



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

10th May 2020: **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SECOND MEETING TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES**

Dear parishioners,

Three weeks ago, we had a parish meeting to share our experiences and it was focused on prayer and faith. We were all uplifted by listening to each other's words and stories. All your contributions can be read on our website. I would like to propose a second meeting, this time more focused on **charity and service**.

Over the past two months we have seen many acts of love and service in hospitals, schools, in our cities and homes. At the same time, we may have had some difficulties with other people: we may have lost patience, felt useless, or found ourselves challenged to be with the same person all the time. Personally, I have discovered that love begins with those I live with. I am more convinced that, with the help of God and our good will, our home can really be the beginning of the Kingdom of God.

During these days of lockdown, I found a Sermon by Saint John Henry Newman that inspired me. He says, "The best preparation for loving the world at large, and loving it duly and wisely, is to cultivate our intimate friendship and affection towards those who are immediately about us," and, "The real love of man must depend on practice, and therefore, must begin by exercising itself on our friends around us, otherwise it will have no existence. By trying to love our relations and friends, by submitting to their wishes, though contrary to our own, by bearing with their infirmities, by overcoming their occasional waywardness by kindness, thus it is that we form in our hearts that root of charity, which, though small at first, may, like the mustard seed, at last even overshadow the earth". This Sermon intrigues me, and it makes me reflect about what charity should be.

I look forward to hearing your own stories and reflections. **The meeting will be next Friday 15th May at 8.00pm via Zoom.** You can prepare for the meeting answering one or more of the following questions:

- What difficulties and challenges do I have now in my relationship with others: family, friends and neighbours?
- What am I discovering about love and charity?
- Am I growing in my relationships with others?
- Have I noticed any gestures of charity/love that I would like to share with everyone?
- What lesson does God want to teach me with all of this?

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

I think this moment together will be another amazing opportunity to listen to each other and to hear what we all are living.

Father Raffaele

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Below the details of the Zoom Meeting.

**VIA INTERNET**

1. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>
2. Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

**VIA PHONE**

1. Dial one of these four numbers: 02030512874, 02034815237, 02034815240
2. When asked enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

**GEM OF THE WEEK**

This week's GEM is an article 'Soldiers of the Sacraments' from the *National Catholic Register*. You can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com).



# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 10th May 2020:**

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US, O LORD, AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 10TH MAY 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Acts 6:1-7 **Psalm:** 32 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9 **Gospel:** John 14:1-12

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

### Funerals

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

James [Jim] Kerr on Thursday 14th May.

Angela Margaret Mary Phillips on Tuesday 19th May.

### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School News

Since 20th March, when schools closed to nearly all pupils, the school has remained open to children whose parents are critical to the National Covid 19 response. The school has been keeping in touch with children and families through Zoom calls and a daily updates on our YouTube channel - St Swithun Wells.

After 15 years, I will be leaving St Swithun Wells, to become the Head teacher of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. It wasn't easy to take this decision, but I am looking forward to a new challenge and a chance to support the education of the children of Corpus Christi. I am grateful for the support I've received from our Priests and Parishioners - it is always lovely to see you joining us in school.

Please pray for me, St Swithun Wells school and Corpus Christi during this time of change.  
With best wishes  
Ursula

### Tea and Coffee with your church

Do you want to have Tea and Coffee with your church community and priests after Mass? why not! During Tea and Coffee you can see, speak, and listen to those precious friends you are missing. The only requirement for joining is a hot cup of tea or coffee! You can join the Zoom connection following the instructions on the next page of the newsletter.

-St Edward church community

Every Tuesdays at 10.15am

-Our Lady Queen of the Apostles community

Every Wednesday at 10.15am

-Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells communities

Every Thursday at 10.15am

-St Andrew and St Joseph communities

Every Saturday at 10.15am

### Hospital Chaplaincy

It is important that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted. One suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy

## 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.

Special guest on **Friday 8th May**: Bishop Philip Egan

Special guest on **Thursday 14th May**: Father Joe

Mcnerney, chaplain in the Southampton hospitals.

### How to join our ZOOM meetings

Via internet:

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

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

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers

0203 051 2874

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Follow the instructions

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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 24<sup>th</sup> March)
- **Grail Seekers** (Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays (from 28<sup>th</sup> March)
- **TOZ** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays (from 29<sup>th</sup> 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
Sat 9th May	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Chloe Godding (RIP) Fr Cader Leighton (RIP)
Sun 10th May Fifth Sunday of East- er	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Eric and Roslyn Lasker (RIP) and Family Doris Bonello (RIP) Jim Kerr (RIP)
Mon 11th May	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Sean Brannon (Special Intention) Ossie Carr (FM)
Tues 12th May	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Marie Hanna Hayek Barber (RIP) Peter Postlethwaite (Special Intention)
Wed 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Sheila Starrs (FM) Thomas Williams Mason (FM)
Thurs 14th May <i>St Matthias, Apostle</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Dennis Cave (RIP) For all university students taking exams during this period
Fri 15th May	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Phyllis and Georg Roman (FM)
Sat 16th May	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Ann and Margaret French (Special Intention)
Sun 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Archbishop Peter Smith (RIP) Vincent Curmi (RIP) Tom Cronin (Wellbeing)

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