



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ **31st OCTOBER 2021: ALL SAINTS**

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

One of the most poignant moments in the Ordination of a priest or deacon is when the candidate lies face down on the floor of the sanctuary while the Litany of the Saints is sung and the prayers of the saints are invoked. For those who have had this privilege it is unforgettable: time stands still and it is a humbling experience. There is acute awareness of both the significance of the commitment being made and of the presence and support of all those holy men and women who have gone before, in service to the Lord.

The Solemnity of All Saints 'celebrates all those who are in heaven, in the light of God's face: both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example so that we too can fulfil our vocation to be saints'. The Catechism reminds us too that the saints' intercession is 'the most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole Church'.

The defining characteristic of a saint is how each, in a unique way, has responded to that 'call to holiness'. When we read the lives of the saints we can follow their journey to the Lord and see their progression in faith towards unity with God. In the words of the late Fr Daniel O'Leary, 'On a journey where risk, letting go and openness are the only spiritual compasses to hand, the attainment of perfection is a dubious destination ... all we can hope for is to be authentic'.

All of us will have known and loved people who have lived an authentic life, a life full of faith and good works: people we would describe as holy or saintly. These are people who have inspired us and enabled us to flourish; and we pray that they are numbered among the saints of heaven.

The example of the saints is a great source of encouragement to us as we try to live out our unique vocation. The diversity of their lives is immense and in our lifetime we have seen many 'new' saints canonised - and therefore celebrated now throughout the Universal Church. Each one of us will, of course, be drawn to a particular patron saint or saints and call upon them in prayer to help us on the road to eternal life.

'Let us all rejoice' - as the entrance antiphon at Mass proclaims. With the saints we joyously celebrate the grace of God at work in humankind. Let us not be tempted to view the saints as 'other' or 'beyond us in goodness or holiness'. In the vocation of all the baptised, everyone is called to be a saint (but without realising or relishing it!). At the end of our earthly pilgrimage all we can hope for is a welcome at the gates of heaven: 'Well done, good and faithful servant; come and share in your Master's happiness'.

Deacon John

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is an interview with Timothy Radcliffe, "NOTHING HUMAN IS ALIEN TO CHRIST"- 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 3rd November, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 31st October 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: SUCH ARE THE MEN WHO SEEK YOUR FACE, O LORD.

READINGS: 1st reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm: 23 2nd reading: 1 John 3:1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER:

READINGS: 1st reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm: 145 2nd reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6) Meet in person:
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 in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For the 2nd November we will watch a DVD and have a discussion on 'Renewed in the Holy Spirit'. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm on Zoom.

We are continuing to look at modern Theologians of the 20th & 21st Centuries, continuing with Hans Kung a charismatic Catholic priest and theologian whose liberalism progressively estranged him from the Vatican. Everyone in the Parish is very welcome to join us. Please contact Deacon Bob Birtles for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre

(26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

CAFE - The CAFE group has restarted in Romsey and North Baddesley. It is on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's. Our course until December is "This is My Body", a series of DVDs which take us deeper into the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ann Heslop: ann.heslop@virginmedia.com / 02380 734429.

MESSAGES



Memorial Mass for Mike Walsh

Takes place at Holy Cross on Saturday 30th October at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore Marucci and for his family. Salvatore's funeral takes place at Holy Cross on Tues 2nd November at 11am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Scott. Barbara's funeral takes place at St Edward on Fri 12th November at 11am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Lawless and for his family. Joseph's funeral takes place at St Edward on Wed 17th November at 11.30am.

St Charles Borromeo Feast Day

The 4th November is the Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, patron of The Fraternity of frs Raffaele, Luca, Marco and our seminarian Andrew. On this day we will pray for all the missionaries of The Fraternity.

Upcoming Second Collection - next weekend

Next Sunday, the 7th November is **Bamenda Sunday**. Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our sister diocese, the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Our prayers and support are more urgent than ever this year given the continuing violence and instability in the region. Please be as generous as you can in your donation for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support there.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

Tuesday 28th June - Sunday 3rd July 2022

We are jointly planning a Pilgrimage to Rome with Tangney Tours on the occasion of the Ordination (God willing) of Dennis as a Priest, Phil and Andrew as Deacons. We are planning for a group of up to 50 people, however if more people want to attend we will review this. Estimated cost is £1,000 per person based on two people sharing. More details will be given next week, in the meantime please save the date. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Raffaele.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Annual Mass and lighting of candles for Parishioners who have died in the past year

This will take place at the following churches:
Holy Cross, Tuesday 2nd November at 9.30am;
St Andrew's, Tuesday 2nd November at 10am;
St Edward's, Tuesday 2nd November at 6pm
(N.B. Adoration will start immediately after Mass);
St Joseph's, Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm;
St Swithun Wells, Saturday 6th November at 5pm.

All Souls Day Mass at OLOA

Two Masses will be celebrated at OLOA on Tuesday 2nd November.

9.30am Mass for All Souls (names not read out)

7.30pm Mass for Parishioner's Holy Souls - We are encouraging all those who attend the evening Mass to bring a white flower to present to the Altar when the names of their loved ones have been read. The flowers will be placed in vases around the altar to remind us of the presence of the Holy Souls.

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 7th November

OLOA, Bishop's Waltham, after the 9.30am Mass

Sunday 14th November

Romsey Cemetery (Botley Rd) - 2pm

Woodley - 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm

Fair Oak Cemetery - 2pm

Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm

Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm

Tuesday 16th November

North Baddesley St John's Churchyard - 10.30am.

Social Knitting - We will be knitting squares for charity and enjoying each others company. You don't need to be expert knitters. We will be using double knitting wool and 5 ^{1/2} or 6 needles which we can supply as well as the wool. You can bring your own needles and/or wool if you would prefer. Everyone is welcome, please contact Val Talbot on 07766 056488 for more info. We will meet on the **second Tuesday of each month at Holy Cross Resource Centre from 2-4pm, starting Tuesday 9th November.**

STOP PRESS: OLOA Quiz on Fri 29th Oct

In view of the alarming increase in Covid infections in southern Hampshire in the past few weeks, it has been decided - with much regret - to cancel the OLOA Quiz on Fri 29th Oct. We will re-arrange the event for another time. Angus Somerville 07929 867472

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)

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 7th November, 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.

On this day we will have an online meeting with Fr Dominic (Missionary Priest from the Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo). He will give a talk about his missionary experience in Nairobi, Kenya.

Holy Cross Shop - will now be opening on Sundays after Mass starting 31st October.

Parish Office Closures

Linda Roberts is taking the week off, therefore the Parish Office will be closed on **1st & 2nd November.**

Message from CAFOD

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November. Prayer cards are available in the churches. For more info see: cafod.org.uk/COP26

Prayer for COP26

In our Parish we will pray for the success of the COP26 talks during the Eucharistic Adorations held in our Parish during the 2nd - 4th November.

Symposium on Politics & Religion - Sat 6th Nov

To book please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-and-religion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487>

Eastleigh Basics Bank - Help needed!

One of our volunteer drivers has had to drop out, so we urgently need someone to collect customers' donations from Waitrose on alternate Mondays at around 11.00am. You need to have a medium to large sized car and would be working with an experienced partner as two cars are needed for this collection. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Hazel Bateman 023 8090 3028; hazel.bateman@ntlworld.com

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, 10.30am-11.30am, 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 30th October <i>Morning Mass: Blessed Winchester Martyrs</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Leonard Bissen RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Jackie Callow RIP
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Roy Russell-Smith RIP Anniversary
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Paul Chandler RIP (6th Anniversary)
Sunday 31st October All Saints	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Jan & Helena Gaca RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Irene Dornan RIP
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Gerard Carr RIP FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	For the People of the Parish
Mon 1st Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles
Tues 2nd November All Souls	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Mass offered for our deceased
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Andrew	Mass offered for our deceased
	<u>11.00am</u>	Holy Cross	Funeral Service - Salvatore Marucci RIP
	6.00pm	St Edward	Mass offered for our deceased
	7.00pm	St Joseph	Mass offered for our deceased
	7.30pm	OLQA	Mass offered for our deceased
Wed 3rd November <i>Blessed John Body</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Annamma RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
Thurs 4th Nov <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Keith, Elizabeth & Ralph Clark RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Danny Lovatt RIP
Friday 5th November	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	
	10.00am	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Saturday 6th November	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Wilfred Henwood RIP (Birthday)
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Mass offered for our deceased
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Josephine O'Grady RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Bernard & Wendy Grace (Special Intention)
Sunday 7th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	For the People of the Parish
	9.00am	St Andrew	Patricia Roydon RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Beatrice & George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Gillian Meeney (Well being)

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