



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
4th APRIL 2021: EASTER SUNDAY

The Lord Is Risen

Dear parishioners,

We all remember how we spent last year's Holy Week. We priests had the privilege to celebrate the Triduum in Holy Cross church, but it was without you, our congregation. We knew that you were all watching from home but it was not the same, you were very much missed.

This year it is very different. We can celebrate Easter Sunday together and we should be grateful for that. Some of you are coming back for Easter Sunday for the first time after many months and it is a joy to see you again around the altar. Every time a parishioner comes back in person, I feel that the House of the Father is enriched again and the place that has been left empty is filled.

It is true that many people are still at home. Many parishioners will not return until the pandemic is completely over. I would like to tell them that they are not forgotten. We offer Mass every day for all of you and we are sure that the spiritual bonds are stronger than what we think.

During this Sunday we hear again the message of the angel, "He is not here, He is risen". Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. This message encourages us to believe that the risen Christ is present even today in our lives. Jesus comes to us constantly in innumerable ways.

For example we meet him in the living Word of God. Scriptures are not just the words of the past, they are the words that God speaks to us in the present.

We encounter the living Jesus Christ personally in the church community which is his body. The church is not just a building, the church is not just a gathering of people. We Catholics believe the church is the presence of Jesus Christ, the body of Christ in our lives.

We Catholics also believe that we meet Jesus in the sacramental life of the church. When we were baptized Jesus came to us and embraced us as his brothers and sisters and carried us with him to the Father and we became sons and daughters of God. When we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation or confession we believe we meet the living Jesus Christ in the sacrament who through the words of the priest forgives our sins. We believe that every day and every Sunday when we gather around the altar of the Eucharist, the living Lord Jesus comes among us.

We also believe that the risen Lord Jesus meets us in the lives of our brothers and our sisters especially those who have experienced the gift of conversion, who have been personally changed by their encounter with Jesus Christ.

We finally meet the risen Lord Jesus in our lives of prayer. If you and I find a few moments each day to make ourselves available to God, Jesus will come to us in our prayers and reveal himself to us. We can really experience the Risen Lord in many ways and rejoice in his presence forever.
Happy Easter!

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the **Easter Video Poster of Communion and Liberation** 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 4th April 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD: WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD, OR ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

READINGS:

1st reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 **Psalm:** 117 **2nd reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel:** John 20:1-9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 11TH APRIL:

1st reading: Acts 4:32-35 **Psalm:** 117 **2nd reading:** A reading from the 1st Letter of St John 5:1-6 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

PARISH GROUPS



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 and for more info 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 and for more info 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 and for more info please click the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Every Wednesday with fr Luca through Zoom.

Every Thursday at 8pm with fr Raffaele through Zoom.

For more information please click the links 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 (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Fellowship Group

There will be no Fellowship Group meetings over Easter. They will resume on **Wednesday 28th April, 7.30pm on Zoom**. If you would like to join us please contact Deacon Bob Birtles for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



Upcoming Collections

The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our parish priests, in recognition for all their dedication, guidance and care they give across our parish. For your convenience there are several ways of making these offerings:

- Loose cash or cheques in the collection basket (please make cheques out to PRC DTR St Swithun Wells with Easter offering on the back);
- If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your offering you can use the yellow envelopes provided in the reception area of each church. Please ensure all relevant info is included so we can reclaim the gift aid on your behalf.
- Bank Transfer to the main parish account (Sort code: 30-93-04, A/c: 01786599 using ref: Easter);
- Click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' donate button on our parish website.

St Edward's Easter Vigil Baptisms and Reception

Please pray for Denise Karnecki, Kate Bottiglierio and Sabina Touskova who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil and for Graham Applin who will be received into the Church. They will be joined for Confirmation by Robert Roddy.

Proposed Parish Centre

Thank you to the very many parishioners who responded to our recent consultation on our future parish vision. The feedback has been enormously useful for us to understand your views. We are now going to take some time to properly consider all feedback received and to assess in further detail all options. We expect to come back to you soon with a list of options to meet the Parish Vision.

Cultural Friday via Zoom

Friday 9th April, 8pm

We will have a special guest, Dr Micha Jazz who is Guardian of St Cuthbert's Oratory. He holds degrees from Oxford, Southampton and Durham Universities and will give a talk and answer our questions on 'The Christian Roots of England'. Please go to our website for more information and how to join.

Easter Monday Mass Time Change at Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) - Please note Mass will start at **10.00am** not 9.30am on Monday 5th April.

The Parish Office

Will be closed on **Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th April & Friday 9th April** (Linda is still on annual leave). Sarah will be in the office on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th April.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Peckham** and his family. John's funeral Mass will take place at **St Edward on Wednesday 7th April, 11am.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Elwood** and her family. Patricia's funeral will take place at **Southampton Crematorium on Wednesday 14th April, 2.30pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony Robert Harris** and his family. Anthony's funeral will take place at **Test Valley Crematorium, Romsey on Wednesday 14th April, 3.15pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Murray** and his family. Paul's funeral Mass will take place at **St Edward on Friday 16th April, 2.30pm.**

Message from Moira Moriarty

I have completed my 40 days Walk for Water, walked 440,000 steps, and surpassed my target of £400! The total raised currently stands at £663 and there is still time to donate...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moira-moriarty>

Thank you so much, on behalf of CAFOD, to everyone who has encouraged and supported me so generously.

'Easter Letter to Everyone' from Bishop Philip

This Easter, rather than sending a Pastoral Letter, Bishop Philip is sending out to everyone who lives within the Diocese a "Letter to Everyone". To read and download it please go to our website.

Basically it is an invitation, an attempt at reaching out to anyone who has been affected by the pandemic and who is thinking about what's important in their life. It invites them to 'come and see', that is to find in the Christian faith and the Christian community all that their hearts long for, including a life changing relationship with God. The challenge is to get this letter out! If you aren't able to access the letter online, there are some printed copies available in all of our churches.



LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & OLQA are 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.

Resumption of Wednesday Mass at Holy Cross & Thursday Mass at St Joseph

From the **7th April** the Wednesday 9.30am Mass will resume at Holy Cross.

From the **8th April** the Thursday 6pm Mass will resume at St Joseph.

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph & OLQA

St Joseph, Romsey:

• **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**

To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wed through to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).

• **Sunday 11.00am**

To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wed through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

• **Sunday at 9.30am** (no booking needed for Thurs Mass)

To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30am-7.30pm	St Edward
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), 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
Holy Saturday 3rd April Easter Vigil	8.00pm 8.30pm 8.30pm	OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Joseph St Edward	Joseph Poulo RIP Mary Ann & Hugh Mcternan RIP and their deceased and living relatives
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.00pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Umberto Pugi RIP (3rd Anniversary) Wendy & Damian Doherty (30th Wedding Anniversary) Keith Small RIP Mrs Tren Ginevra RIP FM Hugh & Sheila O'Neill (60th Wedding Anniversary) For the People of the Parish Ted & Monica Dunne (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 5th April	8.30am <u>10.00am</u>	Holy Cross <u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u>	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Fraternity of St Charles Henry Karnecki RIP
Tues 6th April	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP Mrs Edward Christian RIP FM
Wed 7th April	<u>9.30am</u> 10.00am	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> St Edward	Bill Reynolds RIP RM Teresa Mollaghan RIP
Thurs 8th April	9.30am 12.00 Noon <u>6.00pm</u>	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA (also Live Streamed) <u>St Joseph</u>	Todd Harris RIP
Friday 9th April	10.00am 10.00am	St Joseph St Edward	The Marshall Family (Well-being) Mrs Edward Christian RIP FM
Sat 10th April	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Joe & Lydia Fonseca RIP Peter Penrose (Junior) RIP Angie & Felino Cagampang (30th Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 11th April Second Sunday of Easter	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> John Peckham RIP For the People of the Parish Ellen & Michael Moriarty RIP Norman John Spencer RIP Ted & Monica Dunne and Family (Special Intention)

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