



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

30th August 2020: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Only Love Gives Meaning And Happiness To Life

Today's Gospel passage is the continuation of last Sunday's, which highlighted the profession of faith of Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus wishes to build his Church. Today, in stark contrast, Matthew shows us the reaction of the same Peter when Jesus reveals to his disciples that He will have to suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter takes the Teacher aside and reproaches Him because this – he says – cannot happen to Him, to Christ. But Jesus, in turn, rebukes Peter with harsh words: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men". A moment before, the Apostle had been blessed by the Father, because he had received that revelation from Him; he was a solid "rock" so that Jesus could build His community upon him; and immediately afterwards he becomes an obstacle, a rock but not for building, a stumbling block on the Messiah's path. Jesus knows well that Peter and the others still have a long way to go to become his Apostles!

At that point, the Teacher turns to all those who were following Him, clearly presenting them the path to follow: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me". Always, today too, the temptation is that of wanting to follow a Christ without the cross, on the contrary, of teaching God which is the right path; like Peter: "No, no Lord! This shall never happen". But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love, and that there is no true love without self-sacrifice. We are called to not let ourselves be absorbed by the vision of this world, but to be ever more aware of the need and of the effort for we Christians to walk against the current and uphill.

Jesus completes his proposal with words that express a great and ever valid wisdom, because they challenge the egocentric mentality and behaviour. He exhorts: "whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. This paradox contains the golden rule that God inscribed in the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life. To spend one's own talents, one's energy and one's time only to save, protect and fulfil oneself, in reality leads to losing oneself, i.e. to a sad and barren existence. Instead let us live for the Lord and base our life on love, as Jesus did: we will be able to savour authentic joy, and our life will not be barren; it will be fruitful.

In the Eucharistic celebration we relive the mystery of the Cross; we not only remember, but we commemorate the redeeming Sacrifice in which the Son of God completely loses Himself so as to be received anew by the Father and thus find us again, we who were lost, together with all creatures. Each time we take part in the Holy Mass, the love of the crucified and Risen Christ is conveyed to us as food and drink, so that we may follow Him on the daily path, in concrete service to our brothers and sisters.

May Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus up to Calvary, accompany us too and help us not to be afraid of the cross, but with Jesus nailed [to it], not a cross without Jesus, the Cross with Jesus, which is the cross of suffering for love of God and of our brothers and sisters, because this suffering, by the grace of Christ, bears the fruit of resurrection.

Pope Francis

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is "**Mother Teresa: A Saint for our time**". If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com



LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 30th August 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

READINGS: 1st reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 **Psalm:** 62 **2nd reading:** Romans 12:1-2 **Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER:

1st reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 **Psalm:** 94 **2nd reading:** Romans 13:8-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGES



Volunteers

We need your help. Volunteers are needed to manage the opening of the churches, stewards to ensure and maintain social distancing, cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment and counters to count, record and store the offertory money.

Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future. If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

St Edward the Confessor: Deacon Paul Owen
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Holy Cross: Elizabeth Nash
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St Andrew & St Joseph: Deacon John Di Meo
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Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Canon Alan
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COME AND SEE (Holiday Club)

The last date of our Holiday Club for children and young people (school years 3 to 9 beginning September 2020) is on **Monday 31st August, 9.30am – 3.00pm:** A walk in one of the parks nearby, packed lunch and chat. Parents or guardians will need to bring to and collect their children from Holy Cross Resource Centre. Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am and will close at 3.30pm. If you are interested and want to come along you will need to complete a new form on the homepage of our website. Due to the current situation we will accept a maximum number of 20 children.

Upcoming Funerals & Memorial Masses

Please note that attendance is by family invitation only due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Martindale and for her family whose Memorial Mass is at St Andrew's on Tuesday 8th September at 11.30am.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Ryan and for her family whose funeral service is at Holy Cross on Tuesday 8th September at 12 Midday.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tren Ginevra and for her family whose Memorial Mass is at St Joseph's on Wednesday 9th September at 2.30pm.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Paola Bibbo and for her family whose funeral service is at Holy Cross on Thursday 10th September at 11am.

The funeral of both Shirley Griffin and her mother, Shirley Turpin will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Friday 11th September at 10am. The Catholic service will be led by Father Luca, we ask you to join us in prayer for Shirley, her mother and their family.

The funeral service for Pat Daniels will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 15th September at 11.30am. The Catholic service will be led by Father Marco, please join us in prayer for Pat and her family.

MASS TIMES, PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSIONS



St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** - restarting Saturday 5th September (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / sancha@virginmedia.com).

St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

Our Lady Queen of Apostles – please note the booking system in place:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

Confessions

After every Mass a priest will be available for confession - please just ask.

PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS

Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Monday to Wed 9.30am-5.30pm, Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm.**

Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait.

On **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September** please email the parish office instead of phoning.

(Email: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

Mass Intentions

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

- (1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention).

Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

- (2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599.**

Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for.

Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs and Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 29th Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sun 30th Aug <i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	Susan Butcher RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	Maureen & Jim Robinson (65th Wedding Anniversary) & Family
	11.00am	St Joseph	Anne & Peter Hooper (65th Wedding Anniversary)
4.30pm	SSW Primary School		
Mon 31st Aug		Private Mass	Rev Mgr Canon Patrick O'Mahony FM
Tues 1st Sept	10.00am	St Andrew	
Wed 2nd Sept	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP Grahame Nanson RIP
Thurs 3rd Sept <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	Mike Walsh RIP
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Gail Patrick RIP
Fri 4th Sept		Private Mass	
Sat 5th Sept	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Skipton Leonard & Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP
Sun 6th Sept <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Dudley Roberts FM
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (Also Streamed)	Jerry McDonnell FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Gail Patrick RIP
4.30pm	SSW Primary School		

CLERGY

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Thursday-Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm

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