



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
29th MAY 2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
This Newsletter Covers Sunday 29th May & Sunday 5th June

Ascensiontide

Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension. Forty days (or thereabouts) after Easter Sunday Luke tells us that, "Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven".

The time between the Ascension and Pentecost is known as "Ascensiontide". Some people have described it as a kind of "no man's land". Jesus has gone and told the disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They are lost!

The story so far is that the Apostles are soundly told off by the Sanhedrin who, incredibly, let them go (3rd Sunday of Easter). Then, the Gospel readings tell us, Jesus appears to them often and begins to tell them (apostles and disciples - men and women) what it was all about. From now until the Ascension it is almost like an advanced theology class. The careful choice of teaching from early chapters of John's Gospel from the 4th Sunday of Easter onwards emphasise this point. Their training from Jesus in person ends at the Ascension.

The story up to the Ascension also contains a collection of Apocalyptic readings from Revelation. (The Greek word *apocalypsis*, which is taken from the first sentence of the book, means 'a revelation' – hence the name 'Revelation'). These readings talk about a 'new heaven' and a 'new earth' where 'the world of the past is gone!'.

An article in last week's Catholic weekly *The Tablet* highlights some extreme Christian views claiming that, clearly, as the world is effectively at war; as we have a plague and there are hurricanes and wildfires and hundreds of billions of locusts swarming over East Africa, we are in the 'end times' before the second coming of Christ! Just to reassure you, whenever bad times have occurred throughout the last 2000 years, many people have attempted to predict the end times! To quote the well-worn phrase 'the end of the world is nigh' - again!

Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was precisely to counter the feeling that he had left us on our own after the Ascension to fend for ourselves. Jesus is always with us, with and through the Holy Spirit. That's the point of Pentecost. We need to believe that and make it a vital part of our faith. The day and the hour of the 'Second Coming' are not ours to know! Perhaps it will be our turn soon to comprehend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, what God wants us to understand, what the 'new heaven' and 'new earth' really mean. All that is left to say today is: "Come Holy Spirit". It has been my privilege to pen these few words today as the first reading this Sunday describes the stoning of Stephen, traditionally the first Deacon!

Deacon Bob

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "Returning to Mass At Pentecost" by the Catholic Bishop's Conference - 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 8th June**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 29th May 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KING, MOST HIGH ABOVE ALL THE EARTH.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 96 2nd reading Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20 Gospel John 17:20-26

Sunday 5th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

READINGS: 1st reading Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 103 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 Gospel John 20:19-23

Sunday 12th June 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

READINGS: 1st reading Proverbs 8:22-31 Psalm 8 2nd reading Romans 5:1-5 Gospel John 16:12-15

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups

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

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

For more details and how to join please go to the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - There will be no Fellowship Group meeting on 1st June, meetings resume on Wednesday 8th June when we continue our Bible

Study: Firm Foundations - Looking at the beginning of the Christian Church. Week 3 - Jerusalem and beyond. Everyone welcome. If you would like to join us on Zoom please contact peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 31st May we will be taking a look at the life of Padre Pio. On 7th June we will be starting a new series called the Joy of Hope. All are welcome!

Knitting Club - Third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families.

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

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26

Abbey Water, Romsey. Our next games afternoon will be on **Tuesday 7th June at 2pm** when we will be celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Bingo, prizes and a free raffle will be enjoyed; plus the obligatory scones and cakes! Please contact Elizabeth Gare on 01794 515265 if you are intending to come along, as soon as possible please, as space will be limited to 40, or for more information.

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

CaFE - latest course is The Gift, a Life in the Holy Spirit. Our meetings will be as usual at 2pm in the Parish Centre Romsey, repeated at 7.30pm in St. Andrew's N. Baddesley, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, finishing on 26th July. For more information please call/email Ann Heslop: 02380 734429 ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

Second Collection This Weekend (28th/29th May) for the Catholic Communications Network

- As we mark World Communications Day, Pope Francis encourages us to foster the ability to listen to God, to one another, to the cry of those in need and to those from whom we may differ. This appeal assists the Church to cultivate an attitude of attentiveness, and to share the Good News of Jesus. You can also donate online at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network>

Confirmation & FHC

Please pray for our young people who are making their **Confirmations on Sunday 29th May in the Cathedral**. Please also pray for our children who will be making their **First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th June**.

MESSAGES



Come and See Clubs & Camp

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and for our Summer Camp. For more information, cost and registration please click on the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

Parish Office is closed on the 2nd & 3rd June.

Sarah is taking annual leave during half term week, and is back in the office on Wednesday 8th June.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barry Betteridge and for his family. Barry's Funeral Service takes place at Holy Cross Church on Thurs 16th June.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Coffee Stop

Celebration - Thursday 2nd June

Coffee Stop will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with coffee and cakes. Please try and join us on Thursday morning 10am to 12 Noon in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross.

Coffee and cakes after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 5th June. Another opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Please join us for coffee/tea and cakes to celebrate after the 11am Mass at Holy Cross.

St Andrew's - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Sunday 5th June, after 9am Mass at St Andrew's Church, North Baddesley. We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All are welcome. If you would like to come please put your name down at the entrance hall table.

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 12th June, 1pm-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH An event for all of the parish, especially families. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey, on Wed

15th June at 12.30pm. All are welcome! Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal no later than Monday 6th June as we have to pre-order.

Message to St Joseph's parishioners from The Wisdom Centre in Romsey

The Wisdom Centre is part of the Open Gardens Scheme, an event where several gardens in Romsey are open and the £7 admission goes to Nursing Charities. The gardens will be open on Sunday 29th May. Obviously there will be no charge for parishioners of St Joseph's to come on site to attend Sunday Mass and the usual parking arrangements apply.

Thank you to all who supported the Coffee morning & Bring & Buy at St Edward. £332 was raised for CAFOD.

Missio (Red Boxes) is the Pope's charity for World Mission. Thank you for your generosity over the past months. The founder of this missionary network, Pauline Jaricot, was beatified on the 22nd May 2022. To celebrate, all are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving. There are two in our diocese:

St Edmund Campion Church, SL6 4PY - Tues 7th June at 6pm.

St Colman's Church, PO6 2JJ - Sunday 12th June at 3pm.

Southampton Polish Club - Ukraine Aid Appeal

Many thanks to all of you who have kindly donated items and to the volunteers who have been taking donations down to the former ToysRUs site in Southampton. The Polish Club managed to deliver over 2000 pallets of donations to Poland & Ukraine. Sadly due to a massive drop in donations across the region **their Ukraine Aid Appeal has now ended, therefore please do not bring donations into church.**

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, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)
Fridays:	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

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 - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;

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MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday 28th May	9.30am	HC	Oswald Carr RIP FM	Monday 6th June <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30am	HC*	Fraternity of St Charles Mr Pappachan RIP
	5.00pm	SSW	People of the Parish				
	6.00pm	OLQA*					
	6.00pm	St J					
	6.30pm	St Ed	Bridget Baker RIP (Annv)				
Sunday 29th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	Tuesday 7th June	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	Joseph Taylor RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	John & Bridie Peckham RIP				
	9.00am	St A	Clare Fisher RIP (Annv)				
	9.30am	OLQA*					
	11.00am	HC*	Christopher Hales RIP (1st Annv)				
11.00am	St J	Frank Peduzzi RIP					
Monday 30th May	9.30am	HC*	Jackie Higgins RIP	Thursday 9th June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	HC* OLQA St J	Christine Watson RIP & Family The Pond Family
Tuesday 31st May <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10.00am	St A	Vivien Smith (For Endurance)				
	6.00pm	St Ed	Pauline Wilson RIP				
Wed 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	9.30am	HC*					
	9.30am	OLQA					
	10.00am	St Ed	Keith Small RIP				
Thursday 2nd June	9.30am	HC*	Arthur Mason RIP FM	Friday 10th June	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St J St Ed	Margaret Martindale RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA					
	6.00pm	St J					
Friday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	9.30am	OLQA					
	10.00am	St J					
	10.00am	St Ed	Pauline Wilson RIP				
Saturday 4th June	9.30am	HC*	Kate Mason RIP FM	Sat 11th June <i>Morning Mass: St Barnabas</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC* SSW OLQA St J St Ed	In Thanksgiving for the Parishioners who have been praying for Mary Quinn John Walsh RIP Tom, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
	5.00pm	SSW	People of the Parish				
	6.00pm	OLQA					
	6.00pm	St J	Hugh & Bridie Roddy RIP FM				
	6.30pm	St Ed	Agnes & John Walker RIP FM				
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8.30am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>	Sunday 12th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLQA* HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Pauline Wilson RIP People of the Parish Christine Watson RIP
	9.00am	St Ed	Deceased Members of the Flannery & Moriarty Families RIP				
	9.00am	St A	Margaret Martindale RIP				
	9.30am	OLQA*					
	11.00am	HC*	Deceased Members of the Charleston, Foster & Catt Families FM				
11.00am	St J	H.M. The Queen (Platinum Jubilee)					
				<h2 style="color: red;">OUR CHURCHES</h2> <p>St Ed - St Edward the Confessor 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU</p> <p>OLQA - Our Lady Queen of Apostles Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN</p> <p>HC - Holy Cross Church 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF</p> <p>SSW - St Swithun Wells Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB</p> <p>St A - St Andrew Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP</p> <p>St J - St Joseph Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB</p>			
				<p>* Also Live Streamed</p>			