



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

29th September 2019: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR VISION – PART 3

During the two last weeks we spoke about the vision of our Parish. Today we will speak about Culture.

Culture

In our society when we speak about culture usually we mean what is specific to a country in terms of food, traditions, language, outlook, behaviour... But actually culture is something wider.

If we are in the Church it is because we have a personal relationship with the person of Christ. At some point in our lives we recognised that Jesus is with us, that He is the Lord. We started seeing things in a different way, belonging to a community with the constant view of the living God.

This happened to us and happened to millions of people before us. From the resurrection of Christ many people, because of their faith, have started having a deeper vision of life, understanding better the link between everything and finding with the help of the Lord answers to their questions.

Some of them touched by the living God have produced beautiful expressions in music, art, literature. Others have lived their lives totally fascinated by the beauty of God, we call them Saints. Other people even if not religious have grasped some truth that is valid for everyone. All of this forms our Christian culture.

During this year we would like to suggest some music, novels and books about Saints. In this way we want to meet people who have lived their lives to the full, building the true culture.

For people who like **classical music** there will be the opportunity to listen to some great pieces of music inspired by faith. It will be on the Friday 15th Nov, 13th March and 17th July at 8.00pm in St Edwards.

In September, January and May we will suggest some books to read (one novel and one spiritual book). It will be possible to buy the books after Mass.

I am happy to announce that the first two suggested books are:

- 1) *The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham (a novel)
- 2) *Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy* (a spiritual reading)

I, Father Raffaele, will introduce and talk about the books on Friday 4th October at 8.00pm in St Edwards.



Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy

Chiara Petrillo was seated in a wheel chair looking lovingly toward Jesus in the tabernacle. Her husband, Enrico, found the courage to ask her a question that he had been holding back. Thinking of Jesus's phrase, "my yoke is sweet and my burden is light," he asked: "Is this yoke, this cross, really sweet, as Jesus said?" A smile came across Chiara's face. She turned to her husband and said: "Yes, Enrico, it is very sweet."

At 28 years old, Chiara passed away, her body ravaged by cancer. The emotional, physical, and spiritual trials of this young Italian mother are not uncommon. It was her joyful and loving response to each that led one cardinal to call her "a saint for our times."

Each saint has a special charisma, a particular facet of God that is reflected through her. Chiara's was to be a witness to joy in the face of great adversity, the kind which makes love overflow despite the sorrow from loss and death.



The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham

Set in England and Hong Kong in the 1920s, *The Painted Veil* is the story of the beautiful, but desperate Kitty Fane.

When her husband discovers her private life, he forces her to accompany him to the heart of a cholera epidemic. Stripped of the British society of her youth she is compelled by her awakening conscience to reassess her life and learn how to love.

The Painted Veil is a beautiful affirmation of the human capacity to grow, change, and forgive. And perhaps a nun serving orphans and the dying in the cholera epidemic gives the best moral of the story, by saying: "...the only thing that counts is love of duty; when love and duty are one, then grace is in you and you will enjoy a happiness which passes all understanding."

Fr Raffaele Cossa

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is an article entitled "Newman's First Conversion" by Giuseppe Pezzini and Michaela Young. You can find it on our homepage.

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO US, O LORD, YOU HAVE DONE WITH TRUE JUDGEMENT, FOR WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU AND NOT OBEYED YOUR COMMANDMENTS. BUT GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME AND DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO THE BOUNTY OF YOUR MERCY.

PSALM RESPONSE: MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2019:

1st reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 - **Psalm:** 94 - **2nd reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14 - **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, we start with tea and biscuits, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome. For more details contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

CAFE - the next meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 15th October in St Andrews at 7.30pm;

Monday 21st October in St Joseph's at 2pm.

Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford starting on 2nd October at 7.30pm.

Journey in Faith with the Bible: An opportunity for all to develop through prayer and reflection a better understanding of the readings for the following weekend's Sunday Mass. On Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford starting on Wednesday 9th October.

Dates up until Christmas: 9th, 23rd October; 6th, 20th November; 4th, 18th December. All welcome.

Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 2nd October, 7.30pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak.

During the Season of Creation, Christians around the world rejoice together. We are called to honour the Creator by loving creation and each other. Join us for a prayer service to mark the Season of Creation. Queries to Peter Baggott or Dcn Bob Birtles.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday in the Resource Centre in Eastleigh. Next Meeting Date: 6th October at 7pm. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski)

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

Starting in October 2019 there will be meetings every other week for school years 3-6.

Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;

Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre.

Please complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

For everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 we meet weekly every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Holy Cross 60 Club

The next meeting will be on Monday 30th September, in the Resource Centre, from 2pm until 4pm. See you there. Maureen 023 80692682

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



For the Month of October to deepen our relationship with Our Lady we want to invite everyone to pray the Rosary:

- Every Thursday at 9am in Holy Cross;
- Half an hour before weekend Masses in St Joseph & St Andrew.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for August'19: £12,279.59.

Upcoming Second Collection

5th/6th October for CAFOD Harvest.

PARISH EVENTS

Welcome Back Bishop Philip!

During this weekend Bishop Philip will be visiting St Swithun Wells Church, St Andrew's & OLQA. It will be a blessing for those communities.

Book Talks

The Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham & *Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy* will be introduced on **Friday 4th October, 8pm** at St Edward's.

Get2Gether Family Afternoon

Sunday 6th October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). If you want to bring a cake or some juice, it will be much appreciated, at the end we finish with some refreshments.

Next Get 2Gether date: 3rd November

Parish Lunch: Monday 7th October, 12.30pm at the Hunters Inn, Romsey. Menus are on the notice boards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Sunday 29th September as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Formation for All Volunteers of the Parish

As announced in last week's Newsletter the first Formation will be on **Friday 18th October, 8pm** at St Edward's.

Fast Day Soup Lunch: Friday 4th October

12noon-1.30 pm at St Edward's in aid of this years appeal. Cost £5 each, children £1.

Please come along and bring your friends.



OTHER EVENTS

19th October 2019 - Day for Catechists & Children's Liturgy Leaders

Portsmouth Cathedral 10am to 4pm, lunch will be provided.

Register online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874.

Extra Ordinary Month of Mission October 2019

Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on **20th October at 2pm**, followed by refreshments in the Discovery Centre.

See poster on noticeboards.

SCHOOL NOTICES

St George's Catholic College

There is an Open Morning and Evening on **Thursday 3rd October** (9am-11am & 6pm-8pm), and Open Morning on **Thursday 10th October** (9am-11am). Go to www.stgcc.co.uk/02380322603.

St Mary's Independent Catholic School

There is an Open Evening on **Tues 8th Oct 6 - 9pm**. More info at: www.stmarysindependentschool.co.uk.

St Anne's Catholic School

There is an Open Morning & Evening for prospective Year 7 on **Wed 9th Oct**.

More info at: www.st-annes.uk.com

St Anne's Catholic 6th Form College

There is an Open Evening on **Wed 16th Oct (6pm-8pm)**. More info at: www.stannes6th.uk



MESSAGES

First Holy Communion (FHC)

Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by **30th Sept 2019**.

Confirmation

Please return the completed form to the Parish Office by **30th Sept 2019**.

St Swithun Wells Church - Help needed to clean the brassware once a month. If enough people volunteer to go on a rota, hopefully you would only have to clean 2/3 times a year. Please contact Pat Baggott after Mass or on 02380694060. Many thanks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Fri 4th Oct

This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help the world's poorest people. Fast Day envelopes will be made available in all of our churches from Sunday 29th September.

Margaret French would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way, either by making cakes, donating money or giving their time to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. So far we have raised **£692** but at least another 2 donations are expected. Thank you all.

Feast Day of St Edward the Confessor - Sun

13th October. The 9am Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Edward. The weekend also commemorates the 30th anniversary of the completion of the Church extension and the blessing of the new altar by Bishop Crispian in October 1989. In addition Sunday is the day of the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman by Pope Francis, another reason to celebrate! After the 9am Mass refreshments and cake will be available in the Cloisters to which everyone is invited. If anyone would be able to make or supply a celebration cake please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138 / clarelasker@btinternet.com.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Eastleigh are once again running a CAP Money Course on 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct, 7.30pm at Junction Church, Smith Bradbeer House, High Street, Eastleigh. You are warmly invited to these three evenings where CAP will explain the method it recommends to help you manage your everyday use of money. It offers a system that will help you to budget and save & enables planning for those unexpected things. **Please reply as early as possible to Andrew Pease: peasey27@outlook.com**.



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	
Sat 28th	9.30am	HC	Cyril Hoskins RIP	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Pat Freemantle FM	
	6.00pm*	St J	Newton Carrasco RIP (Anniversary)	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	No Mass	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Jim Shine (Sick)	
*Vigil Mass				
	Sun 29th	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Living & Deceased Members of the Murphy and Lucas Families FM	
	9.00am	St A		
	11.00am	OLQA		
	11.00am	St J		
	11.00am	HC	Robert Richard Alexander Levey FM	
Mon 30th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM	
St Jerome				
	Tues 1st	9.30am	HC	Florence Bohan FM
	10.00am	St A		
10.00am	OLQA			
Wed 2nd	9.30am	HC	In thanksgiving for the people who supported the CAFOD Afternoon Tea	
	10.00am	St Ed	Sheelagh Lloyd RIP	
Thurs 3rd	9.30am	HC	Antonio Cicu FM	
	10.00am	OLQA		
	11.00am	St Ed	Funeral Mass: Stella Brewer RIP	
	6.00pm	St J		
Fri 4th	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP	
	10.00am	OLQA		
	10.00am	St J:AH		
Sat 5th	9.30am	HC	Robert Brockway FM	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Martin Russell RIP	
	6.00pm*	St J		
	6.00pm*	OLQA		
	6.30pm*	St Ed		
*Vigil Mass				
	Sun 6th	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Sheelagh Lloyd RIP	
	9.00am	St A		
	9.30am	OLQA		
	11.00am	St J		
	11.00am	HC	Russell Speight (Special Intention)	

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
 Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm
 Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

ROSARY AND PRAYERS
 St Edward's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
 St Joseph's 6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)
Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross
 12.00 Noon St Edward's
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays: 8.30am St Andrew's

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET
Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 4pm-6pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.
Saturdays:
 Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.
 Fr Luca, 11am-1pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.

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CHURCH ADDRESSES

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 OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN
 HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF
 SSW St Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
 St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP
 St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

- St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210
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 St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200
 Charlton House 023 8067 7575
 St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267