



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ **19th JUNE 2022: CORPUS CHRISTI** A Gift Which Is Necessary For Our Lives

We are going to celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). We have received a treasure, the Eucharist, which allows the salvation of all the people in the world, all human beings. In the lives of some Christians, we can see how the Eucharist brought them close to God.

One of them is St Francis of Assisi. His life amazed and continues to amaze the world. How did St Francis become a man so good, so meek, a man so free from attachment to money? Everything started from the Eucharist! Every time he saw a church from a distance, Francis knelt down thinking that Jesus was present there in the Eucharist and said with deep devotion and emotion, "We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout all the world; and we bless you, because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world". The Eucharist made Francis of Assisi similar to Christ, and his life became so marvellous that it also affects non-believers.

Damian De Veuster, a young Belgian priest, went to live in 1873 voluntarily on the island of Molokai, in the archipelago of the Hawaiian Islands, where about a thousand lepers had been isolated: it was a hell of pain and despair, and it became a paradise of fraternity and hope. How did this miracle happen? With the power of the Eucharist! Father Damian was able to say, "I feel the happiest missionary in the world! By the force of the Eucharist, I feel I can transform not one, but a hundred Molokai!".

On 15th September 1993 Fr Pino Puglisi, generous and courageous parish priest of the city of Palermo in Italy, was stopped by some killers while he opened the door of the house at the end of a busy day. Fr Pino was tired after a day spent looking after others and trying to get young people out of the mire of corruption and violence. The killers aimed the revolver at him with the intention of stopping his charity. Fr Pino looked into the eyes of the killer who was about to shoot and gave him a disarming smile. The killer fired quickly, but, later, he declared, "That good, disarming smile defeated me. At that moment I understood that goodness is stronger than wickedness". Where did Fr Pino find the strength of such a great goodness? In the Holy Eucharist that he celebrated every day, immersing his whole life in it.

Why doesn't the same miracle happen in us? Because we resist the Eucharist! We defend ourselves from the Eucharist, we raise walls of pride and selfishness so that the Eucharist does not renew us and does not transform us. We can make a firm resolution: the resolution to open our hearts to the Eucharist, so that Jesus heals the violence and wickedness of our hearts with a new flood of goodness.

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "War and Us" by **Monsignor Paolo Pezzi** - 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 22nd June**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 19th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: YOU ARE A PRIEST FOR EVER, A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK OF OLD.

READINGS: 1st reading Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 109 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel Luke 9:11b-17

Sunday 26th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: O LORD, IT IS YOU WHO ARE MY PORTION.

READINGS: 1st reading 1 Kings 19:16b,19-21 Psalm 15 2nd reading Galatians 5:1,13-18 Gospel Luke 9:51-62

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

For more details and how to join please go to the parish 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!

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 22nd June, 7.30pm

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

The topic for this week is 'If Jesus knocked at your door'. Everyone welcome. If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 21st June we continue our series the Joy of Hope. All are welcome!

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!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.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. All welcome!

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 Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

CaFE - latest course is The Gift, a Life in the Holy Spirit. Our meetings will be as usual at 2pm in the Parish Centre Romsey, repeated at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's N. Baddesley, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, finishing on 26th July. For more information please call/email Ann Heslop: 02380 734429 ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

60 Club - Meets fortnightly in Holy Cross Resource Centre from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome!
Next Meeting: 20th June

MESSAGES



First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th June at St Edward (9am), Holy Cross (11am) and St Andrew (9am). The following weekend they will receive their certificate.

Upcoming Second Collections

This weekend (18th/19th June): Day for Life

For more information please visit the *Day for Life* website at <https://www.dayforlife.org/>

The Catholic Bishops this year invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations, devoting quality time, energy and creativity to caring for the older persons in our communities. The focus of the *Day for Life* this year is older persons. The COVID

pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-2022>

25th/26th June: Peter's Pence

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence>

Parish Office - will close early on Friday 24th June at 11.30am.



MESSAGES CONTINUED

Mass for the Sick & Housebound

Sunday 3rd July at 3pm in St Edward's Church there will be a special Mass in which we will pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish. During the Mass it will be possible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole Parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

CAFOD Volunteer Diamond Jubilee Afternoon Tea

This year CAFOD is celebrating it's Diamond Jubilee. To mark the occasion the CAFOD group at **St Edward's** are holding an afternoon tea in the Cloister on **Saturday 18th June from 4.30pm** followed by a Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm, to which all CAFOD volunteers past and present are invited. If you are able to come please contact Clare Lasker on 02380 252138 a.s.a.p. for catering purposes.

Cultural Friday 24th June, 7pm at St Edward's

We are going to watch a film called 'Father Stu' (starring Mark Wahlberg and Mel Gibson). The film follows the life of Fr Stuart Long, a boxer turned priest who inspired countless people during his journey from self destruction to redemption. We will start at 7pm with cheese and wine followed by the film at 7.30pm. Afterwards, there will be time for a discussion together.

Parish BBQ - Save the Date!

On **Sunday 10th July from 1pm-5pm** there will be a BBQ for all of the Parish in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh. More details to follow. As you know Andrew Lee our Seminarian will be ordained a Deacon on 2nd July in Rome and returns to us on 8th July. Andrew will be with us during the BBQ, we will therefore look to celebrate his Ordination during this event.

Come and See Clubs & Camp

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and for our Summer Camp. For more information, cost and registration please click on the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

Holy Cross Missio (Red Boxes)

The spring newsletter is available. I will be in the Holy Cross Welcome Area before and after Mass on **Sundays 26th June & 3rd July** to give out and collect any Red boxes that need emptying. You can always contact me on 07912 257455. *Denise Karnecki*

Livestreaming from Holy Cross

Please be aware we are no longer livestreaming weekday Masses, however we will continue to livestream Sunday Mass for our housebound and sick parishioners.

Message from Diocesan Communications

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:
Facebook: @PortsmouthRC Twitter: @PortsmouthRC
The Diocese website:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>
If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact:
communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Message from CAFOD: The Paradox of Abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' As Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System - see www.cafod.org.uk/food

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)

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
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, 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

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Hillcrest Ave, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2JP

The school would like to invite you to join them on **Friday 24th June from 2pm (start of Mass)** to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. There will be plenty of activities throughout the afternoon and evening including Scotty the Clown, a Glee Club performance, BBQ and refreshments (available to buy from 4pm) and live music. This event will be held at the school. If you have any photos or memorabilia from the last 50 years they would like you to share this with them prior to the event. The children would also love to hear your stories and experiences of the school. If you are happy to come and talk to the children and share your stories please let them know. Please see church noticeboards for the timetable of events and more information.

Please RSVP to the school office at:
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023 8026 6210

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 18th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Margaret Martindale RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Paul Kearney RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	In Thanksgiving for CAFOD's Diamond Jubilee
Sunday 19th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Thomas 'Ricky' Layzell (Special Intention)
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Francisca Silva R.D.C. RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	Patrick & Alice Neary RIP
Mon 20th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Jack & Chris Malloy FM Jacqui Mesquita-Morris RIP
Tues 21st <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	
	6.00pm	St Edward	Fr Marco (Special Intention)
Wed 22nd <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	John Gibbons (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Thurs 23rd <i>The Nativity of St John The Baptist</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fr Luca (Special Intention)
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Ethel Neary RIP
Fri 24th <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	Margaret Martindale RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	Living & Deceased Members of the Bonetti & Wilson Family FM
Sat 25th <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fr Raffaele (Special Intention)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Mary Costigan RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	For the Intentions of John Dolbear & Lydia Crang and their Future Together
Sunday 26th June <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	For the Intentions of John Dolbear & Lydia Crang and their Future Together
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	People of the Parish
	11.00am	St Joseph	

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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;

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