



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

29th MARCH 2020: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS MARY'S DOWRY

On 29th March, The Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Sunday after the Solemnity of the Annunciation, every single Catholic in England – and thus in our Diocese of Portsmouth – is being invited to rededicate themselves personally to the Blessed Virgin Mary so that England can shine once again as the Dowry of Mary.

For the three days before (i.e. Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th) we are invited to say the Angelus prayer, you will find this on our website, www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk.

We will say the following Prayer all together at **Mass on Sunday at 10.00am, The Act of Entrustment of England to the Virgin Mary.**

Prayer: O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

Response: We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

Prayer: By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Response: To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer: Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Response: Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer: Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

Response: May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour.

Prayer: Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

Response: May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love.

Prayer: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God.

Response: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

Priest: O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, sinful as we are, we come to see you who are all pure, we salute you, we honour you as how we may with our humble offerings. May thy Son grant us, that imitating thy most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Spirit may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose Him. Amen

Father Raffaele

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 29th March 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.

READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH 2020:

1st reading: Ezekiel 37:12 - 14 - **Psalm:** 129 - **2nd reading:** Romans 8:8 - 11 - **Gospel:** John 11:1 - 45

Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for my fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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During Weekdays and Saturdays we sing at the end of Mass the following ancient hymn to the Virgin Mary to ask deliverance from all dangers:

Latin Text

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genitrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus,
sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

English Translation

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy
Mother of God;
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

- **Stars of Abraham** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays (from 24th March)
- **Grail Seekers** (Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays (from 28th March)
- **TOZ** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays (from 29th March)
- **School of Community** (Live meeting) 8.00pm Wednesdays

Please follow the ZOOM meeting instructions to connect to the group.

All other groups have been suspended until further notice:

- **Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)** (Contact Deacon Paul Wilson).
- **Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)** (Deacon Paul Owen).
- **Journey in Faith with the Bible** (Anne Owen).
- **Fellowship Group** (Peter Baggott/Deacon Bob Birtles).
- **CaFE** (Sheila on 01794 518071).
- **60 Club** (Maureen on 80692682).
- **Knit for Peace** (Anne on 02380 734710).
- **Knit and Natter** (Maureen on 02380 252104).
- **Mothers Prayers of the Solace Community**
- **Oasis Women's Group**
- **Afternoon Club (Romsey)**

ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



Churches in our Parish

All of our churches are now closed for the time being. A copy of Bishop Philip's updated Decree (24th March) is available to read on our website.

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church

Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm

Please follow the guidelines for the Zoom meetings.

You will be able to listen to a meditation given by one of our priests and then join in the Rosary being prayed.

How to join our ZOOM meetings

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

Follow the instructions

When asked enter the Meeting ID:

694 224 1055

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS



Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned either by the Parish Secretary or by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882.

Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions that have already been booked across the Parish will be offered during live streamed Masses where there is availability. Everyday 3 Priests will celebrate Mass, that means 3 Intentions can be offered.

There will be times, usually at the weekend when more than 3 Mass Intentions have been booked, therefore the Priests at their discretion may need to move some Mass Intentions. If you would prefer not to have this happen due to personal reasons please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible as we may be able to suspend your booking and reschedule once the churches have reopened.

Upcoming Second Collections

These have been suspended and will be rescheduled at a later date.

MESSAGES

Penitential Services across our Parish have been suspended until further notice.

Easter Offerings for our Priests: Traditionally, your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the priests and in our diocese forms a major part of their annual income. At the end of the month the collection is divided into four to give to our priests. This year because all places of worship must close for the time being until the Covid-19 virus is under control we need to think about how we can keep the priests and the parish finances healthy. If you would like to make an offering, it may be easier (as it's close to Easter) to make a one off bank

transfer to the parish main account, by using the reference **Easter** besides the donation so we can correctly identify it.

Bank sort code: 30-93-04

Bank account number: 01786599 PRCDTR St Swithun Wells Parish.

If you cannot do a bank transfer and would like to send a cheque, please sign this and write **EASTER** on the back. On the payee line make the cheque out to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells Parish**. The parish can cash your cheque and add it to the overall collection.



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 28th March	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Souls in Purgatory (Special Intention) Ellen-Marie Connolly (Well being) Sean Connolly (Special Intention)
Sun 29th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mary McCormack RIP (28th Anniversary) Sr Rosaleen (Well being) Beatrice & George White; David, Laura & Eduardo Fernandes FM
Mon 30th March	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Christine Blishen (Thanksgiving) Pat & Jan Lake (Special Intention)
Tues 31st March	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Margaret Rose Shebib Hamilton (Blessing)
Wed 1st April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Sue Yeomans RIP Keith Small RIP
Thurs 2nd April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mary Webber FM Bridie Roddy RIP
Fri 3rd April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Julia Jackson FM
Sat 4th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	John Gibbons (Anniversary) Jim Crowley RIP Patrick Lake RIP
Sun 5th April Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Umberto Pugi RIP (2nd Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Westwood, Surman & Grace Families RIP

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GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is 'Don't waste these difficult days' an interview with Pope Francis on the Coronavirus emergency. You can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com.

