



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

**27TH DECEMBER 2020: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

## Family Life – A Gift From God

The Scriptures provide us with some wonderful texts concerning the major events in the life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple, the Flight into Egypt and the Finding in the Temple. These texts highlight the joys and sorrows of family life, but they also represent the tremendous power and witness of this social unit as a sacramental sign ordained by God, in which children and parents grow in their love of each other and for the God who made them.

When we turn to the example of the Holy Family for a way of growing in love, we forget that there were many years which are not accounted for in Scripture when Jesus grew and developed within an environment which promoted love, security and truth. Jesus emerges from this secure and loving environment, based upon the firm foundation of God's laws and teachings, to face his Public Ministry.

It is not surprising that God should choose the Family as a place where Jesus could grow in stature and love with God and his fellow community. Imagine what would have happened if Jesus was surrounded by domestic violence, intimidation and falsehood! The Holy Family allowed time for each other to be what God wanted; they were able to *breathe in* the presence of God, because they gave Him the opportunity to fill their lives and permeate their home.

It is indeed a very sad state of affairs when a society or a culture marginalizes family life or allow its breakdown. The results are so often seen in a fractured community, which has lost its roots in self-respect, and the respect for the lives and well-being of others from conception to grave. Let us pray that the joy of the Holy Family may be recaptured as we embark upon a New and adventurous Year filled with God given possibilities.

*Father Bruce*

## **GEM OF THE WEEK**



This week's GEM is a video by Fr Raffaele explaining the idea of a new parish centre - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 27th December 2020:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

**PSALM RESPONSE:** HE, THE LORD, IS OUR GOD

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 **Psalm:** 104 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Letter to the Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

**SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US.

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 **Psalm:** 147 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 **Gospel:** John 1:1-18

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2021:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 **Psalm:** 28 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 **Gospel:** John 5:1-9

## PARISH GROUPS



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

We are now on our Christmas Break. We normally meet:

**Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;**

**Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;**

**Sat 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.**

To join Stars of Abraham please click the link on our website.

**Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)** - We are now on our Christmas break. To join the group and for more information please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

### Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

We are now on our Christmas break, we normally meet weekly on a **Friday evening at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre**. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking on the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

**Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca)** is meeting **every Wednesday**, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

**Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Raffaele)** is meeting **every Thursday at 8pm** in St Edward's cloister.

**Fellowship Group** - now on our Christmas break. We will resume in the new year, date to be advised.

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MESSAGES



### Changes to Mass

**Epiphany is on Wednesday 6th January 2021** and is a Holy Day of Obligation, therefore extra Masses will be celebrated across the Parish on this day.

### OLQA Open for Private Prayer

From 26th December OLQA church will be open daily from **9am until 12 Midday** for private prayer.

### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret (but known as Peggy) Baigent, and also for her family. Peggy's funeral will be celebrated at Southampton Crematorium on **Wednesday 30th December at 12.15pm**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marcella Cheater, and also for her family. Marcella's funeral will be celebrated at **St Joseph's on Friday 8th January at 11.30am**.

### A New Parish Centre

You will find a sheet giving details about an idea for a new Centre for our Parish in our churches. A video by Fr Raffaele explaining the idea of the new parish centre is also available on our website. Please have a look.

**Parish Office** - The Office will be closed from Christmas Day and will now **re-open on Tuesday 5th January (was previously advertised as Mon 4th)**. We would like to wish all of our parishioners peace, joy and health over Christmas and throughout 2021!

### Christmas Collection

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our Parish priests and all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Parish. The Diocese has decreed that collections made on 27<sup>th</sup> December should be counted as Christmas Offerings.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Diocesan Courses

**Formation on the Mass** - This coming January, you are invited to join us for a **Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions** to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. This course will be especially helpful to catechists, readers and parents of First Holy Communion children, but it is open to everyone. It will be taking place on **Monday evenings from 7-9pm, from the 11th January to the 15th February**. Sign up for the course at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-mrpjltEtDVpuf54s7y-BFuAraTIVe6>

**Formation for Readers** - the 2021 workshops will take place in **February (6th & 13th)** and in **April (17th & 24th)**. Participants need to have attended both workshop 1 and workshop 2, and completed a reading practice to receive a Diocesan *Recognitio*. Sign up for the workshops at: <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

### Message from Bishop Philip about the Diocesan Survey of People and Parishioners

We want to better understand what you the people and parishioners of our Diocese think and what you

consider is important as we journey in faith together. It will inform my thinking about our priorities for the next few years. The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XRKQDS> and there is a paper version for those unable to access the digital version: please leave a message with name and address for Chris Smith our Director of Communications on 02394 216496.

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

If your child is starting school in September 2021, applications are open until **15th January 2021**. A video tour of the school is available on our website ([www.st-swithunwells.org.uk](http://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk)), please contact the school office for more information 02380 266210.

### St Anne's School

Is holding a consultation on its admissions arrangements for September 2022. Please see [www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com) and then go to admissions. The consultation will run until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

## MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM) & CONFESSION

### Live Streamed Mass

Mass at Holy Cross on Thursday, 9.30am and Sunday, 11am is streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

### To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph's & OLOA

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (no booking required)
- **Friday 10am** (no booking required)
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wednesday through to Friday (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 Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / [joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Thursday 12pm (Midday) & Sunday 9.30am**. To reserve a seat please email: [olqamassbook@gmail.com](mailto:olqamassbook@gmail.com)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesdays:** St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)  
**Thursday:** St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

### Private Prayer

The following churches will remain open **after Mass until 11.30am** for private prayer (see back page for Mass times):

**Tuesday:** St Andrew's  
**Wednesday:** St Edward's  
**Thursday:** Holy Cross

From 26th December OLOA church will be open daily from **9am until 12 Midday**.

### CONFESSION

#### (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward's
<b>Saturdays:</b>	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph's
<b>Sundays:</b>	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew's

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

**Tuesdays:** Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.  
**Wednesdays:** 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, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water) Romsey

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION	
Sat 26th Dec	8.30am 9.30am	HC OLOA	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	Mon 4th Jan	9.30am	HC	Gualtero Family FM	
St Stephen	<u>11.00am</u> 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW St J St Ed	James Rice RIP  Patrick & Alice Neary RIP Wilson Family (In Thanksgiving)	Tues 5th Jan	10.00am 6.00pm (Vigil)	St A St Ed		
Sun 27th Dec	8.30am 9.00am	HC St Ed	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Felino & Angie Cagam- pang (In Thanksgiving)	Wed 6th Jan	9.30am <u>10.00am</u> <u>10.00am</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u> <u>7.00pm</u>	HC* St J OLOA St A SSW St Ed	Mike Walsh RIP   Albert James Boaden FM	
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am  11.00am  11.00am	St A OLOA St Ed  HC* St J	Marchesi & James Family Intentions Margarita Cedric Charles Harris FM Robert Twigg RIP (Anniv)	<i>Epipha- ny of the Lord</i>	Thurs 7th Jan	9.30am  Midday 6.00pm	HC*  OLOA St J	Keith Clark RIP & Ray Harrison RIP  Ellen Jackson RIP
Mon 28th Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30am	HC	Maurizio Sabatini RIP Souls in Purgatory RIP	Fri 8th Jan	10.00am 10.00am	St J St Ed	Eddie Palmer RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM	
Tues 29th Dec <i>St Thomas of Canterbury</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	Eric, Roslyn Lasker & Family	Sat 9th Jan	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW St J St Ed	Smyth Family FM Harry & Joan Long RIP Sr Patricia Wragg RIP	
Wed 30th Dec	9.30am 10.00am	HC St Ed	Lydia & Manuel RIP Anthraper Family (Thanksgiving)	Sun 10th Jan	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am  11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOA St Ed HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  Harry Roydon RIP (Anniv)  Deceased relatives of the Sweeney Family RIP Ethel Neary RIP	
Thurs 31st Dec	9.30am  Midday 6.00pm	HC*  OLOA St J	Michael Quigley (Special Intention)  Sebi Devassy RIP (Birthday)	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>				
Fri 1st Jan <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	10.00am 10.00am	St J St Ed	Mary & Dan Costigan RIP Eric, Roslyn Lasker & Family					
Sat 2nd Jan <i>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW St J St Ed	Canon John Doran FM  Special Intention Emily Ray RIP (100th Birthday Anniversary)					
Sun 3rd Jan  <i>Second Sunday of Christ- mas</i>	8.30am 9.00am  9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am  11.00am	HC St Ed  St A OLOA St Ed HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Samuel Anthraper (Thanksgiving) Jean Reavey RIP  Keith Small RIP Sam Czezowski (Well- being) Eric Clarke RIP					

### OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

OLOA - Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

HC - Holy Cross Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

SSW - St Swithun Wells, Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB

St A - St Andrew, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

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