



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* 19th MAY 2024: PENTECOST SUNDAY

### AVE MARIA

This month, the month of May, as well as October, is the month of Mary. What does this mean, what is different from the other months? It is a month in which we remember in a special way Mary's presence in salvation history, and thus in some way also in our history. We dedicate this entire month to remembering Mary, because her role in the Church is not secondary. First of all, thanks to her "YES" to the angel who announced to her that she would conceive Jesus through the Holy Spirit, she allowed Jesus to be born, and therefore God to become incarnate. In fact, one of Mary's titles, used especially in the Eastern Churches, is Mary Mother of God.

Then Mary, because of this role she had, and because of how she lived her call, is a model of life, of obedience, of purity, of diligence, and above all of joy in following. In fact, among other things, May is the month when spring breaks out, the flowers bloom, the colours are intense. Although the doldrums of rain remain a constant for much of the year in this country, the May sun cheers up even the saddest of hearts.

She is also the one who intercedes for us. So the most useful thing to do in this month is to turn to her, like a mother who loves her children, asking for her intercession, so that she may bring our supplications before Jesus.

Every morning, when I start my day, among the various prayers I say, there is always the recitation of the rosary, which I do in a peripatetic way, that is, I leave the house and walk around the streets of Eastleigh. I usually pass someone going to work, some mum taking her child to nursery, some dog (I cannot say what!)... As I walk along I whisper Hail Marys, so people will probably think I'm crazy, but deep down I also pray for them in those moments, that Mary will accompany them on a journey of faith towards her Son Jesus.

Mary is precisely the image of hope, of hope for a better world in the future, that is, in Paradise, but also a very concrete hope for every day. She, who experienced the anguish of a mother seeing her son killed in such a terrible way through crucifixion, is the one who more than any other can console us in our difficulties and give us hope for a better future, in the certainty that after the cross and death always comes resurrection.

In remembering Mary, however, we must not forget who was the initiator of salvation history, that is the Holy Spirit, whose solemnity of outpouring we celebrate today, namely Pentecost. With this event, the Easter season ends, everyday life begins, but it can become exceptional if lived in the company of Jesus' mother, a discreet but extraordinary companion, learning from her to welcome the Holy Spirit, thus enabling God to continue the story of salvation through us too.

*Fr Mario*

### GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the Trailer of Takashi and Midori Nagai Exhibition - you can find this on our homepage.  
If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the parish office by **10am on Wednesday 22nd May**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 19th May 2024:** Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

1<sup>st</sup> reading Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 Gospel John 20:19-23

**Sunday 26th May 2024:** Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: HAPPY THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN.

1<sup>st</sup> reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 Psalm 32 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 8:14-17 Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

## PARISH GROUPS



### Fellowship Group

**Wednesday 22nd May, 7pm** at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. An evening about Pentecost sharing readings, poems, hymns and prayers about the Spirit. Everyone is most welcome. If you want to join by Zoom please contact Peter Baggott, [peterbaggott@aol.com](mailto:peterbaggott@aol.com).

**Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings**  
Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;  
Thursdays at 10am in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. All are welcome.

### Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

**Belong & Believe at OLOA - Wednesday 22nd May:**  
Refreshments from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. For more info contact Sue Thomson on 07393 917202  
[sue.thomson.st@gmail.com](mailto:sue.thomson.st@gmail.com)

**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!

**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. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 4th June.

### The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Meet on **Wednesdays** during term time from 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh; The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: [littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com)

**Happy Monday Club** - 20th May from 1pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre (see the 'messages Continued' section of the newsletter for details).

*Please go to our website for details of more groups (e.g. Communion & Liberation, Ark of Fellowship)*

## MESSAGES



**The Rosary will be prayed in Holy Cross** every Thursday at 9.00am (before Mass) during May

**Please pray for our Emmanuel Chituh** who is on a journey to becoming a Deacon. On **Sunday 19th May** at the 9am Mass in St Edward's, Emmanuel will receive the Ministry of Lector.

**Cultural Friday is on a Saturday!** - We have arranged a guided tour of Winchester Cathedral on **Saturday 18th May**. The tour will last about 1 hour and will cost £11 per person - **you will need to pay cash on the day**. We will meet at the front of the Cathedral at 1.45pm. After the visit we will head to the café outside the Cathedral. As we are limited to 30 places, if you wish to go you must phone or email Patricia to book (01962 849425 or [aaustinnippy@gmail.com](mailto:aaustinnippy@gmail.com)).

**Good Companions** - Our next get-together for those who live alone or are lonely is at 3pm on **Friday 24th May** in the Cloister at St Edward's. Please note the start time. If you have any queries contact Tony Wilson on 023 80266617. Hope to see you there.

**Come & See Summer Half Term Club** (for children 7yrs-14yrs) at St Edward's Church **Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May**  
Registrations are now open. For more information

including costs, times, the Club extension and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>  
Please note, registration and full **payment is required by Friday 24th May**.

### Grail Seekers & Student Youth Summer Camp

**Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August**  
St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton  
**Cost: £180 for eldest/only child, siblings £130 each**  
Registrations are now open. For more information and to register please go to:  
<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/camp>

**CAFOD Coffee morning** - The 22nd May date has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The new date for your diary is **Wed 12th June, 10.30am-12.30pm** at St Edward's. Cakes, produce and plants on sale. There will also be a raffle. Donations of cakes & produce gratefully accepted. All proceeds to CAFOD's Humanitarian Appeal for Sudan.

**Jigsaw Puzzles** - Do you like doing jigsaws? Have you got more than you can cope with? We are holding a jigsaw swap on **Thursday 23rd May** at **Coffee Stop** and following the 11am Mass at Holy Cross on **Sunday 26th May**. Anyone can swap or buy one for a donation to the church. For more information please speak to Val Talbot.

# MESSAGES CONTINUED



**Parish Lunch** at the Hunters Inn, Romsey, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm**. All are welcome. Menus are on churches noticeboards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June as we have to pre-order.

## Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Wellington and for her family. Anne's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 22nd May at 12 Noon in St Edward's Church**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill James and for his family. As soon as we receive the details of Bill's funeral we will include them in the newsletter.

## Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest.

**The Happy Monday Club** - The 60s Club at Holy Cross is changing it's name. It will still meet on a Monday at 1pm, either fortnightly or monthly, in the **Holy Cross Resource Centre** and will primarily be aimed at seniors, but adults of all ages are welcome.

We are looking to introduce some new activities such as film afternoons, bingo, outings (including mystery tours), guest speakers, themed food afternoons (Italian, French, Spanish, Irish etc), meals out, basket meals, fish & chips, Christmas lunches, beetle drives, quizzes, Generation Show type demonstrations and many more. We are open to suggestions.

We are looking for new members, not just from Holy Cross Church but ALL six churches in our parish.

**Our first event will be on Monday 20th May at 1pm** and will be a film afternoon. The film, "The Miracle Club" is a moving drama and follows a group of women from Dublin on a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Suggested donation is £2 and ice cream will be served during the film. Please join us and have a fun afternoon! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or for more information. *Karen, Peter and Angela* 07809 596831 or email: [jakeman1966@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jakeman1966@hotmail.co.uk)

## Romsey Relay Marathon, Broadlands Estate 19th

**May 2024** - We are raising money for our youth groups, please give whatever you can.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sswpyouthgroups>. Details of the event can be found at: <https://www.romseymarathon.co.uk/> Thanks, Carrie

**CAFOD** would like to thank all parishioners in St Swithun Wells Parish for your generous donation of **£3,561.95** to the Family Fast Day appeal.

## CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass)	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am (after Mass)	Holy Cross
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew

## First Holy Communion - Sunday 9th June 2024

**9am at St Edward's & 11am at Holy Cross**

Please keep the children in your prayers.

**Holy Cross Shop** - Help is needed to run the shop on Sundays. Please see Diana or Jo after Sunday Mass if you can spare some time. Thank you.

## Gift Aid Personal Statements

This year the parish has decided not to send out individual personal statements due to the high cost of postage. However, if you require a personal statement, please contact your church's gift aid coordinator (details below and on the parish website) and they will be happy to email you the amounts of gift aid claimed on your donations.

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## Message from Bishop Philip regarding his visit to St Swithun Wells Primary School (Tuesday 7th May)

Last week I continued the visitation of our Catholic schools by calling in on two impressive communities: St Swithun Wells in Chandler's Ford and St Swithun's in Southsea. Starting with St Swithun Wells in the morning, we began with a Holy Half Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, with the whole school present, including the children of Reception Class and Year One. The younger children were paired with older children and I was very impressed with the attentiveness and their silent prayer and devotion. After the liturgy, which was held in the school hall, Fr. Raffaele, the parish priest, Deacon Matteo, Canon PJ Smith and I met with Mrs. Anne-Marie Jordan the Head Teacher and some of the governors and senior leadership team, and then with the rest of the staff. We finished with a tour of the classrooms. It was a most enjoyable visit.

**Recognition for former Councillor** - Roger Wood, a long standing parishioner at St Edward's, has been recommended to receive the title of Honorary Alderman in recognition of his public service. Roger was a Councillor for Chandler's Ford from 1964 to 1982. The award will be presented at Mayor Making on 20th May. Many congratulations Roger!

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

## TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

Saturdays: **Fr Mario not on 25th May**, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water)

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 18th May	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Francesco Papallo RIP FM People of the Parish  John Sharkey RIP Anniversary Alexis Pobjoy (Wellbeing)
Sunday 19th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mark Herbich RIP Deceased Members of the Peters Family  Lorina Rebeiro (Special Intention) Peggy Carmody (Wellbeing)
Monday 20th May <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Bryan Hobbs RIP FM
Tuesday 21st May	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Janina Frankowska RIP Imogen Joyce (Wellbeing)
Wed 22nd May	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am <u>12 Noon</u>	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward <u>St Edward</u>	Thanksgiving to St Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady  Fr Peter Wilkie RIP <b>Funeral Service: Anne Rosemary Wellington RIP</b>
Thurs 23rd May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM  Gillian Meaney (Wellbeing)
Friday 24th May	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jennie Lavin RIP Fr Peter Wilkie RIP
Saturday 25th May <i>Morning Mass: St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Ellen Lane RIP FM Stanisława & Jozef Szczotka RIP  Bill James RIP Stewart Russell (Health & Wellbeing)
Sunday 26th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Fr Peter Wilkie RIP  People of the Parish Elvira Golez & Elaine Ceballos RIP

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