



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

1st SEPTEMBER 2024: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A NEW BEGINNING...

We are starting a new social year with all the excitement of a new beginning. Many of us have managed to take a few days off and are now back refreshed. Hopefully the students have also benefited from the summer holidays. In the Parish, too, many activities stopped for the summer break, giving us some time to reflect and rest.

Each time we start again in September, we believe that something new can come about. The social year brings with it a desire for new experiences, for a new adventure, for something we don't know.

There is also the desire to return to the routines that the school allows, to take the children to school, to work, to bring the children home... All this gives stability and peace.

All this is natural and normal, common to all people in our society. But for us Christians it is more meaningful. In fact, we know that the newness that each September brings is only a call to go deeper. It is God who makes everything new, who always fills our lives with new graces.

An Austrian poet called Rainer Maria Rilke wrote some letters to a young poet. In one of them he writes:

Why do you not think of Him as the coming one, imminent from all eternity, the future one, the final fruit of a tree whose leaves we are? What keeps you from projecting His birth into times that are in process of becoming, and living your life like a painful and beautiful day in the history of a great gestation? For do you not see how everything that happens keeps on being a beginning, and could it not be His beginning, since beginning is in itself always so beautiful?

Everything that happens can be God's beginning. What is asked of us is that we be simple and humble, that we allow the river of God's grace to flow in our lives.

We don't really know what God will do in us, in our families, in our parish during this new pastoral year, but what I ask is that the Lord will make our communion shine again, as it has in the past years.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Bishop Condemns Acts of Violence" an article by the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales - 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 **10am on Wednesday 4th September**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 1st September 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: THE JUST WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

1st reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8 **Psalm 14** **2nd reading** James 1:17-18,21b-22,27 **Gospel** Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sunday 8th September 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD.

1st reading Isaiah 35:4-7a **Psalm 145** **2nd reading** James 2:1-5 **Gospel** Mark 7:31-37

PARISH GROUPS



Growing In Faith Together Group (GIFT)

The GIFT Group will be meeting in the Balcony of Holy Cross Church every Tuesday at 10.30am whilst the Resource Centre is being re-furbished.

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings

Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. All are welcome.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Meet on **Wednesdays** during term time from **10.30am to 12 Noon** in **St Edward's Cloister**.

The group is for 0-4 years and their families.

More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com.

The group restarts on **Wed 18th September**.

Afternoon Club - **St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water**. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. Please note the next games afternoon will be held on **Tuesday 1st October at 2pm**.

MESSAGES



St Swithun Wells Clergy Responsibilities from September

The congregation of Our Lady Queen of Apostles welcomes Fr Mario Toma as their main assistant priest on the retirement of Fr Bruce Barnes.

They will welcome Fr Mario formally after Mass on Sunday 15th September - all are warmly invited. They will bid Fr Bruce a proper OLQA farewell at a date to be confirmed.

In light of Fr Mario spending more time in OLQA, Fr Pietro will become the main assistant priest at St Andrew & St Joseph.

We are sure that parishioners will help Fr Mario and Fr Pietro quickly settle into their new responsibilities.

Changes to Mass

Starting Friday 13th September, Friday Mass at OLQA will be at 12 Noon (instead of 9.30am);

Starting Wednesday 18th September, Wednesday Mass at St Edward's will be at 9.30am (instead of 10am), whilst tea and coffee will be moved to after the 10am Friday Mass;

Starting Sunday 29th September there will be a new **Mass every Sunday at 5.30pm in Holy Cross Church** (this is in addition to the 11am Mass).

Children's Liturgy in Holy Cross - restarts on Sunday 8th September, however due to the refurbishment of the Resource Centre, Children's Liturgy will take place in the Sacristy. For this reason we have to limit the number of children to 30 until the end of the Resource Centre refurbishment. This will be on a first come, first served basis.

Upcoming Second Collection:

15th September 2024: Home Missions

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Wednesdays at 8pm in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

Starting Wednesday 2nd October. If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Douai Abbey

Sunday 8th September 2024

The Catholic Movement of Communion and Liberation is organizing a Pilgrimage to Douai Abbey to offer to God the beginning of this social year.

Programme for the day:

11.30am we meet at the Upper Bucklebury Memorial Hall, 57 Broad Ln, Upper Bucklebury, Reading RG7 6QH.

We will have a picnic (please bring your own food and drink), and we will then walk to the Abbey together. The walk is approximately 5 Km/3 miles long and, while suitable for sturdy pushchairs we recommend child carriers instead. It is mainly on flat terrain, and good walking shoes are advised.

Once we get to the Abbey, we will celebrate Mass and then one of the monks will give us a talk about their community and life together.

At the end of the pilgrimage, we will either drive you (or who drives your car) back to the hall by minibus, or you are welcome to walk back if you prefer.

We estimate the pilgrimage to **end by 5pm**.

On the day, please remember to bring some cash to pay for the hall hire and for the monastic community. **If you intend to come please sign up using the form on our parish website.**

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Our Youth Groups for children in primary school and young people in secondary school will restart at the end of September 2024. They are also the path we propose to those who want to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registrations for the year 2024/2025 are now open on our website: www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife (scroll down to Youth Groups).

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 21st September 2024 at 11am in St Edward's cloister** for all the parents and guardians where we will present the **2024/2025 Stars of Abraham programme** for those interested in joining the groups based in Eastleigh or Chandler's Ford.

Another meeting to present the Stars of Abraham programme in the Romsey & North Baddesley area will be held at **St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley on Saturday 28th September at 2pm.**

The first event of Grail Seekers and Student Youth will be a weekend away at **St Cassian's Centre, Wallington's Road, Kintbury, RG17 9SR. From 6.30pm on Friday 20th September to 5pm Sunday 22nd September.** Cost: £110 eldest (or only child), £80 per additional child/sibling.

In order to join the camp you will need to complete the registration form on our website and pay the whole amount by bank transfer by Sunday 15th September 2024.

For more information about the youth groups and events please go to our website.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Turner and for her family. Margaret's Funeral Service takes place on **Wednesday 4th September at 11.30am in St Edward's.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Soughan and for his family. Michael's Funeral Mass takes place on **Wednesday 11th September at 9am in St Joseph's.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Quinn and for her family. Mary's Funeral Mass takes place on **Friday 13th September at 1pm in St Swithun Wells Church.**

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey on Monday 30th September at 12.30pm. Menus are on the notice boards, All are welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794

522411) know your choice of meal no later than Sunday 22nd September as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

OLQA will hold it's annual St Wilfred Walk on Saturday 7th Sept. A gentle stroll through Hampshire's countryside visiting 5 churches which St Wilfred founded in the Meon Valley in the 7th Century. We meet at St Peter & Paul Church, Exton at 10am. Contact Angus Somerville for details 07929 867472.

Congratulations to Ivan & Sue (OLQA) who celebrate their Emerald Wedding Anniversary on 6th September.

Holy Cross Parking – please be aware that car parking will be very limited during the week at Holy Cross due to the building works. The Business users (who pay to use the parking spaces) will have priority in the smaller side of the car park.

Piano in Holy Cross - we are looking for a pianist (you don't have to Chopin!) to help the choir on Sundays in Holy Cross at the 11am Mass. We are prepared to pay for your service. Please contact Fr Raffaele by email: rcossa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew
Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass)	St Edward
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am (after Mass)	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues:	St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday:	Holy Cross - after Mass (10am-11am)
Thursday:	St Joseph - before Mass (5pm-6pm)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele not on 3rd or 10th Sept, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh;
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh;
Fridays:	Fr Mario, 10am-12 Noon, OLQA, Bishop's Waltham;
Fridays:	Fr Pietro, 10.30am-12.30pm, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey.

OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

OLQA - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
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HC - Holy Cross Church
53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

SSW - St Swithun Wells
Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB

St A - St Andrew
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 31st Aug	9.30am	Holy Cross	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	5.00pm 6.00pm	St Swithun Wells OLQA	Kornel Koronkiewicz (God's Blessing on his 18th Birthday)
	6.00pm 6.30pm	St Joseph St Edward	Sue Bettosi RIP Richard Layzell (Special Intention)
Sunday 1st Sept <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	People of the Parish
	9.00am	St Andrew	Susan Butcher RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA	Steven Laferla RIP 1st Anniversary
	11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	Eric Hyom (Special Intention) Sr Joseph (70th Jubilee of Profession)
Monday 2nd Sept	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles
Tuesday 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	For Joshua & his Family
	6.00pm	St Edward	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Wed 4th Sept	9.30am	Holy Cross	Gail Patrick RIP 5th Anniversary
	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
	11.30am	St Edward	Funeral Service: Margaret Turner RIP
Thursday 5th Sept	9.30am	Holy Cross	Jerry McDonnell RIP FM
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Deceased Members of the Neary Family
Friday 6th Sept	9.30am	OLQA	Sr Joseph (70th Jubilee of Profession)
	10.00am	St Joseph	Dudley Roberts RIP FM
	10.00am	St Edward	
Saturday 7th Sept	9.30am	Holy Cross	Yan Edwards RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	People of the Parish
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Elvira Golez & Manuel Golez Jnr RIP Anniversary
	6.30pm	St Edward	Private Intention
Sunday 8th Sept <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Zdzislaw Krupa RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	The Mancini Family
	9.30am	OLQA	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also livestreamed)	Rev Murphy O'Connor FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Desmond Pond RIP

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