



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

**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2022: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

This Newsletter Covers Sunday 31st July & Sunday 7th August

### Let Your Thoughts Be On Heavenly Things

One of the most significant realisations for me from our parish pilgrimage to Rome came when we were visiting the Colosseum. Our guide had been talking about life during Roman times and that the only people who had rights were the Roman nobility. All other levels of Roman society were to a greater or lesser extent, dispensable. So, most great triumphs were celebrated by executions. Slavery was commonplace and, when a particular Roman emperor wanted scapegoats, they would find people to persecute, like the early Christians.

Christianity brought with it, of course, a very different set of priorities and values. One of the most important was the inherent belief that every single human person has value because they are created in the image and likeness of God. So, all human life is sacred from conception to the grave. It was such a fundamental change that it took a long time to become established. But for most of the last 2000 years it has become a principle on which most legal systems have been based.

But how successfully has that fundamental principle been applied? Compared to only a few years ago, we now have formidable technological, medical and agricultural resources at our disposal. So, why is it that one-sixth of the world's population – or 1.4 billion people – cannot fulfil basic needs, like one meal a day or receiving healthcare? How is it that the richest 1% now have as much wealth as the rest of the world combined? And that's without even mentioning the failure to uphold the sanctity of human life through abortion, euthanasia and conflict.

The readings this Sunday remind us that the only true riches are those that are eternal. As it says in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians: *"Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth."* In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we should guard against avarice of any kind. He goes on to relate the parable of the rich man who had a good harvest and only saw things in terms of his own security based on his wealth.

There is always a danger in getting too comfortable. We all aspire to a good standard of living. But when our possessions start to take hold we should worry because it can harden us against the suffering and needs of others. What we have can insulate us against the differences that exist between those who have plenty and those who don't have enough.

St Paul in his guidance on how to live warns of the things to avoid among which is: *"..especially greed, which is the same as worshipping a false god."* The reality is that whatever we put our trust in for security becomes our focus of life - so let us make it the living God rather than any false god.

*Deacon Paul Owen*

### GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is, "The Church Is In You" by Pope Francis - 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 10th August**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 31st July 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23 Psalm 89 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Gospel Luke 12:13-21

**Sunday 7th August 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

**PSALM RESPONSE:** HAPPY THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 32 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Gospel Luke 12:32-48

**Sunday 14th August 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

**PSALM RESPONSE:** ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN, IN GARMENTS OF GOLD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Psalm 44 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

### Youth Groups

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

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

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

Stars of Abraham also prepares the children for First Holy Communion usually in school year 3. Grail Seekers also prepares the children for Confirmation usually in school year 9. For more details and to join please go to the parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

### Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community are currently on their summer break. For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen: [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively please speak to a priest.

**Fellowship Group** - there will be no meeting during the holidays, return date to be announced.

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August we continue our series called 'I Believe', based on the Creed. All are welcome!

## PARISH GROUPS



**Knitting Club** - Third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

### The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Are currently on their Summer break (they normally meet on 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](mailto:littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com)

### Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre

(26A Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

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

Are currently on their Summer break (they normally meet on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre). Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact Fr Luca at: [arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com)

### Parish Office - Summer Holidays

The Office will be closed on Fridays during the school holidays. Double newsletters will be produced for Sunday 31st July and Sunday 21st August (there will be no newsletters for Sundays 7th & 28th August). Fiona will be away on Wed 31st Aug & Thurs 1st September therefore the office will close at 2.30pm on those days.

### St Andrew's & St Joseph's BBQ - Please note the rescheduled date

Following the success of last years BBQ in St Andrew, even in the rain, the event is being repeated on **Sunday 21st August at 12 Noon**. The venue is St Andrew's, North Baddesley. Participation is by ticket only and announcements will be made at weekend Masses at both St Andrew's and St Joseph's. Contact Tennyson Scaria or Roger Lillie after Mass. Let's hope this year is sunny.

## MESSAGES



### Invitation to the CAFOD Group & Knight of St Columba BBQ

The CAFOD group and the Knights of St Columba invite you to a parish barbeque at **St Edward's on Saturday 20th August, from 1pm**. Food including desserts and a first free drink with each £10 ticket. Children under 12 are FREE. BBQ and raffle contributions gratefully accepted and there will be a CAFOD produce stall.

Enquiries to Neil Hendricks (023 8026 6324); tickets on sale after Masses during the first two weeks of August. Numbers will be limited to about 80.



## MESSAGES CONTINUED

### Come and See Club & Camp

Registrations are open for our Summer Club and Summer Camp.

**Summer Club (7yrs-14yrs) at St Edward's, 9am-3pm  
Mon 8th to Fri 12th August 2022**

**Mon 15th to Fri 19th August 2022**

Children have to bring their own lunch and suitable clothes for games and walks according to the weather of the day.

£5 per day - the whole amount has to be paid by cash or cheque to the team leaders who will be at the club the first day your child comes. Spaces are limited!

Part bursaries may be available on application.

### **Summer Camp (11yrs-18yrs)**

**Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August 2022**

St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, SO40 7DU

We will sleep in St Joseph's House (not in tents!). £150 all inclusive (board and lodging and activities). The whole amount has to be paid by cash or cheque to the team leaders who will be at the camp. Spaces are limited! Part bursaries may be available on application.

To register for the Club/Camp please go to the "Come and See" section on our website homepage.

**Volunteer Mini Bus Driver Required** for Come & See Holiday Activities. You will need to have the required license to drive a mini bus. Please speak to Fr Marco/Fr Luca for more details or email: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

### **Flower Arrangers Annual Get Together - Tuesday 23rd August (St Rose of Lima), 10am at St Andrew's**

The St Andrew's Flower Team would like to invite all St Swithun Wells flower arrangers to celebrate Mass together on this date; this will be followed by refreshments in the adjacent hall. Also, any parishioners, neighbours or friends, who may be interested in joining one of the church flower teams, would be most welcome to this informal occasion to find out more details. Please contact Anna Moody so we can have an idea of numbers attending: [annamoody49@gmail.com](mailto:annamoody49@gmail.com) or 07837 340090.

### **Holy Cross Shop**

The shop will be closed for the whole of August and will re-open on Thursday 1st September. If you need anything from the shop during this time, please phone Lynette on 02380 618542. *Lynette & Angela*

**Janet's Big Leap** - Janet Cooke is doing a sky dive, wind and waves permitting, on **2nd August** in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Go Janet!!

A Just Giving Page has been set-up if you would like to make a donation: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janet-cooke-big-leap>

### **Scam Alert**

We have been made aware of parishioners in our Parish being contacted by email, by someone pretending to be Fr Raffaele asking them for vouchers that he will reimburse them for. **Parishioners are advised to ignore any messages coming from a non-saved contact. Frs Raffaele, Luca, Marco & Bruce would never ask you to buy them vouchers by email or text. If you receive an email from them, please check to see that it's a Portsmouth Diocese email address, however if you are in anyway unsure whether it is genuine please either speak to them direct or contact the Parish Office.** If you receive a scam email or text message please report the email address or phone number to Action Fraud and to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### **CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)**

|           |                 |            |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Tuesday:  | 6.30pm-7.30pm   | St Edward  |
| Tuesday:  | 9.30am-10.00am  | St Andrew  |
| Saturday: | 10.00am-10.30am | Holy Cross |
|           | 5.30pm-6.00pm   | OLQA       |
|           | 5.30pm-6.00pm   | St Joseph  |
| Sunday:   | 8.30am-9.00am   | St Andrew  |
|           | 9.00am-9.30am   | OLQA       |

### **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, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh)     |
| Fridays:    | Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey                   |
| Saturdays:  | Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey                       |

### **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 - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)   |

## CLERGY & PARISH OFFICE

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## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

| DATE  | TIME    | CHURCH               | MASS INTENTION   | DATE  | TIME    | CHURCH | INTENTION  |
|---|---------|----------------------|--|---|---------|--------|--|
| Saturday<br>30th July   | 9.30am  | HC                   | Regina Turl (Sp Intention)                               | Monday<br>8th Aug<br><i>St Dominic</i>  | 9.30am  | HC     |  |
|   | 5.00pm  | SSW                  | Steve & Trisha Holmes<br>(Golden Wedding Annv)           |   |         |        |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | OLQA                 |  | Tues 9th<br>Aug<br><i>St Teresa<br/>Benedicta<br/>of the<br/>Cross</i>                                  | 10.00am | St A   | Gerry Callaghan RIP  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St J                 | Sarah & Herbert Howie<br>RIP Anniversaries               |   | 6.00pm  | St Ed  |  |
|   | 6.30pm  | St Ed                | Patricia Garrett RIP                                     |   |         |        |  |
| Sunday<br>31st July<br><br>Eight-<br>eenth<br>Sunday<br>in<br>Ordinary<br>Time          | 8.30am  | HC                   | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i>                                | Wed<br>10th<br>Aug<br><i>St<br/>Laurence</i>  | 9.30am  | HC     | Mike Walsh RIP<br>Anniversary  |
|   | 9.00am  | St Ed                | Ana Da Silva RIP Annv                                    |   |         |        |  |
|   | 9.00am  | St A                 | Arthur Heslop RIP Annv                                   |   | 9.30am  | OLQA   |  |
|   | 9.30am  | OLQA*                |  |   | 10.00am | St Ed  |  |
|   | 11.00am | HC*                  | Janet Burton RIP FM                                      | Thurs<br>11th<br>Aug<br><i>St Clare</i>   | 9.30am  | HC     | Thanksgiving   |
| 11.00am   | St J    | People of the Parish | 12 Noon  |   | OLQA    |        |  |
|   |         |                      |  | 6.00pm  | St J    |        |  |
| Monday<br>1st Aug<br><i>St<br/>Alphonsus<br/>Liguori</i>                                | 9.30am  | HC                   | Fraternity of St Charles                                 | Fri 12th<br>Aug   | 9.30am  | OLQA   | The Living & Deceased<br>Members of the Johns<br>Family FM   |
|   |         |                      |  |   | 10.00am | St J   |  |
| Tues 2nd<br>Aug   | 10.00am | St A                 | Hugh, Vera & Michael<br>Peters RIP Anniversaries         |   | 10.00am | St Ed  |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St Ed                |  |   |         |        |  |
| Wed 3rd<br>Aug  | 9.30am  | HC                   |  | Sat 13th<br>Aug   | 9.30am  | HC     | Margaret Martindale RIP<br>People of the Parish  |
|   | 9.30am  | OLQA                 |  |   | 5.00pm  | SSW    |  |
|   | 10.00am | St Ed                | Keith Small RIP  |   | 6.00pm  | OLQA   |  |
| Thurs 4th<br><i>St John<br/>Vianney</i>   | 9.30am  | HC                   | Harry Cross (Sp Intention)                               |   | 6.00pm  | St J   | Sr May RIP<br>Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP   |
|   | 12 Noon | OLQA                 |  |   | 6.30pm  | St Ed  |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St J                 | Anthony McAnelly RIP                                     |   |         |        |  |
| Fri 5th<br>Aug  | 9.30am  | OLQA                 |  | Sunday<br>14th<br>Aug<br><br><i>The<br/>Assump-<br/>tion of<br/>the<br/>Blessed<br/>Virgin<br/>Mary</i> | 8.30am  | HC     | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i><br>Skipton Leonard & Mary<br>Marjorie Haslam RIP<br>Alan French RIP<br>Anniversary |
|   | 10.00am | St J                 | Andrew Flannery RIP Ann                                  |   | 9.00am  | St Ed  |  |
|   | 10.00am | St Ed                | Eric & Clare Lasker<br>(Wedding Anniversary)             |   | 9.00am  | St A   |  |
| Sat 6th<br>Aug<br>The<br>Transfig-<br>uration<br>of the<br>Lord                         | 9.30am  | HC                   | Patricia Cowling RIP FM                                  |   | 9.30am  | OLQA*  | Layzell Family Intentions  |
|   | 5.00pm  | SSW                  | People of the Parish                                     |   | 11.00am | HC*    |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | OLQA                 |  |   | 11.00am | St J   |  |
|   | 6.00pm  | St J                 | Special Intention  |   |         |        |  |
|   | 6.30pm  | St Ed                | Living & Deceased<br>Members of the Layzell<br>Family FM |   |         |        |  |
| Sunday<br>7th Aug<br><br><i>Nine-<br/>teeth<br/>Sunday<br/>in<br/>Ordinary<br/>Time</i> | 8.30am  | HC                   | <i>Polska Msza Święta</i>                                |   |         |        |  |
|   | 9.00am  | St Ed                | John Davis RIP   |   |         |        |  |
|   | 9.00am  | St A                 | Margaret Martindale RIP                                  |   |         |        |  |
|   | 9.30am  | OLQA*                |  |   |         |        |  |
|   | 11.00am | HC*                  | Lucy Dickson (Special<br>Intention)                      |   |         |        |  |
|   | 11.00am | St J                 | John Gare RIP<br>Anniversary                             |   |         |        |  |
|   |         |                      | * Also Live Streamed                                     |   |         |        |  |

### OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor  
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Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

HC - Holy Cross Church  
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SSW - St Swithun Wells  
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St A - St Andrew  
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph  
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB