



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

19th JANUARY 2020: **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Peace Be With You

A tradition of modern times is that for the beginning of the New Year the Pope issues a World Day of Peace message. This year Pope Francis gave us the 53<sup>rd</sup> such message, describing peace as 'a journey of hope focussed on dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion.'

We have been blessed in this country with relative peace for many years but, as recent events in the Middle East have shown, that peace can be subject to unexpected and sudden change, with consequent threats to world stability. We know that every conflict, however remote from us here, is one conflict too many - and that we need to pray and work for peace continually.

Pope Francis has reminded us that 'Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family.' We pray not just for world peace and for peace in our own country after recent years of turmoil and disunity, but also for peace in our homes and peace in our hearts. There are many factors which work against the possibility of peace – injustice and prejudice, fear and anxiety, lust for power and greed – but there are also factors which help us to achieve that sense of peace.

The most precious gift on the road to peace is our acknowledgment of the love that God has for each one of us. Jesus says, 'My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.' (Jn 14:27) St Paul tells us that the peace of God is 'so much greater than we can understand.' (Phil 4:7) God's love, says Pope Francis in his message for peace, is 'liberating, limitless, gratuitous and tireless.'

Among the factors linked to our peace as individuals we might consider just two. The first is the concept of rest for our soul (*quies* in Latin). Rest in the Lord is a recurring theme in Sacred Scripture. The psalm 'The Lord is my shepherd' has this comforting and consoling line: 'Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.' We are invited to trust in the Lord, to find strength through our weakness, to abandon our defensive and manipulative ways and to find that inner stillness which comes from cultivating a steadfast presence with the Lord.

The second is compassion and loving-kindness (*pietas* and *miser cordia* in Latin). In Michelangelo's Pietà we see, via the genius of the sculptor, the tenderness of the Mother of God for the Son to whom she gave birth and for whom she grieves in death. Loving-kindness expresses the yearning of God's love for us, his steadfast tenderness and compassion that brings us peace. We are invited to reciprocate this love in our lives.

As we read the Sacred Scripture in this Year of the Word let us be aware of the elements which contribute to that peace which is beyond all understanding, that peace which the world cannot give. Each day in Morning Prayer, as the *Benedictus* is recited or sung, we can ponder the phrase which recalls us to the 'loving-kindness of the heart of our God, who visits us like the dawn from on high. He will give light to those in darkness ... and guide us into the way of peace.' May we all come to know and value more deeply in this Year the treasure that is the gift of peace in our hearts. Lord, guide us into the Way of Peace.

*Deacon John*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the story of Sister Catherine Holum, a former speed skating Olympian turned Franciscan sister - you can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com).

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 19th January 2020:**

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** ALL THE EARTH SHALL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU, O GOD, AND SHALL SING TO YOU, SHALL SING TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH!

**PSALM RESPONSE:** HERE I AM, LORD! I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3 - **Psalm:**26 - **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17 - **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

## 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, we start with tea and biscuits, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 7.30pm. 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. Upcoming dates: 22nd Jan, 5th Feb, 19th Feb

### Journey in Faith with the Bible

Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. All Welcome.

Upcoming dates: 29th Jan, 12th Feb, 26th Feb  
See poster on Church Noticeboards or contact Anne Owen on 02380 254806 for more information.

### Fellowship Group - Wednesday 22nd January, 7.30pm, St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak.

The Historical Context of the Old Testament - this is the third of Deacon Bob's occasional series of talks and discussions for the "Year of the Word". The meeting is hosted by the Fellowship Group. Refreshments afterwards - all are welcome. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

### School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

### CaFE: The Year of the Bible!

CaFE invites you to join us exploring 12 Bible themes beginning:

**Mon 27th January, 2.30pm in Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water);**

**Tues 28th January, 7.30pm in St Andrew's Social Centre.**

The DVD and accompanying book (£10) is available. Contact sheila.keefe20@gmail.com.



### TOZ (for young people from school year 10)

meet twice a month on Sunday. Next Meeting Date: 26th January, from 7pm to 8.30pm (Topic).

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.

### Fryern Prayer Group - St Edwards

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20th January from 2-3pm at the home of the O'Neill's, 19 Carthage Close, SO53 2BL. We will be starting studying our Year Of The Bible using CaFE materials . All Welcome

## OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



### St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;  
SO/DD for December '19: £12,672.09

### Second Collection (Change of date)

Next weekend (25th/26th January) we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

## PARISH EVENTS

### Parish Quiz

Beat the January blues by coming along with your brain matter and an essential sense of humour to a Parish Quiz being held at **St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak on Friday 24th January at 7.30pm**. Bring and share some food & drink, enjoy a raffle, mingle with your fellow parishioners. **Tickets are £5 each** which includes 2 strips of raffle tickets. Children are free but will need to be included in the numbers (so should have a ticket). Tickets are on sale in our churches. All proceeds in aid of CAFOD. Maximum number is 60. Contact Joanna on 07437 440299 or the Parish Office for more info.

**Come & See - 3 Days for Young People in School Years 7-9**, Fri 14th - Sun 16th February 2020, **St Joseph's Centre in Ashurst**. For more info & an application form go to [ww.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://ww.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk). **Registrations close on 19th January 2020.**

**Call My Bluff** - Tues 18th Feb in **Romsey Parish Centre, starting at 2pm and finished by 4pm**. Come and learn not only new English words but also what convincing liars some of your fellow parishioners can be. Numbers will be restricted by space available so we will collect names at the beginning of Feb. No charge and a free cup of tea/coffee.

**Good Companions** - Feeling lonely? Why not come and join us for a delicious lunch and good company at **Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, meet at 12noon for 12.30pm start on Wed 5th February**. Enquiries to Pauline on 023 80266617 or Susie on 023 80263436.

### Praise In The Parish!

St Augustine said "to sing is to pray twice", so on **Friday 7th February, 7.30pm at OLOA, Bishops Waltham** give thanks and praise to the Lord through music. Sing it out loud (or very quietly if you prefer). Open to everyone and just come as you are. (Joanna on 07437 440299/[joannapuzzle@gmail.com](mailto:joannapuzzle@gmail.com))

## SCHOOL NOTICES

St Swithun Wells PTA is holding a family race night on **Friday 7th February**. Doors open at 6.30pm with first race at 7.15pm. Tickets must be purchased in advanced: Adults £2, Children £1. Bets will be 50p. Food (chilli or pasta) and licensed bar available to buy on the night. For tickets please contact [Susanna.rayner@yahoo.com](mailto:Susanna.rayner@yahoo.com) / 07793821853.

## MESSAGES

### Recommended Reading

The two new suggested books for parishioners are:  
**A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai** by Fr. Paul Glynn (£12);  
**I'm Not Scared** by Niccolò Ammaniti (£8).  
It will be possible to buy the books after wk/end Mass.

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity (19th-26th Jan)**  
Churches Together in Chandlers Ford are holding their Unity Service on **Sun 26th Jan, 4pm at St Martin in the Wood Church**. During this week parishioners may also enjoy 'prayer walks' between the various churches in Chandlers Ford. CTCF have written a set of possible walks with some ideas on how to use them and I will be happy to share these with anyone who is interested. Paul Carmody on 02380 615373.

Churches Together in Eastleigh are holding their Unity Service on **19th January, 6.30pm at All Saints Church, Eastleigh**. All are welcome to attend.

**Message of Thanks** - Poitiers Care & Two Saints would like to thank all those who donated Christmas Gifts, food or money over the festive period. Many thanks to those who continue to support us on a regular basis throughout the year.

**CAFOD Update Meeting** - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at **St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX from 10:15am to 12:15pm**. At the meeting Lizzie Funnell Programme Officer for the Middle East will give a talk on CAFOD's work there. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385.  
*Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth*

### St Swithun Wells Parish requires a Part Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals. We require an enthusiastic, discreet and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload. The job is part-time (7 hours per week to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday/Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) with a salary of £3,535.30 per annum (FTE £17,672.20). For more details and an application form please see the parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office ([stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk); tel: 02380 273882). **Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Presentation to Fryers House** - St Joseph's and St Andrew's churches held a Christmas fayre at the beginning of Advent, raising **£900** to help towards buying much-needed physiotherapy equipment for Fryers House in Romsey. The cheque presentation was made on Sunday, 12th January by Father Raffaele. May we take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and parishioners who supported this event.

**Holy Cross & St Edward's Planned Fire Evacuation** **19th January 2020** - please listen closely to the announcements that will be made on that day.

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Deceased Members of FOSS
	5.00pm*	SSW	Rocio Bates (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm*	St J	Muriel Matthias (Well being)
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	
Sun 19th Jan  Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	John Gallagher RIP
	9.00am	St A	Mrs Alice Hughes (for recovery)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Fr Louis Catterall RIP
	11.00am	HC	Hazel Freda Jurd FM
Mon 20th	10.00am	St Ed	Sheila Mundy RIP
Tues 21st <i>St Agnes</i>	9.30am	HC	Mary Johnston RIP
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 22nd	9.30am	HC	Ronald Walter Russ FM
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP Anniversary (FM)
	11.00am	St Ed	<b>Funeral Mass: William (Bill) Jones RIP</b>
Thurs 23rd	9.30am	HC	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Sr Margaret Young (Well Being)
Fri 24th <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Deceased Members of FOSS
	10.00am	St J:AH	Muriel Matthias (Well Being)
	10.00am	OLQA	Evelyn Carlson RIP
Sat 25th <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>  *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Peter Lucas RIP
	5.00pm*	SSW	Harry Long & Joan Long RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	William & Josephine Longworth RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Maura McAuliffe (Birthday)
Sun 26th Jan  Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Mick & Marie Whitty RIP
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Eric Norman RIP
	11.00am	HC	Maria Smyth FM

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Tues:** HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)  
**Thurs:** St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm  
**Thurs:** St J - 4-6pm, Rosary & 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, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.  
**Weds:** Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.  
**Fridays:** Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.  
**Saturdays:** Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.

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**St Ed** St Edward's, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU  
**OLQA** Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN  
**HC** Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF  
**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

### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210  
St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603  
St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200  
Charlton House 023 8067 7575  
St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267