by Thursday 4th July.

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

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Mon 5th to Fri 9th August 2024

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). 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 26th July 2024**.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Copley and for his family. Richard's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 3rd July at 11.30am in St Edward's**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Fitzpatrick and for his family. John's Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 4th July at 12.30pm in St Edward's**.

Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today

Ask your local MP candidates to take the Both Lives Pledge (see poster on noticeboards). The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women. Email your candidates today by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives before the General Election on **Thursday 4th July**.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Are **URGENTLY** recruiting a Mini Bus Driver.

Please see full advert on church noticeboards.

10 hrs per week, Mon to Friday, Term Time only.

Start date: September 2024.

More info can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>

For an application form please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

St Anne's Catholic School & Sixth Form College

were delighted to welcome the Catholic School Inspectorate to St Anne's before half term. The school was described as a 'deeply loving community' with an outstanding culture of prayer and Liturgy and we were thrilled to be graded outstanding in the majority of judgements. The full inspection report can be found on our website. For those new to the area, we are a state comprehensive school in Southampton city centre for girls in years 7 to 11 with a mixed gender Sixth Form College. We have Open Mornings for Year 5 girls coming up in July and Open Evenings in October. For more information please go to our website: <https://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
Saturdays:	Fr Mario is not available on 29th June , 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 29th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Children of Palestine Diane McDonnell RIP Sue Derbyshire (In Thanksgiving) Catherine Hinds RIP 30th Anniversary
Sunday 30th June <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Brian Flannery (Wellbeing) Bill James RIP Zaki & Marie Hanna Hayek RIP Roy Russell-Smith RIP
Monday 1st July	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 2nd July	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	John Milles FM; For Vocations
Wed 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am <u>9.30am</u> 10.00am <u>11.30am</u>	Holy Cross <u>OLQA</u> St Edward <u>St Edward</u>	Dave Strong RIP No Mass Keith Small RIP Funeral Service: Richard Copley RIP
Thurs 4th July	9.30am <u>12 Noon</u> <u>12.30pm</u> 6.00pm	Holy Cross <u>OLQA</u> <u>St Edward</u> St Joseph	No Mass Funeral Service: John Fitzpatrick RIP Mary Hollingworth RIP
Friday 5th July	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mrs Mary McManus RIP FM
Saturday 6th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Chant & Clifton Families RIP FM People of the Parish Sr Carmel Wragg RIP Vocations for the Priesthood, Religious Life & the Diaconate
Sunday 7th July <i>Fourteenth 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 (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Kamil Nadasky RIP Children of Palestine Tony Porter RIP Anniversary

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