



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ **13th FEBRUARY 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Power Of Silence

I still remember the first time I became aware of the power of silence. It was during the Summer of 2001 and I was working as a waiter in a big hotel in the north of Italy. I was 18 and was part of a rock band. I needed money to buy the electric guitar of my dreams: a Gibson Diavoletto. So I worked hard for three months and finally I got it!

Every week we had a different group coming into the hotel: university students, secondary school students, families... At the beginning of August came a group that was different from the others. They were Memores Domini, women and men belonging to the catholic movement Communion and Liberation (CL), who consecrate their life to God and the Church living in community and not getting married. One of them was Rose, whose story we will have the honour of listening to during our coming Cultural Friday. There were 1,200 people who spent their days in absolute silence. They didn't look gloomy, but their faces were serene. I became curious and began to observe them closely: the way they ate and looked at each other was... I can't find the right words. I would say: PURE.

During the day they had some moments when they could talk. So one day I asked one of them why they came all the way to spend their holidays... in silence! He replied, "Silence helps you to see the Great Presence that is among us and at the root of everything that exists."

A few months later I was invited to a summer holiday with some university students. They were also part of CL. It was a remarkable experience; we spent our days playing games, talking about everything, from politics to falling in love. We also had some lovely walks and climbed the stunning mountains of the north of Italy. It was during one of these walks that the leader of our group invited us to stay in silence for 20 minutes, while we were walking, "to look around you and grow in the awareness of the Great Presence that made all that Beauty."

From the day I became a priest, thanks to those who taught me to do so, I can no longer start my day without a long time of silence. It gives me the opportunity to focus on what matters, to converse with God, to realize that everything that surrounds me is given, made by Another.

Now that we are slowly entering in a new routine and many people are coming back to Church, I would like to invite you to take the opportunity to experience once again the power of silence. Why not stay in silence before Mass starts, to prepare our heart for the coming of the Great Presence in the Eucharist? Why not prolong this silence also during Mass, except for the moments we are asked to speak? This silent conversation with God will also enable us to talk with one another after Mass in a different way, more attentive and respectful, with a heart full of wonder and awe for the marvellous things the Lord works for us and within us.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is the "Letter of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI regarding the Report on Abuse in the Archdiocese of Munich-Freising" - 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 16th February, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 13th February 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: HAPPY THE MAN WHO HAS PLACED HIS TRUST IN THE LORD.

READINGS: 1st reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 **Psalm 1** **2nd reading** 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 **Gospel** Luke 6:17, 20-26

Sunday 20th February 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

READINGS: 1st reading Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 **Psalm 102** **2nd reading** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 **Gospel** Luke 6:27-38

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

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 and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage. This group also prepares the children for First Holy Communion usually in school year 3.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Meet in person on **Saturdays in St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm.** To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage. This group also prepares the children for Confirmation usually in school year 9.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on **Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre.** If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Meeting on Wednesdays, 8pm in St Edward. If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul

Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue our series 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'. On **Tuesday 15th February** we look at The Divided Kingdom. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group

Wednesday 16th February 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church. Earlier this month we celebrated Candlemas, the day that marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the temple at Jerusalem.

Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a

Light to the World. We will be celebrating light through Scripture and prayer beginning with a biblical story of light from Genesis to Revelation.

Everyone is welcome to come along. If you cannot come in person but would like to join us on Zoom please contact Peter Baggott on peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - **St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water),** first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

Knitting Club - **Tuesday 15th February**

Meets **third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.** If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We will have fun and games and meals together. If you would be interested in volunteering to help run the group or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

CaFE

The CaFE programme will be starting again on **Tuesday 22nd February, then on 8th & 22nd March and 12th & 26th April.** Once again it will be at 2pm in the Parish Centre in Romsey and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's, North Baddesley. We will be following *Belong and Believe*, a series of 5 DVDs which look at how our Celtic past can help us today in refreshing our communities and renewing our mission. All are welcome, more information can be found by calling Ann Heslop on 02380 734429 or emailing ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

60 Club - Meet every fortnight on a Monday from **2pm-4pm at Holy Cross Resource Centre.** All are welcome.

MESSAGES



Call My Bluff is back, in Romsey Parish Centre at **2pm on Tuesday 15th February**. There will be no charge but, as numbers are limited by the available space, if you would like to attend please give your name to any of Ann Heslop, Margaret French, Jean Prescott or Rosemary Peacock (01794 522411), no later than Sunday 13th February.

Cultural Friday

18th February, 7pm in St Edward's

We will meet Rose Busingye, a nurse founder of Meeting Point International, a Ugandan NGO serving people from the slums of Kampala affected by HIV/AIDS. Rose began her medical career after experiencing the horrors of war in North Uganda, where people died from lack of basic medical care. After a meeting with Fr Luigi Giussani, she discovered that Jesus Christ is the One who gives value to the lives of all human beings and this changed the way she took care of those affected by HIV/AIDS. This meeting will be particularly interesting for nurses, doctors, social workers, everyone working with the sick. The meeting with Rose will be via Zoom, however we encourage everyone to attend in person. Wine and cheese from 6.30pm.

Zoom Link (for those unable to attend St Edward's):

go to <https://zoom.us/j/4447833108>

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 444 783 3108

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

**Monday 21st - Friday 25th February, 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.**

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey on

Monday 28th February at 12.30pm. Menus are on church notice boards. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 21st Feb as we have to pre-order.

World Day of Prayer Bible Study

Thursday 24th February, 10am

Hosted by St Martin in the Wood Church, Queens Rd, Hiltingbury, Chandlers Ford, SO53 5AG.

Please join us for an informal time together, commencing with refreshments.

World Day of Prayer Service - focus on England, Wales & N. Ireland

Friday 4th March, 1.30pm

Hosted by St Edward the Confessor Church.

Cleaners needed at Holy Cross

Could you spare up to an hour either on a regular basis or occasionally for holiday cover? Or if you used to

clean before Covid and are interested in coming back, why not get in touch? To find out more ring Frances Curtis on 07896 637045 or pop in on a Saturday morning at 11am for more details.

Cleaners needed at St Edward's

If you are able to give some time to help with the cleaning of the church and cloister, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Sipaul: rachel.sipaul@me.com

St Andrews, North Baddesley

Volunteers are needed to help our Cleaners, Flower Arrangers and Computer Clicking. If you are able to give some time to any of these tasks, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Eileen Smith by email: esmith734@sky.com

Mill Hill Red Box Appeal

This will take place across the Parish during the weekend of **26th & 27th February**.

Message of Thanks

Pauline Wilson is now out of hospital and at home. She would like to thank you for all of your messages, cards and calls that she has received. She has been really touched by your kindness and helpfulness.

CAFOD - Walk Against Hunger

This Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k (that's 5k a day, every day, for 40 days). By walking 200k this Lent you can help give hunger its marching orders. Sign up to the Walk Against Hunger challenge at walk.cafod.org.uk

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Fridays:	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	Fr Marco is unavailable on Sat 12th Feb 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday:	St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday:	Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday:	St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 12th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Mary White RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Tony Tunstall RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	The People of the Parish
Sunday 13th Feb <i>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	6.30pm	St Edward	Kathleen Ditte RIP & Deceased Family FM
	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Michael King RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Jeanette Butcher RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Maureen Westwood RIP	
11.00am	St Joseph	Sr Mary Michael RIP	
Monday 14th Feb <i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Emmanuel Altman (Anniversary)
Tuesday 15th Feb	10.00am	St Andrew	Margaret Martindale RIP
	6.00pm	St Edward	
Wed 16th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Philip Hanna Elhajj RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Mike & Nora Brosnan RIP
Thursday 17th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Zaiga & Edvards Numsedis RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Special Intention
Friday 18th Feb	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	John Murphy (Wellbeing)
	10.00am	St Edward	Angie & Felino (Thanksgiving)
Saturday 19th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Raymond Kelly RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Agnes Carter RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Sr Mary McGrath (Diamond Jubilee)
	6.30pm	St Edward	The People of the Parish
Sunday 20th Feb <i>Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Cyril Molloy RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Winnie Fung RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA (also live streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Maureen Westwood RIP
11.00am	St Joseph	Phyllis Boyle RIP	

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