



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 16th JUNE 2024: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bread

In this month of June, in which nature comes more and more to life, the heat arrives a little at a time (here in fact too slowly!), the ears of wheat in the fields become golden and remind us of the wheat with which flour is made, and with flour, bread.

It is precisely in this month, in which nature displays its great beauty, that the Church reminds us of something very natural, yet at the same time extraordinary: the Bread of Life namely the Body of Christ on the solemnity of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ).

Try to think of a meal without bread. Eating eggs and bacon for breakfast... without bread, or for those who have a sweet-tooth like me, having a sandwich with butter and jam... without bread. Or lunching on juicy meat... without bread, or a bread pudding... without bread. In short, without our realising it, bread is definitely an ingredient on our table every day, and without it many foods would become poor or impossible to make.

Even Jesus, when he was a child, every time he went to school, he ate an excellent sandwich with lamb made from the bread kneaded by his mother Mary. Or in the evening he loved to eat bread with olive oil from Gethsemane on it (it was the best in the area) and a pinch of salt. In short, even for Jesus bread was a daily culinary product on his table.

Since Jesus wanted to be with us always, to help us as much as possible with His presence, He had the extraordinary idea of giving us His Body, His physical presence, but through a thing that is very ordinary, like bread. Bread is a very common and simple thing, but by being consecrated, it becomes something extraordinary, it becomes precisely the Body of Jesus that accompanies us and becomes physically part of us every time we take Communion during Mass.

The Body of Jesus in us, this simple bread that has become an exceptional thing, allows us to experience everyday things in an exceptional way. It helps us to discover a sign of God in everything around us, especially in people, and thus to love them as they are made in the image of God.

This month there have also been First Holy Communions: it is a great grace for our children to begin a special and intimate friendship with Jesus. Let us not miss the opportunity to help them discover the grace of the sacrament of Communion, first of all by taking part in Communion ourselves. And then by pointing out to them that just as without bread a meal is very poor, so a life without Jesus remains very poor, in fact the beauty and the richness of life is the sign of the beauty and the richness of the presence of its Creator in it!

Fr Mario

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 Tuesday 18th June**, 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 16th June 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: IT IS GOOD TO GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD.

1st reading Ezekiel 17:22-24 **Psalm 91** **2nd reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 **Gospel** Mark 4:26-34

Sunday 23rd June 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HIS LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER.

1st reading Job 38:1,8-11 **Psalm 106** **2nd reading** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 **Gospel** Mark 4:35-41

PARISH GROUPS



Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

Happy Monday Club

would like to invite you to their next event in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh on Monday 17th June at 2pm, Bingo and Cream Tea. Suggested donation of £3 to include refreshments and prizes. Please join us, all welcome. Any queries please contact Karen, Peter or Angela on 07809596831 or jakeman1966@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

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 at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

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? If yes, please contact: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

See our website for details of more groups: Fellowship, Youth Groups, C&L, Prayer Groups, Little Flowers

MESSAGES



Second Collection 15th/16th June

This Sunday we celebrate Day for Life.

This year's theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life", which allows us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of national debates on assisted suicide. Please DO NOT use the yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection. If you prefer to donate online to this collection, please go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2024>

Father's Day - This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, let us remember and be thankful for their presence and dedication in our lives. May St Joseph pray for them.

Parish Get2Gether Walk and Picnic

Saturday 15th June, 10.30am-4pm

An event outdoors for all of the parish, especially families. We will start at 10.30am in Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church in Bishop's Waltham (Martin Street, SO32 1DN). You can leave your car in the church car park. We start with a 1 hour circular walk in the Bishop's Waltham countryside followed by a picnic, please bring your own food/beverage/plates/blanket. Toilets of the church are available. There will be music and games for everyone and then a talk by Sr Cooney & Sr Lucy, members of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph (Lymington), who will talk about their story and vocation. We finish with ice cream (free for all). To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> There you will find a map and some photos.

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.

Congratulation to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. In St Edward, Holy Cross and St Andrew they will receive their certificates this weekend (and cakes).

We welcome Fr Pietro Pausco FSCB who will be joining our parish from the beginning of July. 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>

General Election - Thursday 4th July. The Bishops' Conference have developed a page on the CBCEW website with information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform us how we might vote. An election is the best time for Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Ordination to the Priesthood of

Dcn Matteo Pagani

As you know Dcn Matteo will be ordained to the priesthood at 3pm, on Saturday 22nd June in St Paul outside the Walls in Rome. This is an occasion of great joy for both Matteo and for our parish and we would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for 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;

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, St Swithun Wells Primary School. To take part in the tournament book your place on the parish website by Wed 3rd July;

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.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Graham Stephens and for his family. Graham's Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 20th June at 11am in Holy Cross**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Carmel DW and for her family. Sr Carmel's Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 25th June at 12 Noon in St Joseph's**.

Financial Requests

In order to save time and postage the office would like to request the following:

1. If you wish to make a Mass Offering, please could you hand in your donation in advance of the Mass taking place. This is important as the donation is paid directly to the priest who celebrates the Mass. In the case of a supply priest, we send their supply fee,

expenses, and Mass offerings as soon as possible after the Mass is celebrated. However, late donations mean often this must be done in two separate payments, which costs extra time and postage.

2. We are happy to support CAFOD through various fundraising activities and make larger payments at certain intervals in the church year. However, if you wish to donate to CAFOD regularly by personal cheque, please could you send your donation directly (the address is below,) as it now costs the parish 85p for every cheque we must forward and we feel obliged to send cheques on, as soon as possible.

CAFOD address: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

Romsey Relay Marathon 19th May update: We had a lovely time and finished the race in 3hrs 52mins exactly the same time as last year!! Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise a total of **£413** via the Just Giving platform. This money will be used to support our youth groups. Thanks also to those who came down to support us, we really appreciated it. *Best regards Carrie*

The Digital Collection Plate (DONA)

Just a reminder that there is a card reader available in the church foyers at Holy Cross, St Edward & OLQA. The digital collection is another way to give, it does not replace the second collection baskets or direct debits/standing orders. Gift Aiding your contactless donations: You only need to register for Gift Aid once per card. Once registered, the card reader in the church will recognise it the next time you make a gift aided payment. When you donate using your contactless card without Gift Aid, no personal information is collected.

Eastleigh Parliamentary Constituency General

Election Q&A - Come and hear from your candidates hoping to be your next MP, **7pm Sunday 23rd June, Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Rd, SO53 2GJ** (see poster on noticeboards for details).

SCHOOL NOTICES

URGENT



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/>

This role would suit a semi-retired person and less hours will be considered for people that can only do certain days. To arrange an appointment to visit the school or for an application form please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele not 18th June, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross R/Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Saturdays: Fr Mario, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 15th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Martyn & Kathleen Cole (40th Wedding Anniversary) Sr Carmel Wragg RIP Thomas, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
Sunday 16th June <i>Eleventh 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> Daniel Munro RIP People of the Parish Charles & Martha Barrett FM Elvira Golez & Elaine Ceballos RIP
Monday 17th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fr John Myers RIP
Tuesday 18th June	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Michael Leonard RIP Emilia Tuppein RIP
Wed 19th June	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Ben (Wellbeing) No Mass Theresa Ardani (Special Intention)
Thurs 20th June	9.30am 11.00am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Jack & Chris Molloy FM Funeral Service: Graham Stephens RIP No Mass
Friday 21st June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Saturday 22nd June <i>Morning Mass: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jozef Kusy RIP People of the Parish Mary Hollingworth RIP Fr Matteo (Special Intention)
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