



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 20th JULY 2025: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER = HOLIDAYS

The days are quite warm, the thermometer – much to my delight! – reaches 30 degrees, I start to feel the summer climate and therefore also the desire to go on holiday, to go to relax a little after a year of activity in our parish.

But what is a holiday?

For me, it means going to the (sandy) beach in my hometown, Caorle (near Venice), lying on the beach under the sun from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at 40 degrees, occasionally going for a swim in the sea to cool off a little.

Then I visit my parents, see how they are, chat with them, cook something for them and let my father cook me some excellent sea bass, one of my favourite fish, which he has obviously caught himself!

The holiday is an opportunity for me to meet up with my friends, to talk about the joys and hardships of the past year, to ask for advice and to eat excellent ice cream together at the 'A Bottega del Geato', a small ice-cream parlour run by a friend of mine, whom I met when I was a youngster attending the parish group: his ice cream is the best in Caorle! In reality, I rarely see him now, as the ice-cream parlour is run by his children.

But holidays are not just about relaxation and good food, they are also an opportunity to deepen my relationship with Jesus. Alongside the various leisure and relaxation activities, there is also the daily celebration of Mass, a time dedicated to prayer, and visiting the Virgin Mary in the small sanctuary of the *Madonna dell'Angelo*, located at the end of the promenade along the sea, reciting prayers and entrusting myself to Her intercession.

I have put this point last, but in reality, it is the relationship with Jesus that makes my holiday truly enjoyable. Relaxation and the beach become boring after a while, but the relationship with Jesus is always new and always peaceful. In fact, holidays are a particularly favourable time to devote more time to Him, with good reading, prayer and edifying conversations with friends and family.

I wish you too a holiday that is restful for body and soul, in which you can identify with the lives of Martha and Mary. So look for a good beach (with cold beer, please!) and a good church: they will help you start the new social year rested and full of energy.

Fr Mario

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is 'You Matter' the Life of Cicely Saunders
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** 23rd July 2025, 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 20th July 2025: YEAR C - YEAR 1- PSALTER WEEK 4

PSALM RESPONSE: O LORD, WHO MAY ABIDE IN YOUR TENT?

1st reading Genesis 18:1-10a **Psalm** 15 (14) **2nd reading** Colossians 1:24-28 **Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

Sunday 27th July 2025: YEAR C - YEAR 1- PSALTER WEEK 1

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

1st reading Genesis 18:20-32 **Psalm** 138 (137) **2nd reading** Colossians 2:12-14 **Gospel** Luke 11:1-13

MESSAGES



Roger Wood's 100th Birthday 28th July 2025 -

To celebrate this very happy occasion Holy Mass will be offered for Roger's intentions on **Wednesday, 30th July, at 10am at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford.**

Please stay and join Roger after Mass for tea, coffee and birthday cake in the Cloister.

Flower Mass 2025 - The yearly Mass for the flower arrangers in the parish will be offered on **Friday 22nd August at OLOA at 12 noon.** All members of the parish who are involved with the flowers at our churches are invited to join us beforehand at 10.30 for morning coffee and biscuits in the hall. For any enquiries please contact:

paulinestmargaret@gmail.com

Message from Joan Leith about Safeguarding at Holy Cross Church - If there are any volunteers who would like to know their current safeguarding situation, or who wish to discuss the forms I gave out last week I will be in the **Resource Centre after Mass on Sunday 27th July.** If you are a Eucharistic Minister, you only need to be checked if you visit people in their home or care home.

Come & See Summer Holiday Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August 8.30am-3.30pm St Edward's Cloister (Activities will start at 9am and finish at 3pm). Cost: £10 per day, £5 for additional children/siblings.

Spaces are limited. For any enquiries please contact: comeandsee@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk.

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please either email Dcn Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Congratulations to Emmanuel Chituh - Bishop Philip has appointed Emmanuel to serve in our parish after his ordination on 26th July. Please keep Emmanuel and his family in your prayers as he nears his ordination and commences his new role in our parish.

Message from Emmanuel Chituh - I will be ordained as a Deacon in the **Cathedral on 26th July at 11am** and I would greatly appreciate your presence on this occasion to pray for and with me. If you are unable to attend, but would like to watch and participate, the Mass will be live-streamed:

www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/livemass/
There is limited parking at the Cathedral, which is chargeable when you leave, but other car parks are available nearby at Cascades Shopping Centre and Stanhope Road. Parking at the Cathedral is on a first come, first served basis. There are two disabled parking spaces.

After the Mass, I invite everyone to join me for refreshments at the **Cathedral's Discovery Centre.** I have also arranged a main reception at **The Pavilion In The Park, Eastleigh at 3.30pm** and would love for all of you to be there. Your presence would make the event even more special!

Please also join me for Thanksgiving Masses at **9am in St Edward and 11am at Holy Cross on 27th July.** Thank you immensely for your support in this journey.

Collection for Emmanuel Chituh - We are organising a collection for Emmanuel to present him with a gift after his ordination. If you wish to contribute please either give your donation in an envelope marked Emmanuel's Gift and hand into the parish office, or pay by bank transfer to the main Parish Account:

Account name: CDP ST SWITHUN WELLS. Sort code: 30-93-04, A/c No: 01786599 Ref: Emmanuel's Gift

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Musicians required - do you play guitar, piano or other instruments? Would you like to help in one of our Masses or events? We are looking to find additional musical volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact Fr Raffaele at: rcossa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Message from Fr Pietro and Band -

Dear parishioners, On behalf of all the musicians in the Teen Band and Basement, I would like to thank you for your generous support of our parish's music project. The two small concerts that we have just concluded provided an opportunity for us to experience the beauty and joy of our friendship and fellowship with you. We now have a complete sound system, and I hope that you will soon be able to enjoy it. Thank you!

CAFOD are hiring - Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? Do you want to work for CAFOD and encourage support and partnership within the Church? CAFOD is looking for a Community Participation Coordinator to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. For more details please see: cafod.org.uk/work-with-us

Please also let any friends or relatives who might be interested know. **Closing date 27th July 2025.**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate London - is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday **Monday 25th August 2025 from 10.30am to 4pm.** The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. All welcome.

New to the Parish? A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. If you are looking to regularly attend one of our churches and join our vibrant community, please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available on our parish website:

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk and in the church Welcoming Areas. All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses, however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

The Diocese is looking for new Trustees to serve on The Diocesan Finance Council with experience in finance, safeguarding, social work, or strategic planning. For more information please contact: tdarlison@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office Closures - Christina, our Finance Administrator, is on holiday until 29th July. Next week the parish office will be open **Tuesday 22nd July 9.30am to 2.30pm, Wednesday 23rd July 9.30am to 4.30pm and Thursday 24th July 9.30am to 2.30pm.** The office will be closed on Monday 21st July and Friday 25th July.

Times to Meet a Priest - our priests will not be holding their regular sessions until September, but remain available to meet you. Please either see them after Mass or email them (email details and phone numbers are on the last page of this newsletter).

Summertime - all parishioners, their families and friends are wished a happy summer, whether you are going away or staying at home. We pray that everyone may be refreshed by the break from their usual routines.

At a Glance - List of Upcoming Parish Events
26th-27th July: Emmanuel's ordination & Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10am-11am)

Thursday: OLQA - after Mass (12.30pm-1pm)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5pm-6pm)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **(CONFESSION)**

Tuesday: 9.30am-10.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass) St Edward

Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am (after Mass) Holy Cross

5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass) OLQA

5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass) St Joseph

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Edward

8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Anne Clayton-Smith RIP FM Jim Queen RIP Joanna Bubien RIP Anniversary Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP Anniversary Bryan George Dolbear FM
Sunday 20th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (& livestreamed) St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Jesus Collantes (Wellbeing) Vincent Curmi RIP Anniversary People of the Parish Johnn Michaels RIP 5th Anniversary Cecilia Harris RIP Anniversary James Boyle (Intention for His Ordination)
Mon 21st July	9.30am	Holy Cross	Special Intention to Our Lady, St Jospheh & St Padre Pio
Tues 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Living & Deceased Members of the Mongan & Turner Families FM
Wed 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Judy & Evert VanWilligenburg (Health & Wellbeing)
Thurs 24th July	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Dora Pond & Her Children
Fri 25th July <i>St James</i>	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLQA	Edward Fenwick RIP FM
Sat 26th July	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Holy Souls Andy Morrison RIP David Martin - Special Intention In Thanksgiving Roger Wood & Family - Special Intention
Sunday 27th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (& livestreamed) St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Clare Ashcroft RIP FM People of The Parish Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Edward Fernandes FM Brian Arthur RIP Holy Souls

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Safeguarding: Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk