



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

16th OCTOBER 2022: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Missionary By Nature

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady (we celebrated the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on 7th October) and to the Catholic Missions. I recently read the Message for this year's World Mission Day (23rd October) by Pope Francis, and I think that some passages of this document are really helpful to understand what we are called to do as Christians.

The Pope wrote that, 'the Church is missionary by nature': so, mission is not something added to the Church from outside, but is something regarding the nature of the Church. We cannot affirm that we belong to the Church if we are not missionaries.

The Pope explains this concept very well,

'The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive, wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a "missionary" of the Father (cf. *Jn* 20:21), and as such, he is the Father's "faithful witness" (cf. *Rev* 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelise is the very identity of the Church'.

Our mission is to bring the Gospel to everyone, without any fear. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to do this, in every circumstance. So, it is so important to pray to God to give us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A new evangelisation is possible if you realise that mission is our identity. When someone is so grateful for what they have received, they cannot avoid telling everyone about it. We are called to realise the immense gift that the Lord gave us, so that mission will be a natural consequence.

I would like to highlight another passage by the Holy Father,

'Missionaries of Christ are not sent to communicate themselves, to exhibit their persuasive qualities and abilities or their managerial skills. Instead, theirs is the supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and deeds, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation, as the first apostles did, with joy and boldness'.

We don't need to exhibit managerial skills as missionaries, because we are sent to communicate Him, not ourselves. The joy of our witness will be the best ingredient for the evangelisation, always reminding us that we are called to put a little seed in the soil, but the harvest is up to the Lord.

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Ten Year Mission Strategy" Pastoral Letter of Bishop Philip - 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 19th October**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 16th October 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

READINGS: 1st reading Exodus 17:8-13 Psalm 120 2nd reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Sunday 23rd October 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS POOR MAN CALLED; THE LORD HEARD HIM.

READINGS: 1st reading Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 Psalm 33 2nd reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Wed, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

We usually meet on Friday evening in Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

Youth Group Registrations for the year 2022/23 are still open on our website: www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Wednesdays at 8pm in St Edward's

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul

Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Fellowship Group - Wed 19th October at 7.30pm in SSW church, Fair Oak. Pippa and Mike will give a talk on their trip to Iona. Everyone is welcome to join us in person or online by Zoom. For the Zoom link please contact Peter: peterbaggott@aol.com

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on **Wednesdays** from 10am in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

St Joseph's Group meet on **Thursdays** from 10.30am – 12 Noon in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).

The groups are for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

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? If yes, please contact: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre

(26A Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

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!

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at

11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. Although this group came about following the CaFE group's sessions on The Gift, a Life in the Spirit, it is open to everyone in the Parish. The sessions last no longer than an hour. All will be made very welcome.

MESSAGES



Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, will be made available in all of our churches this weekend. You can read 'You will be my Witnesses' 10 year plan at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/>

St Joseph Church Revised Opening Times

Thursdays: 10am-6.30pm

Fridays: 9.30am-10.30am

Saturdays: 10am-7pm

Sundays: 10am-12 Noon

Parish Office - will be closed on **Tuesday 18th October** and **Friday 21st October**.

Upcoming Second Collections

World Mission Sunday on **22nd/23rd October**

Cultural Friday - 21st Oct at 7pm in St Edward

The revolutionary James Webb Space Telescope
We will listen to a talk by Francesco Shankar, Professor of Astrophysics in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Southampton. The James Webb Space Telescope has opened a new window into the origin of the universe and galaxies, but also new puzzles to solve. Professor Shankar will help us to tour towards the early universe learning how astronomers measure the size and weight of the Universe.

7pm - Cheese and wine (suggested donation £1),
7.30pm - Talk.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Come & See Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October, 9am-3pm

St Edward's Cloister Cost: £5 per day.

Spaces are limited. For any enquiries please contact

Fr Luca/Fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Parish Lunch - Wednesday 26th October, 12.30pm at

the Hunters Inn, Romsey. Menus are on the church

notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary

(01794 522411) know your choice of meal before

Tues 18th October as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Good Companions - The next tea for those who live

alone or are lonely will be at 3pm on Friday 4th

November in St Edward's cloister. Please ring Tony

Wilson on 023 80266617 if you wish to join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Candler

and for his family. Roger's funeral service will take

place at St Edward on Wed 19th October at 1.30pm.

Annual Mass and lighting of candles for parishioners who have died in the past year

This will take place at the following churches:

Holy Cross, Wed 2nd November at 9.30am;

St Joseph, Wed 2nd November at 10am;

St Edward, Wed 2nd November at 7pm

St Andrew, Wed 2nd November at 7pm;

St Swithun Wells, Sat 5th November at 5pm.

Going Deeper - Are you wanting to go deeper into your faith and prayer life? A new monthly meeting in the Romsey Parish Centre (26a Abbey Water SO51 8EJ) will provide an opportunity for that. The first meeting will begin at 10.30am on Saturday 22nd October. It will include the Morning Prayer of the Church, discussion of a Carmelite text, lunch (please bring your own), and a period of silent prayer. This meeting is sponsored by the Secular Carmelites (OCDS). For more info please contact Samantha Harris (parish organiser) on 01794 503716.

A huge thank you to anyone who donated in any way to the Macmillan coffee morning organised by Margaret French. The final amount raised was an incredible **£810.61!** Thank you and very well done to you all.

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: 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)

Holy Cross Cleaners

Can you spare an hour regularly on a Friday or Saturday morning? A small friendly team will welcome you! Please contact Frances Curtis on 07896 637045 for more info. Let's keep our church clean and safe!

Kneelers at St Joseph - In order to make it more comfortable for people to kneel during Mass at St Joseph's we are investing in 50 kneelers at a cost of £20 each. Some people have already offered help to cover the cost by making a contribution: this would be greatly appreciated and Janet Cooke will collect any offerings on behalf of the parish.

The Digital Collection Plate - A card reader is now available in the church foyers at Holy Cross, St Edward & St Andrew (to start with). The digital collection is another way to give, it does not replace the second collection baskets or direct debits/standing orders. Alternatively, please scan in this QR code which will take you directly to the online giving page.



Mass Intention Offerings

If you are making your offering by cash or cheque please put this in one of the white Mass Offering envelopes (not the yellow gift aid envelopes) available in the church welcome areas. If you cannot find any please ask someone in the church.

Two Saints Charity in Southampton are in need of the following items: socks, boxer shorts, clothes for younger men, deodorants (even if already used), sleeping bags, hats and gloves. There is a collection box for Two Saints at St Edward in the cloister.

New Forest For Ukraine

Is a community interest company with volunteers transporting donations to Poland & Ukraine. Their main hub is in Lymington but they have 25+ drop-off sites, one is in Romsey (FR Consultants Ltd, Abbey House, Premier Way, SO51 9AQ). For more info and a list of required items please go to: www.newforestforukraine.co.uk

SCHOOL NOTICES

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Vacancy - We are looking for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Closing date for applications is Noon, Monday 31st October 2022.

For more information and to apply please go to: <https://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/vacancies>

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays: Fr Luca is not available on 19th Oct, and thereafter will meet at the new time of 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 15th Oct <i>Morning Mass: St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Allan Barltrop RIP Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving) Christine Morley RIP 1st Anniversary Layzell Family Intentions
Sunday 16th Oct <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ian Warwick FM Daniel Andrade RIP People of the Parish
Mon 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Michael Lane RIP FM
Tues 18th <i>St Luke</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP Joseph Anthraper (Thanksgiving)
Wed 19th	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am <u>1.30pm</u>	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward <u>St Edward</u>	Peter Kelly RIP <u>Funeral Service: Roger Candler RIP</u>
Thurs 20th	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Concepcion Fernandes RIP
Fri 21st	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	
Sat 22nd Oct	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jackie Callow RIP Anniversary Murdo Robie Mackenzie RIP Audrey, Ron & Stephen Chiari RIP
Sunday 23rd Oct <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Anna McElroy RIP Monica Carrasco RIP Anniversary People of the Parish

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