



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
17th APRIL 2022: EASTER SUNDAY
This Newsletter Covers Sunday 17th & 24th April

Easter: A New Life

Easter is about new life, for we celebrate not only the Resurrection of Jesus, but the Resurrection of all who believe in Him. Let me explain:

First of all, Easter is about the Resurrection of Jesus and the joyful outcome of his mission to save mankind. He is alive! He has conquered sin on the cross, and he has opened wide the way to salvation to all who follow Him. Nothing has ever been the same after Christ's Resurrection.

Secondly, Easter is about our resurrection too. Our personal resurrection from a life of mediocrity is made possible at Easter. It was made possible for Peter too, who had turned away from Jesus, but was rehabilitated after Christ's Resurrection. It was made possible for Thomas also, who doubted Jesus, but became a passionate believer in Him after Christ's Resurrection. It was made possible for millions of people who have taken the Risen Christ at his word to love one another the way He loved us (cf. John 13:34).

People, all over the world, have had their lives turned around as a result of Christ's Resurrection. We have been raised up from a kind of death because Jesus has freed us from death to sin. Death to sin is as bad, if not worse, than death of the body because it is a spiritual death, and spiritual death is enslavement to a world of evil, prejudice, malice, and selfishness. We have been set free of those chains by Jesus who liberated us.

What a reason for giving thanks to God for such a blessed gift on this wonderful day! The new life of the Resurrection is the good news that Jesus preached while he walked the earth. The world we live in and the people we live with are not bad, but the world and the people in it can lead us astray if they are not redeemed by grace.

That is the good news of the Resurrection. The Easter message shows what can happen when people commit themselves to the good news of the Resurrection. God can raise us up if we turn away from sin and work with his grace. He can raise us up right now, give us new life, and fill us with joy.

Easter is all about joy, that our joy may be full (cf. John 15:11). We can find joy in the simplest of things such as being able to rise in the morning to a new day. Reaching out gladly to someone in need. Visiting or calling a friend on the phone. Enjoying the blessing of good company, especially over a meal. Being grateful for your good friends. Feeling renewed when God's grace is at work in your family, in your community, with whomever you meet and wherever you go. For God renews everything, if we only respond to the grace of the present moment.

Break forth in freedom and joy this Easter, for Jesus, our Saviour, has risen this day. Alleluia!

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the, "Easter video poster of Communion & Liberation" - 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 **9.30am on Wednesday 27th April**, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 17th April 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD: WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 **Psalm 117** 2nd reading Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel** John 20:1-9

Sunday 24th April 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS NO END.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 **Psalm 117** 2nd reading Apocalypse 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 **Gospel** John 20:19-31

Sunday 1st May 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 **Psalm 29** 2nd reading Apocalypse 5:11-14 **Gospel** John 21:1-19

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

For more details and how to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every **Wednesday**, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

School of Community in St Edward meets every **Thursday at 8pm** in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church

There will be no Fellowship Group during Holy Week and Easter Week. Meetings will resume on 4th May.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We will be having a closer look at our faith. 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!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre (26

Abbey Water), 2pm on the first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. For more information please phone Elizabeth Gare on 01794 515265. All welcome!

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, then please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

Second Collection

The **Easter Sunday Collection** traditionally supports our parish priests, in recognition for all their dedication, guidance and care they give across our parish. For your convenience there are several ways of making these offerings:

- Loose cash or cheques in the collection basket. Please make cheques out to PRCDTR St Swithun Wells with Easter offering on the back.
- If you are a tax payer and wish to gift-aid your offering you can use the yellow envelopes provided in the reception area of each church. Please ensure all relevant info is included so we can reclaim the gift aid on your behalf.
- Bank Transfer to the main parish account (A/c Name: "PRCDTR St Swithun Wells", Sort Code:30-93-04, A/c: 01786599) using ref: Easter.
- Click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' donate button on our parish website. Start from the green 'donate' button near the top of the homepage.

MESSAGES



Changes to Mass

The **Easter Saturday Vigil Mass at OLQA will start at 8.30pm and not 8pm** as previously advertised in the yellow Lent & Easter Sheet.

Please see the back page of the newsletter for details of all the Masses in our Parish during Holy Week.

During Easter Week (Mon 18th - Fri 22nd April):

St Edward - There will be no Masses, no Eucharistic Adoration and no Confession.

St Andrew - Mass as usual on Tuesday 19th April but no Confession.

St Joseph - Liturgy of the Word on Thurs 21st & Friday 22nd April. Eucharistic Adoration on Thurs 21st April.

Holy Cross - Liturgy of the Word at Holy Cross on Mon 18th, Wed 20th (also Eucharistic Adoration) & Thurs 21st April.

OLQA Masses will continue as normal.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Divine Mercy Sunday - 24th April

Holy Cross Church 2.30pm-4.30pm

Starting at 2.50pm with procession of Divine Mercy Image. 3pm Prayers, Chaplet, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and ending with Exposition and Benediction. Fr Raffaele will be available for Confessions. Refreshments in the Resource Centre afterwards. All are very welcome. Enquiries to Roz Monaghan on 0775 263 9593.

Parish Office Closures & Double Newsletter

The Parish Office will be closed on **Easter Monday 18th April and Friday 22nd April**. Sarah will be taking annual leave on Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd inclusive. The next newsletter to be published will be for Sunday 1st May.

Coffee and Conversation - In OLQA Church Hall following the 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays.

Beginning 4th May. Everybody most welcome!

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 8th May, 1pm-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH An event for all of the parish, especially families. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

Thanks to all who supported the CAFOD Lenten Suppers at St Edward. **£616** was raised for the Ukraine appeal.

Viva Voce

Please pick up your copy of the Diocesan Viva Voce Easter edition (including an insert detailing the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth's Planning for the next ten years), available in our churches now.



Caritas Poverty Challenge

See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

Ukraine Appeal

For information about how you can help please go to: <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine>
<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

We are also supporting the Polish Social Club in Southampton who are collecting for Ukrainian Refugees. **For the latest list of requirements please visit their Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/PolskiKlubSouthampton>
A copy of this list can be found in each of our churches. If you would like to donate any of the required items please drop them off at Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh during office hours.

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

From Monday 18th to Friday 22nd April there will be no Confession at St Edward or St Andrew

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: Not on 19th April at St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;

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MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Holy Saturday 16th April	8.30pm	St Ed	People of the Parish	Monday 25th Apr <i>St Mark</i>	9.30am	HC*	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	8.30pm	OLQA*			Tuesday 26th Apr <i>St George</i>	10.00am	St A
	8.30pm	St A	John Gare RIP	6.00pm		St Ed	
Easter Sunday 17th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> The Layzell Family (Special Intention)	Wed 27th Apr		9.30am	HC*
	9.00am	St Ed				9.30am	OLQA
	9.00am	St A	Maguire & Richard Family FM For the Intentions of Rita Maridor		10.00am	St Ed	
	9.30am	OLQA*				11.30am	HC
11.00am	HC*		Thursday 28th Apr	9.30am	HC*	Ria Cagampang (Thanksgiving)	
11.00am	St J			12 Noon	OLQA	Laurence Rigamonti RIP Anniversary	
Easter Monday 18th April	<u>9.30am</u>	HC*	<u>Liturgy of Word & Communion</u>	<i>St Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	6.00pm		St J
Easter Tuesday 19th Apr	10.00am <u>6.00pm</u>	St A St Ed	Margaret Martindale RIP No Mass		Friday 29th Apr <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am 10.00am	OLQA St J
Easter Wed 20th April	<u>9.30am</u>	HC*	<u>Liturgy of Word & Communion</u>	10.00am	St Ed	Tom Holder RIP	
	9.30am <u>10.00am</u>	OLQA St Ed	No Mass	Sat 30th Apr	9.30am	HC*	Cecilia Taylor RIP 3rd Anniversary People of the Parish
Easter Thursday 21st April	<u>9.30am</u>	HC*	<u>Liturgy of Word & Communion</u>		5.00pm	SSW	
	12 Noon <u>6.00pm</u>	OLQA St J	<u>Liturgy of Word & Communion</u>		6.00pm	OLQA	Eileen Murphy (Wellbeing) Tom Holder RIP
Easter Friday 22nd Apr	9.30am	OLQA	<u>Liturgy of Word & Communion</u> No Mass	6.00pm	St J		
	<u>10.00am</u>	St J		Sunday 1st May	6.30pm	St Ed	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Tony & Joyce Goodfellow (Special Intention) Margaret Martindale RIP
	<u>10.00am</u>	St Ed			8.30am	HC	
Easter Saturday 23rd Apr	9.30am	HC*	George Hendrikse (For Healing) Stanisława and Jozef Szczotka RIP	9.00am	St Ed	Peter Singleton RIP Ann Pickles RIP	
	5.00pm	SSW		Special Anniversary Rosemary Oxby RIP	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>		9.00am
	6.00pm	OLQA	9.30am				OLQA*
	6.00pm	St J	11.00am			HC*	
6.30pm	St Ed		11.00am	St J			
Sunday 24th Apr <i>Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> James Kerr RIP				
	9.00am	St Ed					
	9.00am	St A	Oswald Carr RIP FM People of the Parish * Also Live Streamed				
	9.30am	OLQA*					
	11.00am	HC*					
	11.00am	St J					

OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

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Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

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53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

SSW - St Swithun Wells
Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB

St A - St Andrew
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB