



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

26th July 2020: **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Time to say Goodbye ...

Two weeks ago, Bishop Philip asked me if I would be willing to leave Bishop's Waltham and become one of the retired priests of the Diocese. I had already been thinking about this and so I agreed to his proposal.

Over my 46 years as a priest, I have worked in several parishes, taught Liturgical Studies at Saint John's Seminary, Womersley and served as Catholic Chaplain at Southampton University. That's been a varied 'career.' The Lord has dropped all those opportunities in my path and I give thanks for that.

I even managed to get published. I made translations of parts of The Ambrosian Missal (used for Mass in the Archdiocese of Milan) and compiled a 3 volume collection of prayers and liturgical resources entitled 'Celebrating the Christian Year.' More recently I made a fresh translation for students of an important Latin document describing the celebration of Easter Mass in Rome in about 680AD.

From the late 1980's I worked for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (known usually as ICEL) as part of a team preparing prayers for Sunday Mass based on the Lectionary readings. Though this collection was not in the end accepted by the Vatican (and there's a story!) it was published in the UK in 1999.

Working for ICEL with experts in Scripture, English language and literature was a great intellectual stimulus. I have always loved the sound of English, having been brought up on the Anglican Book of Common Prayer among many other classics.

It has been good working in this Parish. I am grateful for the support and personal kindness of so many parish members, particularly the Pastoral Committee in Bishops Waltham. I'd like to pay tribute to my colleagues Frs. Raffaele, Luca and Marco, a group of priests whose vision and pastoral creativity I much admire.

I am happy to say that after me there will still be a priest in Bishops Waltham. Fr. Bruce Barnes will succeed me, and I guess he will introduce himself to you in due course when he moves in during early autumn.

Please remember me in your prayers.

*Canon Alan Griffiths*

## **GEM OF THE WEEK**

This week's GEM is 'The story of Stefano Zamagni, deacon of the Fraternity of St Charles living in Washington DC'. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)



# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 26th July 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: LORD, HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26TH JULY:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm: 118 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST:

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3 Psalm: 144 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

## MESSAGES



### Guidelines For Public Mass in Our Parish

We have now begun to have public Masses across our Parish. Please read the following carefully to help you decide if coming back to Mass is safe for you. Please let us know if you have questions.

1) Even if everyone desires to come back to Mass, parishioners are currently not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and ought not attend if the following apply:

- For example if they are sick, or experiencing cold or flu like symptoms
- They are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness, or if they are in the "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions etc.)

It is envisaged that the Sunday obligation will not be imposed until the latter phases of the lifting of restrictions.

2) Alcohol hand gel is provided at the church doors. Parishioners should sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the church.

3) Stewards will be at the Church entrance to assist parishioners when they enter, leave, and during Mass. They will make sure social distancing is respected.

4) Churches have been marked out with appropriate signage to make sure social distancing is respected.

5) We have a limited space available in our churches. When the maximum number is reached it will not be possible to enter the church.

6) We encourage parishioners to come 15 minutes before Mass starts to help the work of the stewards.

7) Parishioners should wear masks or face coverings during Mass.

8) There will be no physical sign of peace. People may still turn to one another and say "Peace be with you."

9) The Eucharist will be distributed under one kind only; distribution of Holy Communion from the Chalice is suspended.

10) When giving Holy Communion in the hand, the priest will ensure that the host is placed in the hand of the recipient in such a way that there is not touching and that the maximum possible social distance is maintained.

11) Social distancing must be maintained in the communion lines.

12) A priest will be available after Mass to hear Confessions if requested, following appropriate social distancing.

13) We encourage parishioners to make their offering by Direct Debit or Standing Order. In any case a basket will be placed at church exits and parishioners may put their collection there.

14) If a parishioner attending Mass does develop Covid, they or their family should make the parish aware.

### Volunteers

We need your help. Volunteers are needed to manage the opening of the churches, stewards to ensure and maintain social distancing, cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment and counters to count, record and store the offertory money.

### Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future. If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

**St Edward the Confessor:** Deacon Paul Owen  
powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Holy Cross:** Elizabeth Nash  
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**St Andrew & St Joseph:** Deacon John Di Meo  
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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles:** Canon Alan  
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### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Proudlove** and for her family whose funeral (family only) will take place at St Edward's at 11.30am on Wednesday 29th July.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



**CAFOD** has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its response through our global Church family. 60 volunteers from around the diocese have pledged to each walk at least 4 miles for CAFOD - to cover the length of Portsmouth Diocese (and back) in the 10,000 steps challenge, including Marina Joyce in Swithun Wells Parish.

Please donate if you can:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cportsmouth-Aldershot>

look out for a mention for our parish in the blog:  
<https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/>

### Parish Newsletter

Please note that due to holidays there will be no Parish Newsletter published on 15th/16th & 22nd/23rd August.

## MASS TIMES



### Timetable for public Masses and private prayer

#### St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

#### St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / [sancha@virginmedia.com](mailto:sancha@virginmedia.com)).

#### Our Lady Queen of Apostles:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass)

#### St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

## PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS



### Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**. Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882**. If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait. Linda Roberts will be available to answer queries via email from Monday to Wednesday 9.30am-5.30pm and Thursday 9.30am-1pm; email: [lroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lroberts@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Mass Intentions

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention). Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

(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**. Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for.

### Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 25th July	6.30pm	St Edward	Edward Fenwick FM Jim Shine RIP
Sun 26th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  Beatrice, George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM Anne Kelly RIP
Mon 27th July		Private Mass	Sister Carmel Wragg (Well Being) Sister Patricia Wragg (Well Being)
Tues 28th July	10.00am	St Andrew	Herbert Howie RIP Robert Hunt (Well Being)
Wed 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	10.00am	St Edward	John Davis RIP
Thurs 30th July	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Janet Burton FM Mary Costigan RIP (1st Anniversary)
Fri 31st July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>		Private Mass	
Sat 1st Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Anne Silverton RIP Robert Bucknell RIP (12th Anniversary)
Sun 2nd Aug <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  Arthur Heslop RIP  The Walsh Family (Special Intention) Leo McCabe RIP

### CLERGY

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