



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

21st NOVEMBER 2021: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Our Fraternity

Fr Luca, Fr Raffaele, Andrew and I belong to the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo. It is a Society of Apostolic Life founded by Fr. Massimo Camisasca in 1985. Today it is present in seventeen countries in the world and has about 140 definitive members and 30 seminarians. On the 29th September 2012, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI nominated Msgr. Massimo Camisasca as Bishop of Reggio Emilia-Guastalla. On the 1st February of the next year, the General Assembly of the Fraternity elected Fr. Paolo Sottopietra as the Superior General of the Fraternity of St. Charles. The pillars on which the Fraternity of St. Charles are based are expressed by its very name: Fraternity, Priestly, and Missionary.

Fraternity: The priests live together in groups of three or more. The communion that they live within does not simply support them in their daily work on mission, but it is the path of conversion and holiness. "The Fraternity is a companionship formed by people who are put together by Another, and by the merciful gesture of Another that reaches their lives. It is a potent sign of the mercy of God. Each is welcomed and constantly accompanied by Christ through his brothers. Thus the Fraternity is the place that, through our conversion, renders the memory of Christ simpler and continuous".

Priestly: Responding to their priestly vocation, the members of the Fraternity desire to bring Christ to the world above all through the witness of a life changed by the encounter with Him. They are also called to accompany each person, sharing their hardships, joys, and questions. They are to be an instrument of God's mercy through the celebration of the sacraments and the proclamation of His Word. To live this task more profoundly, each priest's day is centred around silence, prayer, and daily Mass. "The priestly vocation is one of the highest and most beautiful callings. It thrives on a constant communion with God and with people. Naturally, as with all vocations, one can be prone to fatigue, routine, scandal, and human weakness. If properly sustained and helped, the priesthood can constitute a bridge between heaven and earth, representing an important bond in the history of holiness, and also play a pivotal role in the journey towards the unity of men".

Missionary: Those who enter the Fraternity are available to be sent where the Church needs them. According to the Bishop in the diocese where they are located, they give their service to parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals. "Mission is not our invention or the expression of our particular talents or passions, although it can be nourished by all of the gifts God has given us. Mission consists simply in entering inside the same mission for which God sent His Only Son to the world and for which the Son sent his apostles until the visible echo of that event touched us".

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is **Words of Pope Francis about COP 26** - 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 24th November, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 21st November 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED.

READINGS: 1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm: 92 2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8 Gospel: John 18:33b-37

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT) YEAR C:

READINGS: 1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm: 24 2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6) Meet in person:
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.

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.

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!

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

There will be clergy presentations with a general Advent theme on the following dates:

Tues 23rd November - a talk by Fr Raffaele

Tues 7th December - a talk by Fr Luca

Tues 14th December - a talk by Fr Marco

Start as usual at 10.15am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, finish time approx. 11.30am.

All are welcome!

Fellowship Group Advent Bible Study Course

Wednesdays 7.30pm on Zoom

This year we are following a course from John Birch entitled 'Preparing The Way'. A four part study based on the Year C Readings.

24th November Week 2 - Preparing the Road

Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Please contact Bob and Marion for the Zoom link. bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 welcome!

CAFE - is on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's. Our course until December is "This is My Body", a series of DVDs which take us deeper into the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ann Heslop: ann.heslop@virginmedia.com / 02380 734429.

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

This weekend (20th/21st November) for Missions of the Fraternity of St Charles. This second collection is to help our missionary work in seventeen countries especially the poorest ones, in Siberia & Kenya.
4th/5th December: Christmas Flowers

OLOA Advent Bible Study - 1st Letter of St Peter

Thursdays in Advent beginning Thursday 25th November 10am-11.30am followed by Mass at 12 Noon. All welcome! Please bring a Bible.

Parish Advent Retreat

We will hold a Parish Retreat for Advent on Sunday 28th November, 2.30pm-4.30pm at St Edward. Open to everyone. There will be a talk about Advent, some time for private prayer in the church and a time for questions and sharing thoughts.

St Edward's Repository

We have Children's Activity Booklets for Advent (£1 each) available from the shop in St Edward's.

Festive Evening

With mulled wine and mince pies after Mass on Saturday 4th December at St Edward. Donations to CAFOD. For more information phone Clare Lasker on 02380 252138.

Parish Christmas Quiz

Saturday 4th December at 7pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. Everyone's welcome, you don't need to be a genius! A fun evening - all questions based around Christmas. There will be a small charge of £2 each to cover expenses. Teams of 6. Capacity is limited so please contact Val Talbot on 07766 056488 if you are able to come along.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 9th December, 12.30pm at the Hunters Inn, Romsey. Menus are on the notice boards. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Rosemary: 01794 522411 by 1st December. Thank you.

CAFOD Christmas Cards - Will be on sale after both Masses at St Edward's this weekend.

CAFOD Fair Trade Christmas Fayre

December 11th/12th - A date for your diaries! The Fayre will be held at St Edward's after both weekend Masses.

CAFOD World gifts

As we rejoice once again, celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday 12th December, 1pm-4.30pm
St Swithun Wells Primary School

Menu

Main - Chicken Cacciatora (with roast potatoes & ratatouille), a vegetarian option will be available;

Dessert - Apple crumble;

Please bring your own drinks.

Price £10 per person, children 16 and under free.

Tickets will be available in our churches (in the welcoming areas) from this weekend. A limited number of tickets is available, the deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday 5th December.

Christmas jumpers and fancy dress actively encouraged!

COVID precautions: Hand sanitiser will be available, masks are optional, please do not attend if you/your family members are unwell.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

Tuesday 28th June - Sunday 3rd July 2022

We are jointly planning a Pilgrimage to Rome with Tangney Tours on the occasion of the Ordination (God willing) of Dennis as a Priest, Phil and Andrew as Deacons. More details including the itinerary, prices and booking are available on our website. You can also find details on our website about alternative cheaper accommodation which will be made available for families. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Raffaele.

Parish Pilgrimage Meeting - There will be a meeting to explain the itinerary and to answer questions on Tuesday 7th December at 8pm in St Edward's. Everyone welcome.

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)

Flower Arranging Demonstration

There will be a demonstration of some simple flower arrangements at Coffee Stop in the Holy Cross Resource Centre in Eastleigh on Thursday 25th November at 10.00am. Anyone in the Parish with a love of flowers will be very welcome to see what the flower arranging groups at Holy Cross and St Swithun Wells do. Enquiries to Julie Burns 07580 028626 or to Anna Goodfellow 07411 185425.

Diocesan Survey - Results

Earlier this year, the Diocese undertook a Diocesan Survey - *A Thousand Voices: The views, hopes and fears of the lay faithful in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth*. You can view or download the document at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/survey>

CARITAS - New Website

CARITAS Portsmouth has developed a new website which has now gone live. You can find details about CARITAS projects, news and events and information about how you can get involved. Please go to <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/>

Poitiers Care food bank for Christmas would be grateful for the following items:

Tinned meats, such as curry, meatballs, Irish stew, chilli or ham. Tins of fruit, soup, baked beans or any vegetable. Tea, coffee, or biscuits. There are collection baskets at St Edward's, St Andrew's and St Joseph's churches. Or if preferred, cheques can be sent to Poitiers Care c/o Mr. V Clemas (Treasurer) Cornerways House, School Lane, Ringwood, BH24 14G
Please do not wrap the items.

Mary's Meals Double the Love

From now until January, every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.6m. This means just £15.90 will feed, not one, but two children, a life-changing daily school meal for a whole school year! www.marysmeals.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, 4.00pm-6.00pm, 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, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 20th November	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Joe & Lydia Fonseca RIP Paula Malschaert RIP Roisin MaGuigan (Special Intention)
Sunday 21st November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Anne & Sean Connolly RIP Deceased Members of the Armshaw Family RIP For the People of the Parish Sr Margaret Young RIP
Mon 22nd Nov <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Margaret Martindale RIP Teresa Layzell (Special Intention)
Tues 23rd November	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Harold Butcher RIP Anniversary Patrick Burke RIP FM
Wed 24th November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Edward	Maureen Westwood RIP Ann Sandhu RIP
Thurs 25th Nov	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Joan Lake (Special Intention) Sr Margaret Young RIP
Friday 26th November	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP Barney & Peggy Rice RIP FM
Saturday 27th November	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Charlie & Rita Kelly FM Marion Lloyd (Special Intention) For the People of the Parish Tom, Mary & James Haren RIP
Sunday 28th November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> John Milne RIP (6th Anniversary) Patricia Cairney RIP Anniversary Mae Keown-Boyd (Thanksgiving) For Lucy & Frances (Well-being)

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