



Our Mission: Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples

13th October 2019: 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: A GUIDE TO CONSCIENCE

Do I always have to follow what my heart tells me? Is it always right? Certainly, everyone has their opinion and we have to respect it. But what if we find ourselves in a world where each opinion clashes with the others', where we are no more able to agree? And again: What is the role of authority in a society like that and in the Church? How is it possible to find a balance between what I perceive as truth and the agreements necessary for building unity among people?

Newman, who Pope Francis canonises today, tried to answer these questions with his famous quote: *Certainly, if I am obliged to bring religion into after-dinner toasts, (which indeed does not seem quite the thing), I shall drink—to the Pope, if you please,—still, to Conscience first, and to the Pope afterwards.*

Joseph Ratzinger commented with these words:

Newman embraced an interpretation of the papacy, which is only then correctly conceived when it is viewed together with the primacy of conscience—a papacy not put in opposition to the primacy of conscience but based on it and guaranteeing it. Modern man, who presupposes the opposition of authority to subjectivity, has difficulty understanding this.

For Newman, the middle term—which establishes the connection between authority and subjectivity—is truth. I do not hesitate to say that truth is the central thought of Newman's intellectual grappling. Conscience is central for him because truth stands in the middle. To put it differently, the centrality of the concept conscience for Newman is linked to the prior centrality of the concept truth.

Conscience for Newman signifies the perceptible and demanding presence of the voice of truth in the subject himself. It is the overcoming of mere subjectivity in the encounter of the inferiority of man with the truth from God. The verse Newman composed in 1833 in Sicily is characteristic: "I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on!"

Truth is what unites us and defeats loneliness. We don't possess it, it is Truth that chances upon us, like a friend that comes to me from the outside. To see this Truth, that resonates with us and our heart, to hear the voice of God that abides at the bottom of our hearts, like Jesus said in the Gospel, only one thing is needed: become like a child, open and honest, seekers of the Truth, together with the companionship of the Church, whose aim is precisely this: give again to us our lost heart.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter entitled "Missio" which was read during last weekend's Masses. 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: 4

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: IF YOU, O LORD SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, LORD, WHO COULD STAND? BUT WITH YOU IS FOUND FORGIVENESS, O GOD OF ISRAEL.

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS SALVATION TO THE NATIONS.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER 2019:

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

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in Holy Cross Resource Centre. It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, everyone is assured of a warm welcome. 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.**

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 16th October, 7.30pm at St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. An evening looking at the life and writings of Cardinal Newman following on from his Canonisation. Refreshments served at the end of the evening. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

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 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.**

Dates up until Christmas: 23rd October; 6th, 20th November; 4th & 18th December. All welcome. Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

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.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday. **Next Meeting Date: 20th October, from 2pm to 4.30pm** where we will be visiting Fryars House in Romsey. The mini bus will leave at 2pm from Holy Cross. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski).

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

For everyone in school years 3-6, we meet every other week: *Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;*
Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC 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.

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.

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 14th Oct 2-4pm
Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104.

Over 60 Club - Will next meet on **Monday 14th October** at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Maureen (tel: 80692682).

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



OLQA, Bishop's Waltham

Please note there will be no Mass on Tues 15th, Thurs 17th, Fri 18th & Tues 29th October.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

New Time for Confession at St Edward's

From this weekend (12th/13th Oct) Confession at St Edward's will now be on Sundays at 8.30am.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £1,511.93;
SO/DD for September'19: £12,423.09

Upcoming Second Collections

Please note there will be a second collection on:
19th/20th October for World Mission;
2nd/3rd November for Bamenda.

PARISH EVENTS



Formation for All Volunteers of the Parish

As previously announced the first Formation will be on **Friday 18th October, 8pm** at **St Edward's**. During part of the Formation we will speak about the Vision of the Parish—we welcome any questions you may have and your honest feedback. Please pick up a copy of "Our Vision" leaflet which is available in the welcome area of each church and on our website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Anne's Catholic 6th Form College

Open Evening on **Wednesday 16th October (6pm-8pm)**. For more information please visit: www.stannes6th.uk.

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

Is looking to recruit **lunchtime supervisory assistants** who will help our children at lunchtime. Please contact the school office on 02380 266210 for more information.

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School is inviting all parents with children who are due to start school in September 2020 to our **Open Morning (9.30am - 11am)** and **Information Evening (7pm -8.30pm)** on **Wednesday 16th October**. If you are unable to make these dates please contact the school on 02380 266210.

OTHER EVENTS

Pilgrimage - Sun 16th - Fri 21st August 2020

Led by Father Des Connolly SMM

This pilgrimage will take us to Pietrelcina (the birth place of Padre Pio), the beautiful island of Capri, to the Shrine of Lady of the Rosary in Pompei, to the Cathedral of the Apostle Andrew on the Amalfi Coast, and then onto the incredible shrine of San Giovanni Rotondo.

We will celebrate Mass each day and Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church together. We will ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother through the daily recitation of the whole Rosary and we will have plenty of time for quiet and personal prayer in some of the most beautiful places in Southern Italy.

Ground Package Price excluding flight cost: £676.00 per person based on 2 people sharing – single room supplement: £120.00.

Flight price is extra – London Gatwick to Naples return. The Flight price will be quoted at the time of receipt of booking form (book early to avoid higher prices!).

2 Nights Half Board in 4 stars Hotel just outside of Naples and 3 nights half board in San Giovanni Rotondo in a very good hotel.

If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Gill at www.tangney-tours.com or phone her on 01732886666.

MESSAGES



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 consecration 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.

Amendment to "Times a Priest is Available to Meet" (see back page of newsletter)

As of this week (commencing 13th October) Father Luca will now be available to meet on Wednesdays from 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Eastleigh. Father Raffaele has amended his time on Tuesdays to 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Eastleigh.

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.
- Also during October every **Thursday (7-8pm)** we will be praying the Rosary for Vocations at St Edward's.

Church Cleaners Needed! As some of our cleaners are stepping down, we really do need a few more volunteers. We work in teams, with each team cleaning for ~1 hour every 5-6 wks. Without this essential service St Edwards will not look as great as it does today - we really do need your help! Please contact Rachel on 07766223181/rachel.sipaul@me.com.

Christmas Cards on Sale at St Edward's

CAFOD Christmas cards will be on sale on 19th & 20th, and 26th & 27th at both Masses.

Charity Christmas Cards (Aid to the Church in Need and Catholic Children's Society) are now available to purchase from the repository after weekend Masses.

St Joseph's & St Andrew's Christmas Draw - 30th

November: This year the proceeds from the Draw will be given to Fryers House, a local charity supporting individuals who have a serious disability to live, learn and work independently. The draw will take place at St Andrew's Church, during the Christmas mini-fayre, 10am-12.30pm on St Andrew's day. Tickets are now on sale.

Recommended Reading

Two suggested books for parishioners until January:

Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham;

Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy;

It will be possible to buy the books after wk/end Mass.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 12th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Street Pastors (In Thanksgiving)
	5.00pm*	SSW	Maria Jacobs RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Paulina Lesniczuk FM
Sun 13th Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Ian Warwick FM
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Deceased members of the Slevin, Kelly & Fox Families RIP
	11.00am	HC	Brian Roy Smith RIP
Mon 14th	10.00am	St Ed	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Tues 15th <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	9.30am	HC	
	10.00am	St A	Karen Smith (Special Intention)
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	11.00am	HC	Funeral Service: Charles Barrass RIP
Wed 16th	9.30am	HC	Alex, Cynthia Okoye & Family (In Thanksgiving)
	10.00am	St Ed	Alexander Hill (Special Intention)
Thurs 17th <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am	HC	Michael Lane FM
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 18th <i>St Luke</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Gwen & Maurice Joyce RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	No Mass
	10.00am	St J:AH	
Sat 19th *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	
	5.00pm*	SSW	Charles & Ivy Charleston RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	Kathleen & Ivor Stroud RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	John Mawdsley RIP
Sun 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Vivienne Dolbear RIP
	9.00am	St A	Monica Carrasco RIP (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Patricia Litherland RIP
	11.00am	HC	

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
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays: 8.30am **St Edward's**
 8.30am St Andrew's

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET
Tues: Fr Raffaele, 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Weds: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, 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.

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 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

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 Charlton House 023 8067 7575
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