



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 7th MARCH 2021: **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

The real temple that Jesus wishes to purify is the heart of man

“Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market’. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me” (Gv 2,13-17).

It is important to reflect on the reason why this gospel is read on the third Sunday of Lent. The passage tells of how Jesus overturned the tables of the money-changers in the temple. Jesus performed this act when he discovered people at the temple selling cattle, sheep and pigeons, and changing money. All of these elements were actually necessary for the system of sacrifice and ritual that was in place at the temple in those days. Offerings had to be made using a particular coin which the money-changers provided.

Jesus put an end to all of this activity saying, “Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market”. The disciples remembered the words of Scripture, “Zeal for your house will devour me”. Zeal is a particular type of attentive regard for the things that belong to God. Such zeal demands that the things that are holy be purified of that which is not holy.

Now we understand why we are reading this gospel on this Sunday. Preparation for Easter demands purification. Lent is the season for overturning the money-changer’s tables that are part of all of our lives. It is the time for throwing away the things that occupy the place of something else.

We should not be surprised that Jesus is zealous and passionate in this scene from the gospel. Jesus is the one who brings life, and life is incompatible with death. He brings truth, and truth is incompatible with deception. When we read this text, we must seek the strength and courage to overturn the money-changer’s tables. We must rid our hearts of those things that are incompatible with Easter.

Jesus performs this gesture of purification so that our bodies might become the temples destroyed and rebuilt, bodies that have passed through self-denial and sacrifice. There cannot be new life unless the old life is left behind. Let us allow ourselves to be changed by the discipline of Lent that strives to bring us to new life, and wishes to distance us from death and deception.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week’s GEM is **“Rowan Williams and his debt to Catholics”** from the **Catholic Herald** you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 7th March 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: YOU, LORD, HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

READINGS:

1st reading: Exodus 20:1-17 **Psalm:** 18 **2nd reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 **Gospel:** John 2:13-25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14TH MARCH:

1st reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 **Psalm:** 136 **2nd reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10 **Gospel:** John 3:14-21

PARISH GROUPS



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

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 11.00am**. To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 2.00pm**. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Friday at 8.00pm**. To join and for more info please click the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Every Wednesday with fr Luca through Zoom.

Every Thursday at 8pm with fr Raffaele through Zoom.

For more information please click the links 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 or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Fellowship Group Lenten Suppers & Bible Study Course Wednesday evenings

Lenten Suppers - 7.00-7.30pm via Zoom

Join us with soup, bread, cheese and a chat. Raising funds for CAFOD and Fledge Eastleigh.

Bible Study - 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom

"Rebuilding the Ruins" looking at our world through the eyes of the Old Testament Prophets.

Week 3 - Bi-cultural Dreams and Ruins.

If you would like to join us please contact Bob and Marion Birtles for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



Stations of the Cross During Lent

Holy Cross - Fridays at 6pm, this may be attended in person in the church, it will also be live streamed. Please go to our website for the link.

St Swithun Wells - Tuesdays at 10am, this may be attended in person in the church.

OLQA - Wednesdays at 7.30pm, this may be attended by up to 25 people in the church, it will also be available via Zoom. Please go to our website for the link.

Fridays in Lent - "Knowing your Catholic Faith"

A series of talks by fr Bruce, to help us understand the teaching of our church so that we may be able to explain it to others. **At 7pm**, this may be attended by up to 25 people in OLQA and will also be available via Zoom. Please go to our website for the link.

Readers Refresher Session

Saturday 6th & Saturday 13th March, 11am-Noon

Readers are asked to choose which session they would like to attend. It will be an hour of reflection on this important ministry and how to develop it. If you are interested in becoming a Reader this is also an opportunity to sign up! **All Welcome**. Please book a session by emailing fr Bruce direct: brucebarnes01@gmail.com

Frassati Centre Survey - What do you think about the Frassati Centre and our parish vision? We would really like to know and understand your views on this. Please take the time to fill in the survey which is on our website, it should only take 10 minutes to complete and your comments and thoughts are important in shaping our future! If you don't have access to the internet please pick up a paper copy of the survey from one of our churches.

Cultural Friday & Survey - You will find the Cultural Friday survey on our website. This survey aims to find out what cultural activities and interests you have and will only take a minute to complete. Please take part as this information will then help us to better plan our Cultural Fridays.

The next Cultural Friday is on Friday 12th March at 8pm via Zoom. As we are in Lent we will listen to some extracts from St Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach. Please go to our website join in.

Margaret Fielder - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Fielder, for many years a member of our Parish who attended St Joseph's Church, and who sadly passed away on 24th February.

Second Collection - Next weekend (13th/14th March) for the **Clergy Assistance Fund**.



MESSAGES CONTINUED

New Direct Debits

Thank you to everyone who took out new direct debits over the last 3 months. The diocese informed us last week that there have been IT issues with Lloyds Bank in setting these up. This has now been resolved and your DDs will be taken out on 15th March. If you have any queries please contact your local Gift Aid co-ordinator whose details are on the donations section of the website.

Changes to Parish Giving

The parish website (see address on front of newsletter) has a "Donate" button which now takes you to a new online donation system, used by many parishes in the Diocese. It's very easy to use! It includes options for Gift Aid and monthly payments. Please do take a look. Users of the boxes of weekly Planned Giving envelopes will know by now that the scheme is not continuing. We earnestly ask you to consider Standing Orders or Direct Debits (preferred); see your local Gift Aid organiser. There may be, though, an option to keep using envelopes if you put your Planned Giving number on one of the NEW yellow envelopes that are now in our churches. Talk to your organiser, and see other information that is being provided. Your local Giving and Gift Aid coordinators are: Pat Baggott, for Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells, and Our Lady Queen of Apostles:
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David Martin, for St Andrew, and St Joseph:
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Catenian's Talk by Circle Brother Stephen Whelan "Alfred The Great and Viking Attacks in Wessex" 19th March at 7.30pm

This talk is open to all parishioners.
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738403680?pwd=aVYvSzVKQTYzMHNhdmNiWjZlEQIVnUT09>
Meeting ID: 897 3840 3680
Passcode: 008080

Message from the Office for National Statistics regarding the upcoming National Census 2021

Households across England & Wales will soon be asked to take part in the Census on the **21st March 2021**. It will be the first run predominately online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them. You can also get help from census staff in their contact centre over the phone, in a web chat or on social media. For more information please visit: census.gov.uk

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM), CONFESSION &

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross will also be live streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk
For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

Confession

- OLQA, Saturdays at 10am
- St Joseph, after Mass & Saturdays at 5.30pm
- St Andrew, after Mass & Sundays at 8.30am
- Holy Cross, after Mass & Saturday at 10.00am
- If you would like to make Confession at St Edward or St Swithun Wells please speak to a Priest after Mass or alternatively please go and see either Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca or Fr Marco during one of the advertised times below.

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Fridays:	Fr Marco, 10.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph's & OLQA

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**
To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am**
To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Sunday at 9.30am** (no booking needed for Thurs Mass)
To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com
This Mass is also streamed via Zoom:
Meeting id: 504 727 7919
Password: 467815

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Tuesdays to Thursdays at 6.00pm through Zoom

For more information and to join please click the link on the homepage of our website. You can send your intentions to: pagani.matteoalejandro@gmail.com

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6th March	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Eileen Lyons RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Fr Louis Catterall RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	Salvatore Viscomi RIP
Sun 7th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Andrew	Maria Giannini RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.30am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Fr Louis Catterall RIP
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Antonio Cicu RIP FM
Mon 8th March	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Lillian Rachael Gardiner FM Collette Reynolds FM
Tues 9th March	10.00am	St Andrew	James Family (Well-being)
Wed 10th March	10.00am	St Edward	Baker, Hanrahan Families RIP Anniversary
Thurs 11th March	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Ludwik Kolacz & Deceased Killick Family Members (Special Intention)
	12 Noon	OLQA	Catholic Schools and Teachers
Fri 12th March	10.00am	St Joseph	
Sat 13th March	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Msgr Juan Antonio Cruz Serrano (Special Intention)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	The Harfield Family (Well-being)
	6.00pm	St Joseph	John Carmody RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	For the People of the Parish
Sun 14th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Andrew	Norah Smewing RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	Janet Larcombe RIP
	10.30am	St Edward	Patrick Burke RIP FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Anna Barrett RIP
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	David Bennett RIP

CLERGY

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