



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ **31ST JANUARY 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

This year the Catholic Church focuses on Racial Justice on Sunday 31st January

The Bishops Conference for England and Wales has much on their website about Racial Justice and I suggest you check it out if you can. I have included some of what they are saying in this article.

Many racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating increased public awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this, Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. The Bishops agree that it is more important than ever and the theme of Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is A Time to Act. They tell us " . . . the effects of the pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour."

We see how the sports people are making their opinion known. Lewis Hamilton for instance has said much about "Black Lives Matter" and the BLM movement has gained much encouragement worldwide. If we watch Premier league football we can see that before the start of the game the players have a chance to "Take a Knee" to show that they want to end racism in sport.

I personally feel the Catholic Church says it best when it says all life matters from conception to final breathe. God as the Creator of all, does not make a difference on race, so how can sections of mankind think they know better? At the beginning of his public ministry Jesus outlines His mission: His mission was not for the few, it was for all of mankind. His ministry was one of compassionate involvement and concern for the disadvantaged.

Bishop Paul McAleenan – lead Bishop for Racial Justice for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales tells us, "Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice." But the question is raised "What can we do?" Bishop Paul goes on to reflect on his experience of Pope Francis, he tell us "that in recent years Pope Francis has repeatedly used four verbs encouraging positive and direct action in relation to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate'." And Bishop Paul says that "These same words are essential to advancing the cause of racial justice. None can be omitted, it is as necessary to have plans to Promote and Integrate as it is to Welcome." To identify what action is needed to ensure that all God's people know they are equally valued by society and the Church, we must first ...'listen to his voice, harden not your hearts', as we will hear in the Psalm at Mass.

Racial Justice Sunday is a time to absorb fully this scriptural request, we must listen to the voice of God, the voice of the Church and Pope Francis. If we listen we will learn of God's equal love for all. Voices that discriminate unjustly, and attitudes that undermine on the grounds of race must be opposed. The dignity of all must be respected and promoted. In the Church we proclaim that everyone of whatever racial origin should be Welcomed, Protected, Promoted and Integrated. But this is not just a message for the Church goers, it is a message the world needs to hear.

Deacon Paul Wilson

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the video "Helping People In Need" - you can find this on our homepage.
If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 31st January 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

READINGS:

1st reading: Deut 18:15-20 Psalm: 94 2nd reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY:

1st reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm: 146 2nd reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

PARISH



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

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 11.00am**. To join the group and for more information please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) - All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 2.00pm**. 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)

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Friday at 8.00pm**. To join the group and for more information please click the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca)

is meeting **every Wednesday** through Zoom. 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** through Zoom. For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please email Deacon Paul Owen at: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Fellowship Group

Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm via Zoom

This week we will be looking at the 'Celebration of Candlemass' - everyone is most welcome to join us. Please contact Bob and Marion Birtles for the Zoom link on:

bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



Message from our priests

Dear parishioners, due to current circumstances we have had to review and update our timetable of Masses. Unfortunately we have had to reduce the number of Masses taking place across the Parish, please see the back page of our newsletter for the new timetable. All of the Masses celebrated from Holy Cross are also now live streamed.

We want everyone to stay safe and take due care when they are attending Mass so it's important that everyone follows the directions of the stewards and the regulations relating to mask wearing and social distancing. Please don't socialise or stop and chat with other parishioners at the end of Mass, either inside or outside of the church. Please wave, smile, nod and greet others from a distance. Hopefully in the not too distant future the situation will be begin to get better.

Take care and God bless.

Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca, Fr Marco & Matteo

Cultural Friday - 12th Feb, 8pm through Zoom

Please go to our website for more details and how to join.

Parish Get2Gether Via Zoom

Sunday 31st January 3pm-4.30pm

An event for all the people of the parish with games, songs, activities for children and conversations for adults. Please go to our website for more details and how to join.

Second Collection for Racial Justice Sunday

The Diocese have set-up an online fundraising page. If you would like to donate please go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/racial-justice-sunday>

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pasquale Marucci whose Funeral Mass takes place at Holy Cross on **Wed 3rd Feb at 11am**, and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Pretty whose funeral takes place at St Edward on **Thurs 4th Feb at 12.30pm**, and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hanbury whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Edward on **Tues 9th Feb at 11.30am**, and for his family.



MESSAGES CONTINUED

Parish Office

In light of the current situation the office will be closed for the next few weeks however:

Linda Roberts is working from home (Mon-Thursday) - she can be contacted through email (details on back page) and on the office telephone number.

Sarah Goodfellow is working from home on Wednesday & Thursday but will also be taking Fridays off whilst the primary schools are closed.

Responding to the prompt of the Holy Spirit

Zoom Conference Sat 6th February, 10am-1pm

Fr Mark Hogan, would like to invites all members of the diocese to a Zoom meeting on Sat 6th February to discuss how we have responded – or how we might respond - in practical ways, to the Great Commission (Mt 28: 19)...To register please go to <https://tinyurl.com/6th-feb-detail>

Message from CAFOD

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water virtual event on Saturday 20th February**. We are asking everyone to walk in solidarity with those who have to walk to collect water each day. You can walk 5 miles or just around your garden but please walk so that we can make this an event to create awareness of water poverty and to raise funds for those living in poverty around

the world. If you are a keen walker could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's Lent appeal? Find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>

Faith in the time of Covid Webinar

Sunday 31st January, 5pm

Bishop Philip invites you to join him for a short presentation called "The Role of Faith in the Time of COVID". He is the first speaker in a series organised by the Archdiocese of Edinburgh and St. Andrews on *Faith in the Time of COVID*. The talks are all at 5pm on Sunday evenings and last 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions – just half an hour in total. The other speakers include Dr. Mary Rice Hasson, fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. where she directs the Catholic Women's Forum.

The Scottish philosopher, commentator and broadcaster Professor John Haldane from St. Andrew's University, a former papal adviser to the Vatican, is speaking on Sunday 14th February.

Then on 21st February, the series ends with Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown MP, the former Prime Minister.

To register/sign up please go to: <https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Egan>

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM), CONFESSION & PRAYING

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross will also be live streamed.

To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

Confession

- OLQA, Saturdays at 10am
- If you would like to make Confession at Holy Cross, St Edward, St Andrew, St Joseph or St Swithun Wells please speak to a Priest after Mass or alternatively please go and see either Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca or Fr Marco during one of the advertised times below.

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

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **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).
- **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).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Sunday at 9.30am**. To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

Communal Praying of the Rosary with

Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Tuesdays to Fridays at 6.00pm through Zoom

For more information and to join please click the link on the homepage of our website. You can send your intentions to:

pagani.matteoallessandro@gmail.com

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh.
Fridays:	Fr Marco, 10.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 30th Jan	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph	Mary McMahon FM Ronnie Castelino RIP Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
Sun 31st Jan <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Andrew OLQA St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Calvin Nel RIP Anniversary Doreen Jones RIP Anniversary Sr Margaret Mary DC (Anniversary) Winifred Harris RIP Marjorie Harris & Benji Roberts FM
Mon 1st Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles A Special Intention Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
Tues 2nd Feb <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	Robert Marshall (Well-being)
Wed 3rd Feb	10.00am	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM Deceased Members of the Wyman & Uphill Families FM
Thurs 4th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	William & Isabella Regan FM Agatha Blishen (Birthday) Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
Fri 5th Feb <i>St Agatha</i>	10.00am	St Joseph	Dora Pond RIP
Sat 6th Feb <i>Morning Mass: St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph	Albert & Violet Harrington FM Emma Lawless RIP Nicholas Silvester RIP
Sun 7th Feb <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Andrew OLQA St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Marcela Cheater RIP Keith Small RIP John Gare RIP Kathleen & Bernie Malone RIP

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