



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 21st May 2023: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Come, Holy Spirit! Come, through Mary'

The time of the Liturgical Year that we are living is characterised by the frequent references to the Holy Spirit in the daily readings. Moreover, the solemnities we are approaching are reminding us of the importance of asking the help of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity in our life's struggles. We have just celebrated the Ascension of the Lord last Thursday, and we are going to celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost next Sunday.

The Church wants to encourage us to trust in God's comforting presence in our battle against evil, temptations, hardships of life, and bad feelings that we can experience. We are not alone when we face our difficulties. God is with us, and we just need to be aware of this and to ask in prayer His powerful help. The Holy Spirit is the actual presence of God in the life of the Church, day by day. Every time we gather to pray together, He is there, among us. He comforts us, heals us, strengthens our will, purifies our love, gives us courage, helps us to make the right decisions. So, it is extremely important to ask for His guidance and assistance. We can really be sure that God wants to fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, to recognise God's presence in our world and in the people we meet; understanding, to learn how to live as Jesus' disciples; right judgment, to help us to decide between right and wrong; courage, to be willing to take risks in order to follow Jesus; knowledge, to perceive the greatness of God and His love for us through creation; piety, to show our respect for God; holy fear of the Lord, to recognise that God is God.

At the end of the last book of the Bible – the book of the Apocalypse (or Revelations) – we can read this prayer, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'. This prayer describes the correct attitude of all Christian life: the waiting of His coming. In this waiting, each Christian is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. We can also pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit!', full of desire that He may fill our life with peace, joy, and charity. And maybe we can add this second prayer, 'Come, through Mary', especially in this month of May, dedicated to Our Lady. Everything comes from the Holy Spirit, and so we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit!'. And we can add, 'Come, through Mary', because Her yes ('Fiat') is the model for our daily yes, our daily yes to all the circumstances the Providence of God asks us to go through.

Let us pray this short invocation, 'Come, Holy Spirit! Come, through Mary', especially for the numerous children who are going to receive their First Holy Communion in our Parish in a few weeks (11th June). And let us pray the same invocation for our teenagers who are going to receive their Confirmation from Bishop Philip in Portsmouth's cathedral on 4th June: Aiden, Alessandra, Athena, Caleb, Carmella, Dian, Elle, and Mika.

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Roots & Bridges" by Pope Francis - 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 24th May 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 21st May 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: I AM SURE I SHALL SEE THE LORD'S GOODNESS IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 26 2nd reading 1 Peter 4:13-16 Gospel John 17:1-11a

Sunday 28th May 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

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

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

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Tuesdays, 4pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Wednesdays, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Saturdays, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross R/Centre.

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

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Usually Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm in Holy Cross R/Centre.

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

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!

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy

Cross Resource Centre. On 23rd May we will be

exploring the Sycamore Course 6th Session,

"The Bible." All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - St Swithun Wells Church, Fair

Oak. We will not be meeting during the month of May.

Meetings will resume on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm.

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very 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

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

MESSAGES



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

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Barras and for her family. Helen's Funeral Mass takes place on **Wed 24th May at 12 Noon in Holy Cross Church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Brian Croughan who recently died in our parish. Fr. Brian's Requiem Mass will take place at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville on Friday 2nd June at 2.30pm.

Upcoming Second Collections

20th/21st May for Catholic Communications Network.

Each year, the Vatican and many dioceses mark World Communications Day on the Sunday before Pentecost.

The Pope's theme for this year is: "Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (Speaking the truth in love). Second collection baskets will be available after Mass, alternatively parishioners may give online at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-2023>

This collection will close on 30th May.

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School & Mass

The children of St Swithun Wells Primary School will actively be involved in our Sunday Mass at St Edward's on 21st May by assisting with the readings, singing and offertory. It will be lovely to have the children actively participate in the Mass.

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

Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June, 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.** Completion of the registration form and payment (to be made by bank transfer) is required by Friday 26th May 2023.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 23rd May**, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Parish Get2Gether Walk and Picnic

Saturday 3rd June, 10.30am – 3.30pm

An event outdoors (hoping for good weather!) for all of the Parish, in particular families.

Our Get2Gether will begin at 10.30am in the Forest of Bere (Wickham), at the following address:

6 Hundred Acres Rd, Wickham, Fareham PO17 6JB (approx. 25mins from our Parish).

You can leave your car in the large forest car park (parking charge: £5 - you can pay with coins or card).

Event programme:

10.30am Arrival at the Forest of Bere car park (6 Hundred Acres Rd, Wickham);

11am Circular walk in the forest. The walk lasts one hour, it is a moderate waymarked trail on gravel that takes us through the west walk part of the forest. It returns to the start in a loop. The walk is suitable for adults and children. Please bring suitable shoes and clothes, hat, a bottle of water, rucksack.

There is the option of an easier walk of 30mins suitable for pushchairs;

12 Noon Picnic in the field close to the car park, please bring your food/beverage/plates/blanket. You will have to take your litter home, there are no rubbish bins in the park. Toilets are available.

Free time for the children to play in the playground and among themselves;

1.30pm Music and games for everyone;

3pm Visit of St Peter church in Soberton with explanation of the life of St Wilfrid and the first evangelization of the Meon Valley. The church is 10mins by car from the Forest of Bere, a large free car park is available;

3.30pm End (free Ice Cream for everyone).

To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link. There you will find a map, more information and some photos.

Safeguarding Training

Every volunteer working with children or vulnerable adults has to complete safeguarding training every two years. For those who cannot, or prefer not to use the online training, there is an opportunity to attend face to face training instead. The training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with

children and/or adults at risk. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training. Anyone working or volunteering in a relevant role across the Diocese is most welcome.

Saturday 3rd June 2023

Venue: St Vincent De Paul, Aldermoor Close, off Coxford Road, Southampton, SO16 5ST.

Morning Session - Child Protection, 10am to 12 Noon

Afternoon Session - Working with Adults at Risk, 1pm to 3pm.

To book your place on this course/or a session please email: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Churches Together, TOGETHER 2023

As with last year, in the lead-up to Pentecost this year, the whole Church across Eastleigh Borough is invited to join together "in one place" at **Eastleigh Parish Church, All Saints', Desborough Road (corner of Derby Rd), Eastleigh, SO50 5NH** on the **Saturday evening of 20th May 2023 from 6.30pm-8.30pm.**

The evening will include the worship of Jesus led by the *Sound Worship* orchestra once more - and this time joined by *The Kings School Choir*. There will again be an opportunity to pray together for Chandlers Ford & Valley Park / Eastleigh Town / Bishopstoke, Fair Oak & Horton Heath / Hedge End, West End and Botley / Southern Parishes. We therefore really hope you can join us for what we pray will be a wonderfully encouraging evening for the Churches Together, Together!

St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish,

Part time Assistant Parish Administrator

Flexible, 15 hours per week, Salary of £12 per hour

Closing date for applications: **Wed 29th May 2023**

Interviews: **Friday 2nd June 2023**

For a job description, more info and an application, please go to:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VwQifW9Vie>

Or click the QR code.



Message from CARITAS - Wanting to volunteer?

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team help make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit our website for details (<https://caritas.org.uk/act/>) or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

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

Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

Saturdays: Fr Marco, not available on 20th or 27th May, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 20th May	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Bryan Hobbs RIP FM Stanisława and Jozef Szczotka RIP In Thanksgiving Thomas Doherty (In Thanksgiving for his 100th Birthday)
Sunday 21st May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</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> Phil & Sarah (Wedding Anniversary) People of the Parish Bogdan Jakubaszek RIP Antonio Foca RIP
Mon 22nd	9.30am	Holy Cross	
Tues 23rd May	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Dillion Walsh (For Recovery) Joan Applin RIP Birthday Anniverary
Wed 24th May	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am <u>12 Noon</u>	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward <u>Holy Cross</u>	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM Joe Moloney RIP <u>Funeral Mass: Helen Barrass RIP</u>
Thurs 25th <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Ellen Lane RIP FM Malcolm & Teresa Rayment (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Fri 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sr Monica Tywang (Diamond Jubilee) Michael Colyer RIP
Sat 27th May <i>Morning Mass: St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Oswald Carr RIP FM Thomas Carr (Birthday Intention) Kathleen, Ivor & Susan Stroud RIP
Sunday 28th 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> People of the Parish Clare Fisher RIP Anniversary Nabiha Akoury RIP Sr Gina Cardosi (Diamond Jubilee)

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Fri 9.30am-2.30pm (see newsletter for changes).

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Safeguarding: Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield (rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)