



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

3rd November 2019: **31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Month of November

November is usually the month in which we commemorate all our faithful departed. We start on the 1st November (All Saints) by remembering all the faithful who are in Heaven, and on the 2nd November (All Souls) we pray for all those who are in Purgatory. These two days open the month of November giving to it its Christian meaning.

During this month nature helps us to remember our deceased. In November everything seems to disappear (leaves, sun, colours...) and we are led more easily to reflect about the end of life. At the same time we know that this state of darkness is only temporary. Light, life and colours will come back (hopefully!) in spring. All of this makes us think that even human death will be defeated. As Christians we never speak about our deceased with a gloomy attitude, but always with hope.

Why do we need a full month for the commemoration of the dead, a full month dedicated to them?
For two reasons:

1. Sometimes we can forget. It is right we set aside time to remember them. They need our prayers, our intercession, and we need their help. They are in the Eternal Life. They see God and they can obtain favours for us. In this month we remember that we, who are alive, and the dead, are all one great family, and there is a relationship, a deeper connection between the Earth and Heaven. In the Creed this is called the Communion of Saints.
2. The Christian meaning of November is consolation. During this month the Church teaches us that God is mercy, that all the people that we love are still alive, that they can be saved, that God forgives and in his mercy wants the salvation of everyone. So this month is not a month of sadness or despair but of hope, because Christ died for us and for our salvation. This month gives us the certainty that life after death exists.

In our Parish we will pray for all the dead in our family or our friends, so that they may reach Heaven. In some of our Churches there is a beautiful tradition: the Book of Remembrance, where we write the names of our deceased. They are written in that book and they are written in the mind of God as well. On the 10th November we will join the rest of our Country, remembering all the soldiers who have lost their lives in wars.

On the weekend of 23rd/24th November in our Churches we will be remembering in prayer especially those from our community who have died during the last year. The families will be invited to participate at Mass and the names of their beloved will be read out and a candle lit.

During that same weekend in the cemeteries of our Parish we will join for a liturgy of hope. The graves will be blessed and put under the protection of Our Lady.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a video by Bishop Barron entitled, "Catholicism: The Pivotal Players" where you can learn about the Church's newest saint, St John Henry Newman. You can find the link on our homepage.

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: FORSAKE ME NOT, O LORD, MY GOD; BE NOT FAR FROM ME! MAKE HASTE AND COME TO MY HELP, O LORD, MY STRONG SALVATION!

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER 2019:

1st reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14 - Psalm: 16 - 2nd reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 - Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

PARISH GROUPS



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in Holy Cross Resource Centre. It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, everyone is assured of a warm welcome. Contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every **Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.**

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at **St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 7.30pm.**

Journey in Faith with the Bible: An opportunity for all to develop through prayer and reflection a better understanding of the readings for the following weekend's Sunday Mass. On Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at **St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford.** All Welcome. Dates until Christmas: **6th, 20th Nov;** 4th & 18th Dec. Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

CAFE - the next meetings will be held on:
Monday 18th November In St Joseph's Parish Centre at 2pm;
Tuesday 19th November in St Andrew's at 7.30pm.
Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Fellowship Group - Wed 6th November, 7.30pm, St. Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Join us for an evening on St. Ignatius. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served at the end of the meeting. Queries to Peter Baggott or Deacon Bob Birtles.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday. **Next Meeting Date: 3rd November from 7pm to 8.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre.** Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski).

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

For everyone in school years 3-6, we meet every other week: **Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister;**
Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre.
To join the group complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

For everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 we meet weekly every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Afternoon Club

Come and join us at the Afternoon Club in **St. Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water)** for tea, delicious scones and cakes, games and good fun on **Tuesday 5th November at 2pm** and every first Tuesday in the month. No qualifications required and you could win a prize in the free raffle!

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



Remembrance Sunday (10th November)

Holy Cross - Mass will start at **11.30am** following the civil commemoration in the park.

St Joseph's - Mass will be at **11.30am** following the civil commemoration in the park.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for September '19: £12,423.09.

Second Collection - 2nd/3rd November

Bamenda Sunday this Weekend. Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese of Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the Bamenda Newsletter or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

PARISH EVENTS



Get 2Gether Family Afternoon – Sun 3rd Nov
From 2.30pm to 4.30pm in St Edward's Church (Cloister). It is an event for all the families of the Parish: parents, children, grandparents... It will be an opportunity to have some time together, with fun and friendship. If you want to bring a cake or some juice, it will be much appreciated, at the end we finish with some refreshments.

Parish Lunch - Tuesday 12th November, 12.30pm
At the Luzborough, Romsey. All welcome. Menus on the notice boards. Apologies for the short notice but please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Mon 4th Nov as we have to pre-order.

Classical Music Evening - Friday 15th November
8.00pm-9.00pm at St Edward's Church.
All are welcome!

Annual Mass for Parishioners who have died in the past year

This will take place during weekend Masses on 23rd & 24th November at the following churches:
St Andrew's, St Joseph's, Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edward's.

Blessing of Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our Parish. Details for this year are:

Sunday 24th November

Romsey Cemetery (Botley Rd) - 2pm
Woodley - 2.30pm
Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm
Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm
Fair Oak Cemetery - 3pm
Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm

Tuesday 26th November

North Baddesley St John's Churchyard— after the 10am Mass at St Andrew's.

St Joseph's & St Andrew's Christmas Mini Fayre & Draw

30th Nov, 10am-12.30pm, St Andrew's Church
See Messages section for more details and help requested.

MESSAGES



Christmas Cards: The Knights of St Columba have produced Christmas cards in association with St Swithun Wells school. Please support the Knights' charities and the school by buying cards on sale at Masses on 2nd/3rd Nov and 9th/10th Nov.

Recommended Reading

Two suggested books for parishioners until January:
Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham;
Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy;
It will be possible to buy the books after wk/end Mass.

St Joseph's and St Andrew's Christmas Mini-Fayre and Draw

Donations of non perishable gifts urgently needed. Please leave items in boxes provided in St Joseph's & St Andrew's Churches.
There are still some raffle tickets left, so if you feel lucky and/or generous, please pick up another book of tickets as you leave Mass today. It would be fantastic if we could sell all the tickets and make this event really successful. The draw will take place at **St Andrew's Church, on the 30th November** and the proceeds given to Fryers House, Romsey.
The mini-fayre, from 10- 12.30 will include stalls and refreshments. Nearer the time, we hope parishioners will get baking for the event. The proceeds of the fayre will go towards St Andrew's children's liturgy resources and some new chairs for St Joseph's parish rooms.

St Swithun Wells Prayer Link

Please contact me if you have any requests, queries or comments. *Marion*
marionbirtles@gmail.com (02380 692416).

Two Saints (The Night Shelter St Dismas)

The night shelters are always grateful for any help we can give in providing men's new or clean used clothes, shoes, boots and socks, as those in need sometimes arrive with few possessions. Please leave any items in boxes provided at St Edward's, St Andrew's and St Joseph's. Thank you for your continuing support.

Poitiers Care Food Bank

The above Catholic charity, founded and organised by Father Des Connolly, supports local families in great need. *Urgently required are tea, coffee, sugar, packet soups, tins of meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, and all other non-perishable food.* These may be left in the boxes proved at St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's and St. Edward's churches.

If you would prefer to support the charity by giving a monetary donation by Standing Order, or an occasional donation, please contact Vincent Clemas, 'Cornerways House', School Lane, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1LG. We would welcome more volunteers. If you would like to help, either on a regular basis, or just occasionally to give our volunteers a short break, please contact Brian Arthur on 07796161047 or 023 8029 2692. Thank you for your generous contributions in the past and for your continuing prayers and support.

Mary Hunt's Funeral Service

Alain Hunt would like parishioners to know it is on **Wednesday 13th November, 10.45am at Wessex Vale Crematorium.** Everyone is most welcome.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 2nd Nov <i>All Souls</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Audrey & Denis Queen (Intention)
	10.00am	St J	<u>Flotilda Guia RIP (Anniversary)</u>
	5.00pm*	SSW	Marion Lloyd (Special Intention)
	6.00pm*	St J	Jesus, Nono, Nestor, Flaviano & Leopoldo RIP
	6.00pm* 6.30pm*	OLQA St Ed	Keith Small RIP
Sun 3rd Nov Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	The Deceased members of the Griffin & O'Connell Families RIP
	9.00am	St A	Patricia Roydon RIP (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am 11.00am	St J HC	Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM
Mon 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.00am	St Ed	Anne Connolly RIP
Tues 5th	9.30am	HC	Regina Turl (Special Intention)
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	11.00am	HC	<u>Funeral Mass: Sarah Ferreira RIP</u>
Wed 6th	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	10.00am	St Ed	Margaret Rinn RIP
	11.00am	HC	<u>Funeral Service: Thomas Burke RIP</u>
Thurs 7th	9.30am	HC	Marucci & Mazzilli Family RIP
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	
Fri 8th	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J AH	Joe Tapper RIP
Sat 9th <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Paul Freeman FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Mary Quinn (Special Intention)
	6.00pm*	St J	Mary Adams RIP
	6.00pm* 6.30pm*	OLQA St Ed	Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sun 10th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.30am	St J	
	11.30am	HC	<u>Bill Reynolds FM</u>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)
 Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm
 Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm

ROSARY AND PRAYERS
 St Edward's 9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
 St Joseph's 6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)
Saturdays: 10.00am Holy Cross
 5.30pm OLQA
 5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays: 8.30am St Edward's
 8.30am St Andrew's

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET
Tues: Fr Raffaele, 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Weds: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.

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- St Ed St Edward's, 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU
- OLQA Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN
- HC Holy Cross Church, 53, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF
- SSW St Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
- St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP
- St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

- St Swithun Wells Primary School 023 80266210
- St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603
- St Anne's Catholic School 023 80328200
- Charlton House 023 8067 7575
- St Mary's Independent School 023 8067 1267