



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2022: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"God Bless our Pope the Great the Good."  
(From Cardinal Wiseman's hymn Full in the Panting Heart of Rome)\*

I am going to sound rather controversial but I believe that one of the most wonderful and greatest gifts that God has given to the Church is the Office of the Pope. This Apostolic Office has grown as the early Christian Community struggled with taking forward to all generations the authentic teaching of Jesus. It has been a point of reference to which people may turn for guidance and judgement outside of their own country; it has been the only person who could challenge Monarchs and Governments and uphold moral principles. It has been controversial. It still is! However, one thing is certain it is a gift from God - a voice which cannot just be abolished for the sake of bringing a more friendly or comfortable way of life to a society which gives the impression that Christianity, and, Catholicism in particular, is a social irritant. The Petrine Ministry places us right back to the time of Jesus and constantly calls us back to our roots as human beings made by God. Over the years there have been various titles for the Pope. I am fascinated by the way in which these titles have changed; Vicar of Christ and Supreme Pontiff through to Pontifex Maximus (Great Bridge Builder), and, in our own time, Servant of the Servants of God. Each of these titles has a Universal jurisdiction attached to it, but the metamorphosis of titles shows the way in which the Church is being led to be more humble and more listening to those outside the Catholic tradition. Indeed it may be suggested that this Petrine Ministry may be the centre and cause for an eventual coming together of Christian Churches. For the Popes of recent times have held out hands of friendship to those outside of the Catholic Church and a respect has grown between the leaders of the Churches. There have also been genuine attempts to try and find ways in which they can work together whilst honestly acknowledging their differences in doctrine and practice. These initiatives have often been at the personal input of the Popes themselves.

When I was a student I was told that one thing that a Catholic should never do is to criticise the Pope. It is bad for the Church and bad for people to hear such things. Each Pope brings to his Office gifts which the Holy Spirit has chosen to lead the Church. I pray that our present Holy Father, Pope Francis, may continue to build bridges between the churches and show us in his own life how effective it is when we all learn to be more humble and listen to what others are saying - especially the Holy Spirit who can actually work outside of what we call The Church.

*Fr Bruce*

\* Footnote:

This is taken from Wiseman's hymn printed in Westminster hymnal 139. An interesting text as there is mention of the newly installed telegraph/telephone system at the Vatican in the last verse:

*For like the sparks of unseen fire,  
That speak along the magic wire,  
From home to home, from heart to heart,  
These words of countless children dart:  
"God bless our Pope, the great the good."*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "The Smart Era and the Need for Contact", by Davide Prospero - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

**For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 9.30am on Wednesday 26th January, please email your messages/notices to: [stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)**

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 23rd January 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3**

**PSALM RESPONSE: YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT, LORD, AND THEY ARE LIFE.**

**READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10 Psalm 18 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

**Sunday 30th January 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4**

**READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 70 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Gospel Luke 4:21-30**

## PARISH GROUPS



### Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

### Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Meet in person on Saturdays in St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

### Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue our series 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible'. On Tues 25th

January we look at The Patriarch.

All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - 26th January 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church Fair Oak. We are continuing our occasional series on Theologians of the 20th & 21st Centuries and this week looking at Desmond Tutu, a South African bishop and theologian known particularly for his work as an anti apartheid and human rights activist. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you cannot come in person but would like to join us on Zoom please contact Peter Baggott by email at peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

### 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 More volunteers are always welcome.

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

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, commencing Thursday 27th January. We will have fun and games and meals together. We are looking for volunteers to help run the group. If you would be interested in volunteering or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

## MESSAGES



### Second Collection This Weekend

On the 22nd/23rd Jan the second collection is in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. This annual collection is the only financial support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Available at Masses today are the Cathedral Gift Appeal envelopes. If you wish to donate online a 'Give as you Live' page has been set up at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support our cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### Meeting for Parish Readers

**Sunday 23rd January, 3pm-4.30pm at St Edward's**

We are blessed with many Readers in our Parish and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all. During the Readers afternoon there will be a talk and time for sharing experiences. We hope that you can all attend. Refreshments will be available.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January

The ecumenical service due to take place on Sunday 23rd Jan at St Martin in the Wood Church has now been cancelled. On this Sunday we are still invited to send representatives to attend the service at 10am in St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2FT. If you are interested, please contact Mike Greenslade: 02380 262870 / mikeg5@ntlworld.com.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Parish Get2Gether

**Sunday 6th February, 1pm-4pm**

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH  
An event for all of the parish. 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.

### Vacancy for St Swithun Wells Parish Finance

#### Administrator (Part-time)

Up to £21,278 per annum (for 30 hours per week) dependant on experience, plus contributory pension. To be based at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh and reporting to the Parish Priest.

#### **Overall job purpose**

- Management of parish and clergy finance
- Car park finance administration
- Property liaison with estate agents
- Processing for Our Parish Future programme

#### **About you**

- First class organisation skills
- Advanced proficiency in use of Microsoft Office including Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Excellent interpersonal skills and confidence to deal with people at every level
- Able to effectively manage a high-volume workload
- Ability to work on own initiative
- An ability to maintain high degree of confidentiality and trust

A full job description can be found on our parish website or at:

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/current-vacancies>

To apply please forward the following to [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

- 1. A Covering Letter:** Please tell us how your motivation, values, skills, experience, and personal qualities demonstrate your suitability for the role (around 500 words) and why you would like to work for the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.
- 2. Current CV and the Details of Two Referees:** This should include full education and employment history (including dates, with no gaps left unexplained). Please

include your current or most recent employer as one of your referees.

**Closing Date: Thursday 3rd February 2022**

**Interview Date: Friday 11th February 2022**

### Cleaners Needed at St Edward

If you are able to give some time to help with the cleaning of the church and cloister, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Sipaul: [rachel-sipaul@me.com](mailto:rachel-sipaul@me.com)

### Friendship through Faith

Our parish has the good fortune of hosting two of the most active UK Circles in the global Catenian Association. Their members not only contribute to our parish life in many spheres, but also recognise and practice the inherent value of social interaction for men and women of a likeminded faith background. Recent times have left many people isolated and bereft of mentally stimulating engagement beyond their homes.

Do you need a new start and a way forward? There is an answer available via this QR code or view <https://www.wincats.net/b2020>



Local Catenian websites: <https://www.wincats.net/> and <https://southamptoncatenians.org/>

### St Joseph's Church Private Prayer times

**Thursday (10am-6.30pm);**

**Sunday (10am-12 Noon).**

#### **TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET**

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm</b> , Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

## CLERGY & PARISH OFFICE

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## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 22nd Jan	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross* St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Ronald Walter Russ RIP FM Harry & Joan Long RIP  Peggy Martin RIP
Sunday 23rd Jan  <i>Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA* Holy Cross* St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Keith Small RIP Anniversary FM Stella & Peter Bowerman RIP Anniversary  The People of the Parish Winifred Harris RIP
Monday 24th Jan <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Mike & Joyce Lucas RIP and their relatives both living and deceased
Tuesday 25th Jan <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Pat Eagar (For Recovery) Ivan Decouto RIP
Wed 26th Jan <i>St Timothy &amp; St Titus</i>	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross* OLQA St Edward	Maria Smyth FM  In Thanksgiving
Thursday 27th Jan	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross* OLQA St Joseph	Russell Speight RIP Anniversary  Margaret Martindale RIP
Friday 28th Jan <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Alfred Fernandez RIP
Saturday 29th Jan	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross* St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sylvester McMahon RIP FM Sam & Sheila Sanders RIP  Tony Silvester RIP Anniversary Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 30th Jan  <i>Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA* Holy Cross* St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> The People of the Parish Calvin Nel RIP Anniversary  Mary McMahon FM Eric Clarke RIP Anniversary  * Also Live Streamed

## OUR CHURCHES

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

Our Lady Queen of Apostles  
Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

Holy Cross Church  
53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

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

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