



## Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 16th JANUARY 2022: SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### That All Of Them May Be One

On Tuesday we are starting the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, which ends on 25th January, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle.

Therefore, it is important that this coming week we pray "that all of them may be one", as Jesus prayed (John, 17:21), and that we try to go deeper in the meaning of the ecumenism.

The best definition I've read of ecumenism is by Fr Giussani. These are his words, *"The Christian term that so well expresses originality and cultural development in the totality of its factors is 'ecumenism', in its original etymological sense, which derives from oikumene ('catholic' in Greek). It means that the Christian view reverberates with a momentum that makes you able to exalt all the good that is present in all you meet, a momentum that makes you acknowledge your participation in that plan that will be perfectly realized in eternity and that has been revealed in Christ.*

*Ecumenism starts from the Event of Christ, which is the Event of truth in all that is, of all time and space, of history. It is truth happening in the world - the Word has become flesh, the truth has become a human presence in history and remains in the present. This Presence invades - tends to invade - all of reality. When you are clearly conscious of the supreme truth that is the face of Christ, then you see something good in all you meet.*

*Ecumenism is therefore not a generic tolerance that can leave the other person yet a stranger, but a love for the truth that is present in anyone, even if only a fragment of it. Every time a Christian meets a new reality he faces it positively, because it carries some echo of Christ, some echo of the truth.*

*Nothing is excluded from this positive embrace. This universality is the result of the missionary experience implied in the choice that God makes of the baptized and in the destiny for which one is chosen. The task of the baptized is the universal mission that God communicates to him as a sharing in the great mission of Christ. So, the more he is committed to this mission the more he is also committed to discover the good that persists in all things, the fragment or the reflection of truth. Since I am part of the reality of Christ, I look at the mountains, the morning and the evening, all reality, looking first for the ultimate root in everything I see. And the conviction that the truth is in me and with me makes me extremely positive about everything. Not equivocal, but positive. If there is the tiniest bit of truth in something I affirm it".*

Let us try to live this week of prayer by asking God to be able to exalt all the good that is present in all we meet.

Fr Marco

### GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "The Smart Era and the Need for Contact", by Davide Proserpi - 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 19th January**, please email your messages/notices to: [stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 16th January 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** PROCLAIM THE WONDERS OF THE LORD AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES.

**1<sup>st</sup> reading** Isaiah 62:1-5 **Psalms** 95 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 **Gospel** John 2:1-11

**Sunday 23rd January 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

**READINGS:**1<sup>st</sup> reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10 **Psalms** 18 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 **Gospel** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## PARISH GROUPS



### Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

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!

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Meeting on Wednesdays, 8pm in St Edward. 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 or alternatively please speak to a priest.

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue our new series 'Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible'. On Tues 18th January we look at The Early World. All are welcome!

**Fellowship Group** - the first meeting this year will take place on Wednesday 19th January 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. There will be a liturgy for the New Year followed by planning for the coming months. Everyone is most welcome. Refreshments served at the end. Queries to Peter Baggott on 02380 694060 or Deacon Bob Birtles.

**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 are welcome!

### The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

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 More volunteers are always welcome.

**Knitting Club** - meets third Tuesday of the month, the next meeting is on Tuesday 18th January 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!

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

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre for a couple of hours, commencing Thursday 27th January. We will have fun and games and meals together. It is important that we build a good community spirit which recognises that there is value in every individual, no matter their strengths or perceived weaknesses and certainly that there is value to be found in the bonds created within such a group. We are looking for volunteers to help run the group. If you would be interested in volunteering or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

## Upcoming Second Collection

Next weekend (22nd/23rd Jan) we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. If you wish to donate online a 'Give as you Live' page has been set up at:  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

## MESSAGES



Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### St Joseph's Church Private Prayer times

Thursday (10am-6.30pm);

Sunday (10am-12 Noon).

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### Meeting for Parish Eucharistic Ministers

**Sunday 16th January, 3pm-4.30pm at St Edward's**

In our Parish we are blessed with many Eucharistic Ministers and this meeting is an opportunity to thank you all. During the afternoon there will be a formation and follow-up discussion. We hope that you can all attend. Refreshments will be available.

### Cultural Friday - 21st January, 8pm at St Edward's

As it is during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are going to look at some hymns, popular across all Christian Denominations that show how and why the church sings it's way through thick and thin. Dr Micha Jazz will focus on the background behind hymns including, Lead Kindly Light by St John Henry Newman, Amazing Grace by John Newton and the classic Abide With Me by Henry Francis Lyte. Cheese, wine and nibbles will be available from 7.30pm and throughout the evening, suggested donation of £1.

### Meeting for Parish Readers

**Sunday 23rd January, 3pm-4.30pm at St Edward's**

We are blessed with many Readers in our Parish and would like to take the opportunity to thank you all. During the Readers afternoon there will be a talk and time for sharing experiences. We hope that you can all attend. Refreshments will be available.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th-25th January

The ecumenical service due to take place on Sunday 23rd Jan at St Martin in the Wood Church has now been cancelled. On that Sunday we are still invited to send representatives to attend the service at St Boniface Church, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2FT. If you are interested, please contact Mike Greenslade: 02380 262870 / mikeg5@ntlworld.com.

### St Swithun Wells Parish Financial Summary 2020/21

A summary of the Parish Finances covering the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 has been produced and is available in all of our churches, please pick up your copy.

### Message from Linda Roberts

Dear All, just to let you know that I shall be retiring at the end of March 2022 after just over 9 years service as Finance Administrator. The role has grown considerably over the years and now requires more hours than I can take on so it is time to make way for someone else. I am sure you will make my successor welcome. In the interim, if there is anything outstanding in terms of tasks for you that I need to prioritise before the end of the period please let me know. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have helped me over the years in various ways. It only remains for me to say keep safe, God Bless and see you around. *Linda*

### Cleaners Needed at St Edward

If you are able to give some time to help with the cleaning of the church and cloister, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Sipaul: rachel-sipaul@me.com

**Request** - a parishioner in need would be grateful for donations of the following items: Tracksuit bottoms for a boy age 12-14 years, iron and ironing board, vacuum cleaner, small desk and office chair, small freezer (preferably table-top size), wall mirror, large rug and hall runner, long-handled dustpan and brush, kitchen and bedroom bins, fruit bowl, toilet brush and spray mop. Contact Anna on 07880 682503 to arrange collection.

### CONFESSION

#### (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

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

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

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## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 15th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Margaret Martindale RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Rocio Bates (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Roni Bown (Birthday)
	6.30pm	St Edward	Alison Gosnell RIP
Sunday 16th Jan  <i>Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	João Barbosa & Family RIP Anniversary
	9.00am	St Andrew	The People of the Parish
	9.30am	OLQA*	
	11.00am	Holy Cross*	Catherine Mary Robinson FM
Monday 17th Jan <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Algirdas Juozas Rimutis RIP Margaret McElhinney RIP Anniversary
Tuesday 18th Jan	10.00am	St Andrew	Nick Silvester RIP Anniversary
	<u>11.00am</u>	<u>St Edward</u>	<u>Funeral Mass: Nora Martin RIP</u>
	6.00pm	St Edward	
Wed 19th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Anna Hill (Special Intention)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Edward	Kieran Mooney RIP 1st Anniversary
Thursday 20th Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Hazel Freda Jurd FM
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
Friday 21st Jan <i>St Agnes</i>	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St Joseph	
	10.00am	St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP
Saturday 22nd Jan	9.30am	Holy Cross*	Ronald Walter Russ RIP FM
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Harry & Joan Long RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.30pm	St Edward	Peggy Martin RIP
Sunday 23rd Jan  <i>Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP Anniversary FM
	9.00am	St Andrew	Stella & Peter Bowerman RIP Anniversary
	9.30am	OLQA*	
	11.00am	Holy Cross*	The People of the Parish
	11.00am	St Joseph	Winifred Harris RIP
			* Also Live Streamed

### OUR CHURCHES

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