



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

19th July 2020: **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## 'The Times They are A-Changin'!

Alongside many contemporaries of my age (74 years young) and older it would not be an exaggeration to say that, to quote the old Bob Dylan song of 1964, "The Times They are A-Changin'".

We have lived through rationing, wars, various pandemics, recessions, economic down/up turns, sorrows, joys and God knows what else. Nothing, I venture to suggest, will have changed the world as much as Covid-19.

We have recently seen things like the lunacy of "covid parties" to the heroic selflessness of our key workers. We have been locked down for months and may well be again in some parts of the world. In the UK we are beginning to see (through masked faces!) the light at the end of the tunnel but it is still a very long tunnel.

Does this begin to sound a little despairing? Well, one side of the coin is pretty bleak. I do not believe we will "get back to normal" ever again. At best, it will be a "new normal", yet to be defined, yet to be imagined. But there is another side to the coin.

I have spoken to, and communicated with, more people since lockdown than ever before. What would we have done without Zoom? (Other programs are available!) I look forward to a world where everyone has access to the Internet!

Many more people have been able to access Mass daily than would usually, physically, attend. Albeit without Eucharist. We have been able to pray together, even by telephone. None of this was feasible before. Viewing figures for streamed services across the world indicate a yearning for a faith not necessarily there before. We must not abandon these people in the "new normal".

Today's Gospel reading of the parable of the mustard seed is most appropriate but let us not let the dandelion get in the way of this new growth.

We are called to new and innovative ways to evangelise our world, rooted in prayer. Let us take heart from today's reading from Romans:

*"The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means....."*

*(Romans 8:26-27a)*

Deacon Bob

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a message from the Archbishops in England about the resumption of Public Worship. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 19th July 2020:**

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19TH JULY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Wisdom 12:13,16-19 **Psalm:** 85 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 8:26-27 **Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26TH JULY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 **Psalm:** 118 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 8:28-30 **Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

## MESSAGES



### Guidelines For Public Mass in Our Parish

We have now begun to have public Masses across our Parish. Please read the following carefully to help you decide if coming back to Mass is safe for you. Please let us know if you have questions.

1) Even if everyone desires to come back to Mass, parishioners are currently not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and ought not attend if the following apply:

- For example if they are sick, or experiencing cold or flu like symptoms
- They are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness, or if they are in the "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions etc.)

It is envisaged that the Sunday obligation will not be imposed until the latter phases of the lifting of restrictions.

2) Alcohol hand gel is provided at the church doors. Parishioners should sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the church.

3) Stewards will be at the Church entrance to assist parishioners when they enter, leave, and during Mass. They will make sure social distancing is respected.

4) Churches have been marked out with appropriate signage to make sure social distancing is respected.

5) We have a limited space available in our churches. When the maximum number is reached it will not be possible to enter the church.

6) We encourage parishioners to come 15 minutes before Mass starts to help the work of the stewards.

7) Parishioners should wear masks or face coverings during Mass.

8) There will be no physical sign of peace. People may still turn to one another and say "Peace be with you."

9) The Eucharist will be distributed under one kind only; distribution of Holy Communion from the Chalice is suspended.

10) When giving Holy Communion in the hand, the priest will ensure that the host is placed in the hand of the recipient in such a way that there is not touching and that the maximum possible social distance is maintained.

11) Social distancing must be maintained in the communion lines.

12) A priest will be available after Mass to hear Confessions if requested, following appropriate social distancing.

13) We encourage parishioners to make their offering by Direct Debit or Standing Order. In any case a basket will be placed at church exits and parishioners may put their collection there.

14) If a parishioner attending Mass does develop Covid, they or their family should make the parish aware.

### Volunteers

We need your help. Volunteers are needed to manage the opening of the churches, stewards to ensure and maintain social distancing, cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment and counters to count, record and store the offertory money.

### Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future. If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

**St Edward the Confessor:** Deacon Paul Owen  
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**Holy Cross:** Elizabeth Nash  
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**St Andrew & St Joseph:** Deacon John Di Meo  
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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles:** Canon Alan  
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### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Shine** and for his family. The funeral service (family only) will be at Winchester on Monday 20th July at 2pm. The online weblink for the service is at [www.chesilwebcast.com](http://www.chesilwebcast.com) the password is 'shine' (all lower case).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Proudlove** and for her family whose funeral (family only) will take place at St Edward's on 29th July.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



**CAFOD** has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its response through our global Church family. 60 volunteers from around the diocese have pledged to each walk at least 4 miles for CAFOD - to cover the length of Portsmouth Diocese (and back) in the 10,000 steps challenge, including Marina Joyce in Swithun Wells Parish. Please donate if you can:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cportsmouth-Aldershot>

look out for a mention for our parish in the blog:  
<https://cafodportsmouth.wordpress.com/>

### St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School News

Since 1st June, the school has welcomed back many more children and although we have said a fond farewell to Year 6, nearly all the children from the rest of the school are back, meeting up with friends and doing their best learning.

On **Monday 20th July**, Miss Clark, Justin Harris (Chair of Governors) and a couple of staff are cycling from Salisbury to St Swithun Wells school - about 25 miles, raising money so that the school can host a well-being and mental health day for the children during the Autumn Term. It is Miss Clark's chance to thank the children for all their hard work and to show them that if we put our minds to something we can achieve our goals. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so via their giving page - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Headteachers-bike-ride>

## MASS TIMES



### Timetable for public Masses and private prayer

#### St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

#### St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / [sancha@virginmedia.com](mailto:sancha@virginmedia.com)).

#### Our Lady Queen of Apostles:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass)

#### St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

## PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS



### Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm**. Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882**. If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait.

### Mass Intentions (Changes from 20th July)

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass intention). Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

(2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** with sort code **30-93-04** and account number **01786599**. Please indicate that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for.

#### Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 18th July	6.30pm	St Edward	Mrs Edward Christian FM Angela Speight FM
Sun 19th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	Bryan George Dolbear FM Hugh & Vera Peters RIP  Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP
Mon 20th July		Private Mass	Living & Deceased Members of the Mongan & Turner Families FM Father Bob Douglas (Special Birthday Intention)
Tues 21st July	10.00am	St Andrew	Laurence Flach RIP Helen Armshaw (Special Intention)
Wed 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.00am	St Edward	Pascoe Family (Special Intention) Clodagh Ross (Well being)
Thurs 23rd July <i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Nayfe Mtanos Nakouzi RIP Ron & Sheila Rhymer RIP
Fri 24th July		Private Mass	Leslie Armshaw RIP Sr Maureen Carvil (Special Birthday Intention)
Sat 25th July	6.30pm	St Edward	Edward Fenwick FM Jim Shine RIP
Sun 26th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	Beatrice, George White; Laura, David & Eduardo Fernandes FM Anne Kelly RIP

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