



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

11th OCTOBER 2020: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Fratelli tutti": Rediscover our past

Last Sunday, on the day of Saint Francis, the 4th October, Pope Francis published his last Encyclical. It is a letter addressed to all the people in the world and is called "Fratelli tutti", which in English means "Brothers and Sisters All". It is about friendship and it is a very rich letter.

Pope Francis put at the centre of his pontificate the care of the poor. It is surprising that among them, not only does he consider people who live in material poverty, but also unborn children, the elderly and young generations. For him the poor are those who are particularly in need of God. Their poverty makes us realise that we are in need of Him too. The need of God is what makes us brothers and sisters all. I think this is what makes the Pope's message universal.

The Encyclical has a lot of insights. I can't speak about all of them, I just want to highlight one of them. Pope Francis in the first part of his letter, makes us aware of a lot of dangers that are preventing people from connecting with God. One of them is the loss of the sense of history.

There is a growing loss of the sense of history, which leads to even further breakup. A kind of "deconstructionism", whereby human freedom claims to create everything starting from zero, is making headway in today's culture. The one thing it leaves in its wake is the drive to limitless consumption and expressions of empty individualism. Concern about this led me to offer the young some advice. "If someone tells young people to ignore their history, to reject the experiences of their elders, to look down on the past and to look forward to a future that he himself holds out, doesn't it then become easy to draw them along so that they only do what he tells them? He needs the young to be shallow, uprooted and distrustful, so that they can trust only in his promises and act according to his plans. That is how various ideologies operate: they destroy (or deconstruct) all differences so that they can reign unopposed. To do so, however, they need young people who have no use for history, who spurn the spiritual and human riches inherited from past generations, and are ignorant of everything that came before them".

These are the new forms of cultural colonization. Let us not forget that "peoples that abandon their tradition and, either from a craze to mimic others or to foment violence, or from unpardonable negligence or apathy, allow others to rob their very soul, end up losing not only their spiritual identity but also their moral consistency and, in the end, their intellectual, economic and political independence". One effective way to weaken historical consciousness, critical thinking, the struggle for justice and the processes of integration is to empty great words of their meaning or to manipulate them. Nowadays, what do certain words like democracy, freedom, justice or unity really mean? They have been bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action.

I believe that these words of Pope Francis encourage us to take care of our English Christian heritage. The lives of the saints are part of this, not only our English Martyrs, but also all the saints who populated our country before the Reformation. I think about St Augustine of Canterbury, St Bede, St Edward the Confessor... We have been blessed with a holy history. Let's not waste it!

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Fratelli tutti": a short summary of the last Encyclical of Pope Francis - 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 11th October 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: IN THE LORD'S HOUSE SHALL I DWELL FOR EVER AND EVER.

1st reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 **Psalm:** 22 **2nd reading:** Philippians 4.12-14. 19-20 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER:

1st reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6 **Psalm:** 95 **2nd reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:15-21

PARISH GROUPS



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

Meet weekly:

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.

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.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form) meet weekly on a Friday evening 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.

Oasis (Women's Group) Zoom Meeting Tuesday 13th October, 8pm

A chance to catch up, pray together and build fellowship across the parish. Please contact Jessie if you are not already on the email list and would like to receive joining information.
jessie.woolgar@gmail.com

Fellowship Group (Zoom Meeting) Wednesday 14th Oct, 7.30pm

The theme for this week is "Harvest-CAFOD focus". If you would like to join us please contact Deacon Bob Birtles on: birtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 First Holy Communion and Confirmation 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 baptized, confirmed 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.

Message from Canon Alan

My thanks to everyone for their good wishes, cards and farewell gift on my retirement. I am hoping to move house when my new accommodation is fixed, but I will always have good memories of Saint Swithun Wells Parish and the Community at Bishops Waltham. Please remember me in your prayers.

Volunteers & Volunteers 70 years plus - Our churches have now been open since June 2020 for both private prayer and the celebration of Mass. This has been possible because of our amazing group of volunteers, without them it could not have happened. We wish to thank all those involved for their dedication and hard work. We are also aware that there are many 70 years plus people in our community who would have liked to help but were unable to do so because of being considered to be in a "Moderately at Risk Group" even though fit and healthy. Since the 1st August the rules have been relaxed. Having now established in all our Churches safe COVID protection practices we would like to be more inclusive as to who can volunteer. If you are in the 70 years plus group and feel you would like to join our teams of volunteers please contact:
Holy Cross - Elizabeth Nash (nashp@aol.com)
St Edward's - Dcn Paul Owen
St Joseph's & St Andrew's - Dcn John Di Meo
OLQA - Father Bruce
St Swithun Wells - peterbaggott@aol.com

Parish Office - Linda Roberts will be on annual leave for two weeks starting Monday 12th October, therefore the office will be closed on Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Mon 19th & Tues 20th October.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Missio Red Boxes St Edward's Church - Please empty your red boxes into a named sandwich bag or such like. Bring it to St Edward's at either weekend Masses and give it to myself or Teresa in the repository. Alternatively post it through my letter box: 65 Pine Crescent, Chandlers Ford.
Many thanks, Mary Vokes (Chandlers Ford only).

CAFOD (Survive, Rebuild & Heal)

If you wish to make a donation you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give
Envelopes were made available in our churches last weekend, if you would like to donate this way, we are encouraging people if they can, to donate by cheque or credit/debit card. Just fill in the form on the back of the envelope and send it directly to CAFOD. If you are able to gift aid please fill in the relevant details on the form.

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE)

Sat 24th October, 10am-12.45pm

There will be an inspiring talk "My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" from Mgr John Armitage. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: bit.ly/ADOREOCT20

For more information go www.altonrenewal.com

Two Saints - Clothes collection

Thank you to the parishioners at St Edward's who, over the years, have donated clothes to Two Saints charity in Southampton. In future, Two Saints say they can only make use of the following: socks; boxers; women's underwear; gloves, hats and scarves (always); sleeping bags and blankets (always); younger generation clothes. Please Note: All the people they deal with are young so no older generation clothes please!

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM) & CONFESSION



Live Streamed Mass

Mass at Holy Cross on Thursday, 9.30am and Sunday, 11am is 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** (no booking required)
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).
- **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

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays. Doors open at 4.30pm. Please wear a mask before entering the church. A Steward will direct you to a designated seat. In order to keep the church open, we need cleaners. If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours to help, please contact Pat Baggott on baggott.pm@gmail.com or telephone 02380694060.

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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 10th Oct	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Maria Jacobs RIP Anniversary The Boog Family James Kerr RIP
Sun 11th Oct <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA St Edward Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Paulina Lesniczuk FM Peter Postlethwaite RIP Anna & Steven Goodfellow (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 12th Oct <i>St Wilfred</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Brian Roy Smith RIP Elie Joseph Abdo RIP
Tues 13th Oct <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Intentions of the Layzell Family
Wed 14th Oct	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Anthony & Jenny Bradley (Wedding Anniversary)
Thurs 15th Oct <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Ron Attersley RIP
Fri 16th Oct	10.00am	St Joseph (Church not AH)	
Sat 17th Oct <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> *Vigil Masses	9.30am 5.00pm* 6.00pm* 6.30pm*	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Jackie Callow RIP (10th Anniversary) Mary & John McCaffrey RIP (Anniversaries) Pauline & Tony Wilson (In Thanksgiving)
Sun 18th Oct <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA St Edward Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ian Warwick FM Mrs Edward Christian FM Michael Lane FM Zsuzsanna Pigniczki (Wellbeing)

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