



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Teresa Neumann

I want to draw your attention to the life of a German woman totally devoted to the Holy Eucharist.

Teresa Neumann's life changed radically after her miraculous recovery from paralysis and total blindness at the age of 25. About a year later, she received the stigmata and began fasting, which lasted 36 years until her death. Her only nourishment was the Holy Eucharist and for this reason the Nazi authorities, during World War II, withdrew her food rationing card and gave her a double rationing of soap to wash her towels and clothing, because every Friday she would be drenched in Blood while she was in ecstasy, experiencing the Passion of Christ. Hitler was very fearful of Teresa.

Teresa was born in Konnersreuth (Germany), on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1898, to an extremely poor Catholic family. Her greatest ambition was to become a missionary in Africa but that was not possible as she was a victim of an accident at the age of 20 when a horrible fire broke out in a nearby plant. Teresa went to help, and, in the process of passing buckets of water to stop the flames, she got a horrible lesion in her spinal cord that caused paralysis in both her legs and complete blindness. Teresa then passed her days in prayer, but one day her miraculous recovery occurred in the presence of Father Naber who wrote: "Teresa described a vision of a great light and an extraordinary, sweet voice that was asking her if she wished to be healed. Teresa gave the most surprising answer when she replied that to her it would not make any difference whether she would be healed, stay the way she was or even die, as long as it was the will of God. The mysterious voice told her that 'that very day she would receive a small joy; the healing of her infirmities, but that she would still have a lot of suffering to endure in her future'."

For a little while, Teresa lived in fairly good health, but in 1926 her most important mystical experiences started and lasted until the day she died. She received the stigmata, and she began a complete fasting, with the Eucharist her only nourishment. Father Naber, who administered Communion to Teresa every day, wrote: "In her, God's promised word is accomplished: 'My Flesh is real food, and my Blood is a true drink'." Teresa offered the Lord her physical suffering - due to the loss of blood caused by the stigmata - that started every Thursday during the day when Jesus' Passion started, until Sunday, His Resurrection. This suffering was offered, through her intercession, for sinners that asked for help. Every time she would be called to a person's deathbed, she would be witness to that soul's judgment, as it is usual to happen right after death. Ecclesiastical authorities performed many examinations in regard to Teresa's continuous fasting. The Jesuit Carl Strater, directed by the Bishop of Ratisbonne, studied and examined the life of the stigmatized Teresa and confirmed: "The significance of Teresa Neumann's fasting is to show the people of the world the value of the Holy Eucharist, to make the world understand that Christ is actually present in the bread of the Eucharist and that through the Holy Eucharist, physical life can actually be preserved."

*Father Marco*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a short video about the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano** - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by **Wednesday 9:30am**

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 18th July 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

**PSALM RESPONSE:** THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm: 22 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ephesians 2:13-18 Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 25TH JULY:**

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Kings 4:42-44 Psalm: 144 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: John 6:1-15

## PARISH GROUPS



### Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website.

We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 3pm** in Holy Cross for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

### 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start in September 2021.

### Fellowship Group

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

## MESSAGES



### Come and See Holiday Activities

We are pleased to announce this Summer we are running the following activities for young people:

#### **August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)**

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford

Mon 9th; Wed 11th; Fri 13th

Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

#### **August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)**

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

For more information and how to book & pay for your place please go to:

[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee)

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

**The deadline to register for the Summer Club and Summer Camp is the 31st July 2021.**

### Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Porter and for his family. Tony's Funeral Mass takes place at St Joseph on Friday 23rd July at 1.45pm.

### Parish Picnic

**Sunday 22nd August, 12.30pm-4pm**

**Fleming Park (Passfield Ave, Eastleigh, SO50 9NL)**

The picnic will take place in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre. It is an event for all of the parish. Please bring your own food, drinks, cups/plates/cutlery. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

### BBQ for St Andrew & St Joseph Communities

**Sunday 8th August at 12 Noon in the gardens at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley**

All parishioners of St Andrew's and St Joseph's are welcome. The event will be by ticket only and details will be provided in the next couple of weeks. Please put the date in your diary. Parishioners will remember a successful similar event a few years ago. The main menu consists of chicken or salmon along with a choice of desserts. The main organisers are Roger Lillie and Tennyson Scaria and additional help will be welcome.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Changes to Mass in July

Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca and Fr Marco will be at their formation in Italy during part of July. For this reason from now **until Sunday 25th July** there will be no weekday Masses (apart from at OLQA), however our Deacons will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion following the normal church timetable. Eucharistic Adoration and tea & coffee will carry on as usual. Masses during the weekends of 17th/18th and 24th/25th (apart from at OLQA) will be celebrated as usual by supply priests.

**Coffee Stop at Holy Cross - Thursdays after Mass: Please can you help?** We need volunteers to help out on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11.30am getting the Resource Centre ready and serving tea and coffee after Mass. This popular Coffee Morning has been running for nearly 30 years and is such a worthwhile and friendly way to spend a Thursday morning. But over this last year situations have changed and we need more people to join our number of wonderful volunteers. Please consider helping if you can. The more volunteers the less often you have to be on the rota. Contact Pat Baggott 02380 694060, Monica Dunne 02381 780630 or Glenda Hinton 02381 780298 for more information or why not visit us on a Thursday Morning to see.

### Portsmouth Diocese 2020 Annual Report

The Annual Report has now been published following its submission to the Charity Commission. The report provides a review of all the great work that has been going on across the Diocese with a special focus on Clergy. The report gives detail of the financial accounts and is available on the diocesan website at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/annual-report>

### Suggested reading for the Summer

***Full Life: Letters to My Students*** by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman

These letters are reflections on the issues and questions students brought up to the author (religious studies teacher and headteacher) during a 30 year career working with young people. Their content touches upon many experiences at school and in the life of students. A provocative and original book for students, teachers, parents and everyone interested in education. Available on Amazon. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

***Rebecca*** by Daphne Du Maurier

On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of Rebecca falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley everything changes...A classic suspenseful novel about the power of distrust and suspicion in life.

### CARITAS Work on the Environment

Caritas pollinator projects are now ready for parishes. If you want to spend a few minutes watching, identifying and counting bees and other insects landing on flowers this summer...or if you would like to go on an organised walk to count bees & butterflies, all to help the diocese achieve our Care of Creation aims, by providing information to map how our pollinators are coping this summer, then please do get in touch with Jo Donaldson at: [jdonaldson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jdonaldson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Alton Day of Renewal** - We are continuing our 2021 Programme: "Alive in the Spirit", which explores how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us to be missionary disciples. More details on the ADoRE website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

## LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

### Live Streamed Services

All of the Services from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) For details of all of our Public Masses/Services please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

### To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph, Romsey

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wed to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### CONFESSION

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	No Confessions	St Edward
Tuesdays:	No Confessions	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	No Confessions	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	No Confessions	St Andrew

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Due to our priests returning to Italy for their formation (13th to 25th July), they will be unavailable to meet during this period.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 17th July</b> <i>Morning Mass: St Bonaventure</i>	<u>9.30am</u> 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>  For the People of the Parish Margaret Martindale RIP  The Intention of the Vokes' Family
<b>Sunday 18th July</b>  <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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> The Intentions of the Winchester Layzell Family Vincent Curmi RIP Anniversary  Angela Speight RIP FM Tony Porter RIP
<b>Mon 19th July</b>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u>	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>
<b>Tues 20th July</b>	<u>10.00am</u> <u>6.00pm</u>	<u>St Andrew</u> <u>St Edward</u>	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>
<b>Wed 21st July</b>	<u>9.30am</u> <u>10.00am</u> 7.30pm	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> <u>St Edward</u> OLQA	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>
<b>Thurs 22nd July</b> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	<u>9.30am</u> 12 Noon <u>6.00pm</u>	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> OLQA <u>St Joseph</u>	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>  <u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>
<b>Friday 23rd July</b> <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am <u>10.00am</u> <u>10.00am</u>	OLQA <u>St Joseph</u> <u>St Edward</u>	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>
<b>Saturday 24th July</b>	<u>9.30am</u> 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	<u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word &amp; Communion (Deacon led)</u>  For the People of the Parish Margaret Martindale RIP  Intentions of the Layzell Family
<b>Sunday 25th July</b>  <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	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> Edward Fenwick RIP FM Arthur Heslop RIP Anniversary  Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM Anne Kelly RIP Anniversary

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