



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
1st AUGUST 2021: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Bread of Life

Over the last few Sundays the liturgy has presented us with the image filled with Jesus' tenderness reaching out to the crowd and its needs. In today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 6:24-35) the perspective changes. The crowd whose hunger Jesus has satisfied begins to seek him anew and goes to encounter him. But for Jesus, it is not enough that people seek him. He wants people to know him. He wishes that the search for him and the encounter with him go beyond the immediate satisfaction of material needs. Jesus came to bring us something more, to open our lives to a wider horizon than the daily concerns of eating, clothing ourselves, career and so on. Thus, turning to the crowd, he exclaims: "you seek me, not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves (v. 26)". In this way, he encourages the people to go a step further and to question themselves on the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it. Indeed, the multiplication of the loaves and the fish is a sign of the great gift the Father has given to humanity, which is Jesus himself!

He, the true "bread of life" (v. 35), wants to satisfy not just the bodies but also the souls, giving the spiritual food that can satisfy profound hunger. This is why he invites the crowd to obtain not the food which perishes, but that which endures for eternal life (cf. v. 27). It is the food that Jesus gives to us every day: his Word, his Body, his Blood. The crowd listens to the Lord's invitation, but does not understand its meaning — as often happens to us — and asks him: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (v. 28). Those who are listening to Jesus think that he is asking them to observe the precepts in order to obtain more miracles like the multiplication of the loaves. This is a common temptation; to reduce religion to only the practice of its laws, projecting onto our relationship with God the image of the relationship between servants and their master: servants must carry out the tasks that the master assigns to them in order to enjoy his benevolence. We all know this. Therefore, the crowd wants to know from Jesus which actions it must perform in order to please God. But Jesus' reply is unexpected: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (v. 29). Today, these words are also addressed to us: God's work does not consist so much in "doing" things, but in "believing" in Him whom He sent. This means that faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God's works. If we allow ourselves to be involved in this loving and trusting relationship with Jesus, we will be able to perform good works that exude the fragrance of the Gospel for the good and needs of our brothers and sisters.

The Lord invites us not to forget that, if it is necessary to worry about bread, it is even more important to nurture our relationship with Him, to strengthen our faith in Him, who is the "bread of life" who came to satisfy our hunger for truth, our hunger for justice and our hunger for love. May the Virgin Mary support us in our journey of faith and help us to joyfully surrender ourselves to God's design for our lives.

Pope Francis

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

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 1st August 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN.

READINGS: 1st reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Psalm: 77 2nd reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24 Gospel: John 6:24-35

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST:

READINGS: 1st reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm: 33 2nd reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Gospel: John 6:41-51

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 18th 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 18th 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 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

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

The Summer Club is now closed to new registrations, the deadline to register for the Summer Camp is Sunday 1st August 2021.

Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Capstick and for his family. John's Funeral Mass takes place at **St Joseph on Tuesday 3rd August at 1pm.**

CAFOD at St Edward

We will be restarting the monthly meeting on **Monday 9th August in St Edward's cloister from 10.30am-12 noon.** If anyone would like to join us and be part of our group or just to find out more about CAFOD please come along, you will be very welcome.

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.

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre

(26A Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month.

Come and join us for tea, games and good fun.

All welcome! **Next Meeting: 2pm on 3rd August.**

BBO 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. 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, please speak to them for tickets and more information. Additional help will be welcome.



MESSAGES CONTINUED



Covid Roadmap Update

The government has removed some of the legal requirements regarding COVID, however we need to ensure that we continue to keep each other safe and our churches be a place where parishioners can come and worship with confidence and feel safe.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales has recommended that churches continue with a number of measures.

We strongly recommend the use of face coverings whilst attending church;

We are continuing to provide hand sanitiser;

If you wish to check in at any of our churches please use the QR code or give your details to a steward;

If anyone has any particular health care needs or concerns please speak with the stewards;

Although social distancing is no longer required you may prefer a gap of one or two seats as before;

We will continue with our one way system;

The physical sign of peace remains suspended;

Congregational singing will resume but will be phased in gently. Face coverings should be worn whilst singing until infection levels reduce;

Holy Communion will continue under one kind;

Thank you for your support.

St Swithun Wells Parish requires a Part-Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals.

We require an enthusiastic, discreet and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload.

The job is part-time (7 hours per week to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday/Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) with a salary of £3,535.30 per annum (FTE £17,672.20). For more details and an application form please see the parish website, www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk, or contact the Parish Office on email: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk tel: 02380 273882.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 31st August 2021.

Interviews will then be held the following week.

The intention is that the successful applicant will start as soon as possible once references have been received.

Message of Thanks

Mrs Catherine Porter and her family would like to extend their gratitude to members of the parish, for all their Mass Intentions, prayers and messages of condolence at the passing of her beloved husband Tony.

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants Required

We would like a caring, enthusiastic and responsible person to join us at St Swithun Wells Primary School.

Hours of work: 12pm until 1.30pm daily (7.5 hours per week, term time only). The rate of pay will be within Grade B: £9.62-£9.78 per hour.

For an application pack please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

All successful candidates will be subject to DBS checks and other relevant employment checks.

LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at 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.

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).

• 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).

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)

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	10.30am	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

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
Saturday 31st July <i>Morning Mass: St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Janet Burton RIP FM
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Bryan George Dolbear FM
Sunday 1st August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Margaret Martindale RIP
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Ellen Lane RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	John & Marian Peacock (Well-being)
Mon 2nd August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles Gwendoline Wardell RIP Anniversary
Tues 3rd August	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP
Wed 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Mike Walsh RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	John Davis RIP
	7.30pm	OLQA	
Thurs 5th August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Patricia Cowling RIP FM
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Andrew Flannery RIP Anniversary
Friday 6th August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	Maureen Boog RIP Anniversary
	10.00am	St Edward	Living & Deceased Members of the Layzell Family FM
Saturday 7th August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Mike Walsh RIP 1st Anniversary
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Emma MacDonald (Special Intention)
	6.00pm	St Joseph	For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Roger Wood (Special Intention)
Sunday 8th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	David & Ann Sandhu RIP and for David's family who are leaving the area
	9.00am	St Andrew	Alan French RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Lucy Dickson (Special Intention)
	11.00am	St Joseph	John Gare RIP Anniversary

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