



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

19th April 2020: **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MEETING TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES

Dear Parishioners, Happy Easter!

Last week we broadcasted all the Holy Week celebrations and the Stations of the Cross. Many of you participated and some of your friends and relatives from around the country also followed.

It was an incredibly beautiful experience of unity and communion among us priests and with you all. We received many messages of thanks from you and I am happy we were able to help you to pray.

I must say that celebrating Holy Week this year was not easy at all. It was difficult to do everything alone, without your support, and with a camera always in front of our eyes. However, I also felt a great peace. Knowing that through our words and gestures the Lord was mysteriously reaching you gave me serenity and a lot of strength.

In addition, I must say that the Lord blessed these efforts. During the services there were various moments in which I noticed details in the liturgy that I have never realised before. Precious moments of awareness!

One month has now passed since our lives and routines have been changed, and I feel that we are growing as a community. We are praying more and we are helping each other, especially the more vulnerable. We are more focused on what is essential and on family life. We are more aware of our brothers and sisters all around the world. I think that it would be useful not to lose the experiences we are having. For this reason I would like to propose for all the parishioners an online meeting in which we can reflect and share experiences. **The meeting will be next Friday 24th April at 8.00pm via Zoom.** I would like it to be focused on prayer and faith. You can prepare for the meeting answering one or more of the following questions:

- How did I live Holy Week?
- How are these new circumstances helping my life of prayer?
- Am I growing in my relationship with the Lord or not?
- What difficulties and challenges do I have now in my relationship with the Lord?
- How do I pray now?
- What lesson does God want to teach us with all of this?
- Have I been growing over the past month?

If you want to share during the meeting, starting from these questions, please let me know via email. If you are not keen on speaking during the meeting but you have something you would like to share let me know. My email is: rcossa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

I think it will be an amazing opportunity to listen to each other and to hear what we are all living.

Looking forward to see you all on Friday.

Father Raffaele

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Below are the details for joining the Zoom Meeting.

VIA INTERNET Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded

2. Click "join a meeting"

3. Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

VIA PHONE

1. Dial one of these three numbers: 02030512874, 02034815237, 02034815240

2. Follow the instructions

3. When asked, enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is 'Don't waste these difficult days' an interview with Pope Francis on the Coronavirus emergency. You can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com.



LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 19th April 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

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

READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 19TH APRIL 2020:

1st reading: Acts 2:42-47 **Psalm:** 117 - **2nd reading:** Romans 1 Peter 1:3-9 - **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

MESSAGES



Offerings for our Parish

Due to the current lockdown for public health and safety, parish finances need to be considered.

If you normally give using Planned Giving Envelopes, or in the plate, you obviously will not be able to give that way for the foreseeable future. Please consider making your offerings by direct Bank Transfer, Direct Debit or Standing Order. You may wish to pay into the bank account of the church you normally attend. We have listed the bank account details and the contact details of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators if you are a tax payer and wish to increase your donation by adding the gift aid element. The Coordinators are happy to advise you on setting up direct debit/standing orders and have the necessary documentation for your use. Thanks for your generosity.

Romsey: St Andrew, North Baddesley and St Joseph
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00886557
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: David Martin: 01794 511883

Chandlers Ford: St Edward the Confessor
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00876187
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Mike Greenslade: 02380 262870 or Ian Fearon: 02380 265248

Eastleigh Holy Cross & Fair Oak: St Swithun Wells,
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00877299
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

Bishops Walton: Our Lady Queen of the Apostles
Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04
Account number: 00874648
Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

Book of Prayers

You may have noticed in front of the altar during Mass there is a book where we write prayer intentions. If you would like to send us your prayers for something or someone please let us know and we will be happy to write them in the book.

Phone Contact Groups

If you are a single person or a couple living alone and have no phone contact with anyone else in the parish, please ring the following people if you would like to be put in touch with someone:

Parishioners of St Joseph & St Andrew, Romsey & North Baddesley

Deacon John: 01794 515688

Rosemary: 01794 522411

Parishioners of Holy Cross, Eastleigh

Elizabeth Nash: 01962 712022

June Wilson: 02380 616618

Parishioners of St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

Pat Baggott: 02380 694060

Trisha Holmes: 02380 693669

Marion Birtles: 02380 692416

Parishioners of St Edward's, Chandlers Ford

Deacon Paul Owen: 02380 254806

Parishioners of OLQA, Bishop's Waltham

Canon Alan: 07760 220346

Marianne Wanstall: 01489 894488

Funerals

We would like to keep you informed about funerals we are having so that you can keep them in your prayers:

Vincent Barry's funeral was on Wednesday 15th April

Kazimierz Kay on Tuesday 21st April

Antony Frederick Walker on Friday 24th April

ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



Churches in our Parish

All our churches are now closed for the time being.

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church

Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

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

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm

Please follow the guidelines for the Zoom meetings. You will be able to listen to a meditation given by one of our priests and then join in the Rosary being prayed.

How to join our ZOOM meetings

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0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

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CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS



Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned either by the Parish Secretary or by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882.

Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Everyday 3 Priests will celebrate Mass, that means 3 Intentions can be offered. There are open spaces in the following weeks. If you want to book an intention please send an email or call the office.

There are two options if you want to make an offering for your Mass intention.

(1) You can send to the office a cheque made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (specifying on the back that it is a Mass intention and including the name of the person and the date of the Mass), or if you want you can send a cash offering.

(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** indicating the Mass intention and date.

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

- **Stars of Abraham** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays (from 24th March)
- **Grail Seekers** (Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays (from 28th March)
- **TOZ** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays (from 29th March)

- **School of Community** (Live meeting) 8.00pm Wednesdays

Please follow the ZOOM meeting instructions to connect to the group.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 18th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Michelle & Family for Healing Mrs Edward Christian FM Mary Bain RIP
Sunday 19th April Second Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Gill Farnsworth RIP Deceased relatives of the Coughlan & Corry Families
Mon 20th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Eileen Milles RIP
Tues 21st April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Elie Kazan-Abdo RIP
Wed 22st April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Victor Hymin Poiastro RIP
Thurs 23rd April <i>St George</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mary Bain RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM Nanie Askham RIP
Fri 24th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Sewell Family (Special Intention) Samantha Harris (Special Intention) Brian Bennett (Special Intention)
Sat 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Oswald Carr FM Hellen Altman (Sick) Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sun 26th April Third Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Geoffrey Lanham (Wellbeing) Peter Finucane RIP

CLERGY

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