



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* 18th June 2023: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a devotion that evidently has its roots in the earthly life of Christ himself, but which has spread in the Church above all since the seventeenth century, first through the work of Saint John Eudes and then for the famous revelations received by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus helps to focus on the humanity of Jesus, that is, on how much God the Son, incarnate in the fullness of time, suffered and loved, to open the gates of Paradise. Therefore, it is important to recall all the supernatural meaning of the cult of the Sacred Heart, especially in an era - like ours - which is progressively rejecting the truth that man needs to be saved.

The very close link between the Sacred Heart and the gift of the Eucharist emerges from the revelations to Saint Margaret. The French nun was standing before the Blessed Sacrament when, in 1675, Jesus appeared to her presenting His Heart to her: «Behold - Jesus told her - this Heart which has loved men so much, which has never spared itself, to the point of getting tired and consumed in order to testify to them its love. Out of gratitude I receive from the majority of men only ingratitude, irreverence and sacrilege, together with the coldness and contempt they use me in this Sacrament of love [the Eucharist]. But what is even more painful to me is that, to treat me like this, there are hearts that are consecrated to me».

On the same occasion, the Lord asked Saint Margaret for the first time to ensure that the Church instituted a particular feast to honour the Sacred Heart «on the first Friday after the octave of the Holy Sacrament [...]. On that day you will communicate and pay him a fine of honour, to repair the indignities he received during the period in which he was exposed on the altars. I also promise you that my Heart will dilate and will spread the influences of his divine love in abundance on those who will give him this honour and will ensure that it is paid to him».

Therefore, Eucharist and Sacred Heart are united in a particular way on Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion and death. This bond also manifests in another great revelation that the Lord made to Saint Margaret, the one relating to Communion on the first Friday of the month.

Devotional writings are full of stories of sensational conversions - several of them on the verge of death - which occurred in people who had practiced the First Friday devotion perhaps in their early youth and then had distanced themselves from the Church.

Here are the promises that Jesus addressed to the saint: «I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart, that to those who approach the sacred table for nine consecutive months, every first Friday of the month, the almighty love of my Heart will grant the gift of final penance: they will not die in a state of sin, nor without receiving the holy sacraments; and my Heart in those last moments will be safe asylum for them».

So, let us entrust ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and put all our confidence in its power.

*Fr Marco*

### GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Hey Bing, what is the meaning of everything?" an interview with Prof. Paolo Benanti - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 21st June 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 18th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: (3C) WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Exodus 19:2-6 Psalm 99 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 5:6-11 Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

Sunday 25th June 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: (14C) IN YOUR GREAT LOVE, ANSWER ME, O GOD.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 68 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 5:12-15 Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

## PARISH GROUPS



**Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)** - Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.  
[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

### Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

**Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;**

**St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.**

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

### Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

### Fellowship Group - Wednesday 21st June

We continue our scripture based discussions about how God still speaks to us through scripture and how we respond. For more details email Dcn Bob: [bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Join us in person at St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak (at 7.30pm) or by Zoom. For the Zoom link contact: Peter at [peterbaggott@aol.com](mailto:peterbaggott@aol.com)

**Knitting Club** - 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!

**Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water.** All will be made very welcome.

### **\*\*New Group\*\***

#### Sunday Boules Group OLOA

Meet in the car park at 11am, all welcome! If you have a set of boules please bring them along.

## MESSAGES



### First Holy Communion

Please pray for Oliver, Sophia, Sienna and Olivier who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 18th June at the 9.30am Mass at OLQA.

### Father's Day

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, let us remember and be thankful for their presence and dedication in our lives. May St Joseph pray for them.

### Mass for the Sick & Housebound

Sunday 18th June at 3pm in St Edward's Church

During the Mass it will be possible to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God's healing are welcome to participate. The whole Parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.

### Upcoming Second Collection - 18th June

Is in support of the Day for Life initiative, dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Today's appeal assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and other life-related activities supported by the Church. For parishioners who gift aid please use the yellow envelopes in the welcome areas, alternatively you can donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2023>.

25th June: Second Collection for Peter's Pence

### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elsbeth Maxwell-Brodie and for her family. Elsbeth's Funeral Mass will take place at St Andrew's on Tuesday 20th June at 10am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McGhee and for his family. John's Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Cross on Tuesday 11th July at Middy.

### Cultural Friday - 23rd June, 7pm at St Edward's

We will be watching 'A Man Called Otto', an American comedy-drama film starring Tom Hanks, directed by Marc Forster, about a grumpy widower whose only joy comes from criticising and judging his exasperated neighbours. A very moving film about the power of friendship and community. Film Certification 15. Cheese and wine from 7pm, the film starts at 7.30pm.

### Come & See Summer Club (ages 7yrs to 14 yrs)

St Edward's Church, 9am to 3pm

Mon 7th to Fri 11th August 2023

Mon 14th to Fri 18th August 2023

Cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings)

For more information and to register please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>

# MESSAGES CONTINUED



## Parish Party in the Park

Save the Date! On **Sunday 9th July from 1pm-5pm** there will be a Parish Party in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Eastleigh (as we did last year). Please see the map of the exact location on our website. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre, we can also use their toilet facilities during the event. We will provide standard BBQ food (burgers, sausages, bread, vegetarian option) however please bring your own drinks, plates, cutlery, chairs/picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share. There is a booking system in place on our website, please book your place/food by **Thursday 6th July. Price £5 per person, for children 10 years and under it will be free.** Payment by cash or card reader on the day. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for children during the afternoon. As you know Dcn Andrew Lee will be ordained a Priest on 24th June in Rome, we will look to celebrate his Ordination to the Priesthood at the party and will also present him the gift which we are currently collecting for.

## Ordination to the Priesthood of Andrew Lee

As you know Andrew will be ordained to the priesthood on **3pm, Saturday 24th June in St Paul outside the Walls in Rome.** This is an occasion of great joy for both Andrew and for our parish and we would like to present him with a gift to mark this momentous occasion. If you would like to make a donation for Andrew's gift please either put cash or a cheque (made payable to CDP St Swithun Wells) in an envelope and hand this to the clergy or take the envelope down to the parish office. If you would like to contribute to the collection please do so by **Monday 3rd July 2023.**

You can also make a transfer to the parish account.

The account details are as follows:

Account Holder: CDP ST SWITHUN WELLS

Account number: 01786599 Sort Code: 30-93-04

Reference: please indicate "ALEE\_yoursurname" (for example: ALEE\_Smith).

Fr Andrew will be celebrating his first parish Masses at St Andrew & St Joseph on Sunday 2nd July and St Edward's & Holy Cross on 9th July. He will be presented with the gift during the Parish Party in the Park on 9th July.

**Banana Triathlon Crowd Funding** - Inspired by the example of Carrie and the parishioners who ran the Romsey Relay Marathon, we would like to propose a

crowd funding initiative connected with the Banana Triathlon (1st July 2023). Some parishioners will be participating in this event with the intention of raising money for the Parish Youth Groups. If you would like to support them please go to:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sswp-banana-triathlon>

## SCHOOL NOTICES



### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

We would like to invite you to join us for the following **Laudato Si/Climate Unity Week**

**Monday 19th:** Toynbee Eco Council students to lead Assembly;

**Tuesday 20th:** CAFOD visitor to lead Assembly and class workshops for KS2;

**Wednesday 21st:** Students from St George's to lead Assembly and workshops;

**Thursday 22nd:** Sports Day;

**Friday 23rd: Mass in the school grounds at 2pm**

The week beginning **Monday 19th June** will be our Laudato Si/Climate Unity week. We will be learning about how to take care of our school grounds and be 'good stewards of our common home'. We will spend time reflecting on the amazing grounds we have and thank God for creation and the gifts he has given us. We will look at how we can use them more carefully and fruitfully.

We will finish our week with an outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving (weather permitting) to which the whole community is invited to attend. Our children who have just received their First Holy Communion will be leading the Mass and wearing their special clothes. Please come and join us at any time during this week if you can help us to develop our Laudato Si Garden or do any weeding for us. Tel: 02380 265273

### Catholic Schools Inspection Report May 2023:

**Catholic Life & Mission of Saint George Catholic College** - St George College's staff and governors are excited to share our recent Catholic School inspection report. Overall the school is graded Good, and the Catholic Life and Mission of the College is Outstanding. We are immensely proud of the positive feedback we received around students' exemplary behaviour, the culture of continuous improvement, and the dedication of our staff and governors. The report also recognises our inclusive approach, empowering students of all backgrounds and abilities to actively contribute to our vibrant community and our commitment to religious education and impactful liturgical events. Please read the full report on our website at [www.stgcc.co.uk](http://www.stgcc.co.uk)

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

**Tuesdays:** Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

**Wednesdays:** Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

**Fridays:** Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

**Saturdays:** Fr Marco isn't available on Sat 24th June 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

### CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

**Tuesday:** 6.30pm-7.30pm St Edward

**Tuesday:** 9.30am-10.00am St Andrew

**Saturday:** 10.00am-10.30am Holy Cross

10am or by appointment OLQA

5.30pm-6.00pm St Joseph

**Sunday:** 8.30am-9.00am St Edward

8.30am-9.00am St Andrew

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tues:** St Edward after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

**Wednesday:** Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

**Thursday:** St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 17th June <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Charles & Martha Barrett FM  Diana Evans RIP Tom, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
Sunday 18th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am <u>3.00pm</u>	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph <u>St Edward</u>	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Josie, Campbell & Brendon O'Connell RIP Kirsty Reynolds RIP  Milad Joseph Kreiker RIP People of the Parish <u>Mass for the Sick</u>
Monday 19th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	Jack & Chris Molloy FM
Tuesday 20th June	<u>10.00am</u> 6.00pm	<u>St Andrew</u> St Edward	<u>Funeral Mass: Elsbeth Anna Maxwell-Brodie RIP</u>
Wed 21st June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Chris McFarlane RIP Anniversary
Thurs 22nd June <i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Teresa & Richard Layzell (60th Wedding Anniversary)  Ellen Farmer RIP and her family
Friday 23rd June	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am <u>2.00pm</u>	OLQA St Joseph St Edward <u>St Swithun Wells School</u>	John Sharkey RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM <u>Outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving (weather permitting)</u>
Sat 24th June <i>Morning Mass: The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Dcn Andrew Lee on the day of his Ordination Mary Walsh RIP  Fr Marco (on the Anniversary of his Ordination) Living & Deceased Members of the Bonetti & Wilson Family FM
Sunday 25th June <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Teresa & Richard Layzell (60th Wedding Anniversary)  People of the Parish Special Intention for Emma & Lucy

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