



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

20th SEPTEMBER 2020: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You go into my vineyard too"

Last Sunday, at St Edward the Confessor Church, we celebrated the baptism of two adults, the reception into the Catholic Church of three others with their confirmations. It was a wonderful, faith and joy-filled occasion.

This Sunday, across the parish, we will celebrate the First Holy Communion of 50 of our young people. Both celebrations were due to take place earlier in the year but could not go ahead because of the pandemic.

Both celebrations are a reminder that there is always growth in the church, God is always calling people to follow him. They answer his call either through their parents passing on the faith or, later in life, through other people they have come into contact with and who have touched them.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers the reward of eternal life to all who answer his call. They are invited to work in his vineyard no matter when they are invited; early in the morning or late in the afternoon. The wages they receive are the same - eternal life. Some hear the call later in life but the reward they receive is the same. The point is that the Church, the messenger of Jesus, is sent to preach the Gospel to people in every kind of situation and in every age, both young and old, inviting them to enter the kingdom of God.

As the Church, we are given the task of offering a welcome to those who come to our churches from all kinds of backgrounds. But to do so we need to share the mind of Christ and his love for all people. That involves us in sharing our faith with other people. So how hard do we labour in the Lord's vineyard? How much fruit do we produce for the Lord?

This Sunday is also Home Mission Sunday when we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. It is a reminder to us all of our responsibility to share the Good News we have received. All of us, not just our priests, are called to evangelise our families, friends, neighbours. We must witness by our daily lives what the Christian life means so as to attract non-believers to Christ.

So, if you know of anyone in your family or among your friends and neighbours who may be thinking about being baptised or received into the Church or just wants to find out more, talk to them and invite them to speak to one of our priests or get them to call or email me.

Deacon Paul Owen

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a letter by Cardinal Robert Sarah to all the Bishops entitled 'Let us return to the Eucharist with Joy!' - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 20th September 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS CLOSE TO ALL WHO CALL HIM.

1st reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm: 144 2nd reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER:

1st reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm: 24 2nd reading: Philippians 2:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

PARISH GROUPS



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

Meet every other week:

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Andrew;

Sat 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join Stars of Abraham please click the link on our website.

There will be a meeting for the parents in October:

Sat 10th October, 10.30am at St Edward for the St Edward's & Holy Cross groups.

Tues 6th October, 6pm at St Andrew for the St Andrew's group.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) - meet weekly every Saturday from 2.00pm-4.00pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group please click the link on our website. There will be a meeting with the parents on 3rd October at 2pm in Holy Cross church.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

meet weekly on a Friday. First meeting date: Friday

2nd October at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource

Centre. To join the group please click the link on our website.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca)

is meeting every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Raffaele)

is meeting every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister starting from 1st October.

Fellowship Group (Zoom Meeting): Wednesday 23rd Sept, 7.30pm. There will be a Liturgy on the theme of "One Bread, One Body, One Lord of all." and a "virtual" social - have your wine/soft drink ready! All welcome - email Bob for more details. bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Following the recent Government change in rules, our three Youth Groups are able to meet and socialise in person with those over 11 years needing to wear masks. Adult church groups are able to meet in person with adherence to the 1 metre plus rule with masks to be worn and a limit on numbers.

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion & Confirmation

If a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 8) we will ask them to participate in one of the three youth groups according to their age. They will receive the First Holy Communion when they are ready (usually after one year). Please click on the links on our website to join one of these groups:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/sacramentalpreparation>

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at:

powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Preparation will restart in October.

Additional Masses - will resume from 25th Sept:

Fri 10am Mass at St Joseph (in the Church not Abbey House - you are not required to book)

Sat 5pm Mass at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak (see Mass Times section).

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day (Survive, Rebuild & Heal). This year's day has been moved to Friday 9th October with the weekend for the collection being 10th/11th October. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give.

Mike Walsh

Jenny and their children, Rob, Tam, Tony & Phil would like to thank all the members of the parish for their prayers, cards, Mass Intentions and messages following the sudden death of Mike on August 10th. We would like to thank Fr. Raffaele for coming to the hospital to anoint him and to offer us his support and Fr. Luca for all his help in making the funeral arrangements, especially for using the streaming of the Mass to all those who couldn't attend. It has been a great comfort to us all to receive so much support at this time. We intend to celebrate Mike's life with a Memorial Mass when all the Covid restrictions are lifted.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Street Pastors

Could you spare one Friday night a month from 11pm to around 3.30am to engage with people on the streets offering reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping? You must be over 18, no upper age limit and over seventies are welcomed. Risk assessments are in place. We have helped save and change people's lives, we bring calm to angry situations, people thank and respect what we do, we help the homeless in profound ways. We equip our volunteers through

training which starts on the 9th Oct 2020. Training dates are Friday 7.30pm-9.15pm & Sat/Sun 9.30am-4.30pm (unless otherwise stated):
Fri 9th, Sat 10th & Sun 11th October 2020
Fri 23rd, Sat 24th & Sun 25th October 2020
Friday 6th, Sat 7th November
Sat 14th November 2020
Go to our website at <https://streetpastors.org/locations/eastleigh/> or please contact Eric Hyom on 07736 967921, email: erichyom@hotmail.com



MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM) & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Mass

Mass at Holy Cross on Thursday, 9.30am and Sunday, 11am will be streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

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

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Friday 10am** (you are not required to book for this Mass)
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). **For Sat 26th Sept only** - To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / sancha@virginmedia.com).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / sancha@virginmedia.com).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

Outdoor Mass

Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather). **27th September will be the last Mass.**

Private Prayer

The following churches will remain open **after Mass until 11.30am** for private prayer (see back page for Mass times):

- Tuesday: St Andrew's**
Wednesday: St Edward's
Thursday: Holy Cross

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesdays:	6.30-7.30pm	St Edward's
Saturdays:	10.00-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30-6.00pm	St Joseph's
Sundays:	8.30-9.00am	St Andrew's

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water) Romsey

MASS INTENTIONS

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For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention). Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

- (2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599**. Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for.

Please note:

Only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 19th Sept	9.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Joseph St Edward	Bruce & Iris Wiggins RIP Annie Carville RIP Anniversary Jim Shine RIP
Sun 20th Sept <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Dave & Barbara Layzell (Special Intention) Deirdre Jennings RIP Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP Anniversary Barbara Crowther (Special Intentions)
Mon 21st Sept <i>St Matthew</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Mike Walsh RIP
Tues 22nd Sept	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Robert Hunt RIP Dilys Dyer RIP
Wed 23rd Sept <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Shirley Griffin RIP & Shirley Turpin RIP Barbara Proudlove RIP
Thurs 24th <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Marie Lewis RIP (3rd Anniversary) Sarah McGrath RIP
Fri 25th Sept	<u>10.00am</u>	<u>St Joseph (Church not AH)</u>	
Sat 26th Sept	9.30am <u>5.00pm</u> 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross <u>St Swithun Wells</u> St Joseph St Edward	Cyril Hoskin RIP Pat Freemantle FM Patricia Wilson RIP Neil & Sylvia Hendricks (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Sun 27th Sept <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ann Wood RIP (Anniversary) Falco Scappaticci RIP Maureen Boog RIP & John

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