



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

**6th SEPTEMBER 2020: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU...**

One of St Paul's most typical blessings in his Letters is, "The God of peace be with all of you," and he promises the Philippians that "the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Now because it is precisely this "God of peace" who has himself gathered the Christian community together, and because it is Christ who "is himself our peace", the life of the Church must be marked by a continual quest for peace and unity, not peace and unity in the future, but peace and unity now.

All of this is important to understand today's Gospel. Peace and unity are assumed by Jesus to be the natural state of things in the community gathered in His Name. When this peace is disturbed, we cannot be indifferent. Those who bear the name of Christians must seek reconciliation among themselves at all cost, so that the full peace may be restored to the community.

That is why Jesus says, "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community."

The whole process that Jesus outlines here impresses us because of the considerable responsibility that it places upon the offended party. In a worldly perspective, a person sinned against is seen to have full freedom to respond in kind, to hold rancour, to be vindictive, or at least to cut off the offending party forever with a clean conscience.

Not so in the family of Jesus. The aggrieved brother must ponder the situation and make every effort to "gain back" his brother. My own hurt is no excuse for my resentment or indifference, which could result in the loss of the offending brother from Christ's Body. As in all other respects, so too here: if I am a follower of Christ, it is Christ's interests, and not my private concerns that must determine my attitudes, words, and actions.

In this way we are encouraged to take the first step when we are offended, making all we can to gain back our brother, imitating the divine charity of Jesus.

**Father Raffaele**

## **GEM OF THE WEEK**



This week's GEM is "**Todo cambia**" interview and songs of Mercedes Sosa.

If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



### Sunday 6th September 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9 **Psalm:** 94 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 13:8-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER:

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 **Psalm:** 102 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 14:7-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

## MESSAGES & UPCOMING EVENTS



### Holy Cross Cleaning

Several of our team are moving away or will be on holiday during September and early October. Can you spare an hour on a Saturday morning to join the rest of our friendly team to keep the church clean and safe for us all? Why not contact us for more details or pop in at 10.30am on a Saturday morning? **Frances Curtis**

### RCIA Mass - On Sunday 13th September, 3pm at

**St Edward's** there will be a special celebration with those adults from our community who have journeyed through baptism, confirmation and reception. We keep them in our prayers—congratulations!

**Upcoming Funerals & Memorial Masses** (Attendance is by family invitation only due to COVID 19 restrictions).

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Martindale and for her family whose Memorial Mass is at St Andrew's on **Tuesday 8th September at 11.30am.**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Ryan and for her family whose funeral service is at Holy Cross on **Tuesday 8th September at 12 Midday.**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tren Ginevra and for her family whose Memorial Mass is at St Joseph's on **Wednesday 9th September at 2.30pm.**

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paola Bibbo and for her family whose funeral service is at Holy Cross on **Thursday 10th September at 11am.**

The funeral of both Shirley Griffin and her mother, Shirley Turpin will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on **Friday 11th September at 10am.** The Catholic service will be led by Father Luca, we ask you to join us in prayer for Shirley, her mother and their family. The service will be live webcast, go to <https://www.obitus.com/>  
Username: Fawe8454 Password: 823451

You can login at anytime to view a test connection (this is recommended) but you'll only be able to view the live webcast approx 5 mins before the service start time.

The funeral service for Pat Daniels will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on **Tuesday 15th September at 11.30am.** Please join us in prayer for Pat and her family. The service will be live webcast, go to <https://www.obitus.com/>  
Username: Vizu1761 Password: 345864

### Message from Bishop Philip regarding Canon Alan's

**retirement.** This message features on the current edition of Bishop Philip's e-news, to read the message please go to: <http://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/canon-alan-griffiths>

### Oasis (Women's Group) - Zoom Meeting

**on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm.** We have been missing our monthly meetings of the Oasis women's group. As we cannot yet meet in person, we are going to host a Zoom meeting. We have many email addresses already but if you are new and would like to join in please email Jessie Woolgar at [jessie.woolgar@gmail.com](mailto:jessie.woolgar@gmail.com)

### Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) - Sat 19th Sept, 10am-

**12.45pm.** Mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk, "Here is your mother" from Fr John Seddon. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: [bit.ly/adore0920](https://bit.ly/adore0920)  
For more information go to the ADoRE website:

[www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

ADoRE is also offering prayer for healing by telephone, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm. Ring 07579 824523 and leave a message.

### Formation For Mission

**Diocesan Readers Workshops Online** - Two sets of workshops will be offered on Zoom:

- 1. Saturday 17th October (Workshop 1) and Saturday 24th October (Workshop 2) at 10am.**
- 2. Saturday 14th November (Workshop 1) and Saturday 21st November (Workshop 2) at 10am.**

You can find a registration page for the workshops here: <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>

As part of the training, one-to-one online meetings will be offered to each participant (once they have attended the workshops) so they can practise their reading.

### Catechists training on Monday evenings at 7.30pm

**starting on 7th September** for 5 weeks. The registration link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>

This course is certified by the diocese and offers an essential foundation for the work of catechists. It is open also for children's liturgy leaders, parents, grandparents, church readers and ministers: for all those who want to grow in their understanding and love of the faith.

## MASS TIMES, PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSIONS



### St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

### Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

### St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (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)).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / [sancha@virginmedia.com](mailto:sancha@virginmedia.com)).

### St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

### Our Lady Queen of Apostles – please note the booking system in place:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat please email: [olqamassbook@gmail.com](mailto:olqamassbook@gmail.com)

### St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

### Confessions

After every Mass a priest will be available for confession - please just ask.

## PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS

### Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Monday to Wed 9.30am-5.30pm,**

**Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm.**

Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait.

### Mass Intentions

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

- (1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention).

Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

- (2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599.**

**Please indicate** that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for.

### Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs and Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 5th Sept	6.00pm	St Joseph	Patricia Wilson RIP
	6.30pm	St Edward	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Sun 6th Sept <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Dudley Roberts FM
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	Jerry McDonnell FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Gail Patrick RIP
	4.30pm	SSW Primary School	
Mon 7th Sept		Private Mass	Reverend Murphy O Connor FM
Tues 8th Sept <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	Patricia Wilson RIP
Wed 9th Sept	10.00am	St Edward	Cyril Molloy RIP
Thurs 10th Sept	9.30am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	James & Rebecca Cooper (Wedding Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Terry O'Keefe RIP
Fri 11th Sept		Private Mass	
Sat 12th Sept	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Mike McCarthy (Special Intention)
Sun 13th Sept <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Intentions of the Layzell Family
	9.00am	St Andrew	Vincent Clancy RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	Marjorie Harris FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	P.V.E. Ginevra FM
	4.30pm	SSW Primary School	

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