



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* **6th JUNE 2021: CORPUS CHRISTI**

### The Body and Blood of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which marks in our Diocese the beginning of a year dedicated to the Eucharist. It will be the opportunity to reflect on this important sacrament and to appreciate all the richness contained within it.

As Bishop Philip says in the pastoral letter we read this weekend, the Eucharist is the centre of our life, the most precious treasure Christ has given His Church, the most sublime mystery before which we can kneel in adoration. The presence of the Lord in the sacrament is the main reason of our gathering every Sunday at Mass. Today we give thanks for the gift of Jesus' presence in the bread and in the wine. **We find in it our rest and our happiness**, as the gospel says, "Come to me all you who labour and are overburden, and I will give you rest." Like St. John who put his head on Jesus' chest during the Last Supper, finding there peace, we find the same peace adoring and receiving the Eucharist.

The Eucharist, like every sacrament, is a sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. Like every sacrament, the Eucharist introduces us into the heart of our faith. By contemplating this sacrament we can understand more about what Christianity is. In fact, the Holy Host is a strange mixture of something divine and something temporal, a mixture of something eternal and something poor. By contemplating it we are led to understand that **our religion is about God dwelling in our daily life**, God joining His life with us. As the Eucharist is Jesus Christ present, hidden inside normal bread and wine, at the same time Christianity is the religion of God present in our everyday life.

During Mass we usually offer bread and wine and after consecration the Holy Host and Precious Blood are elevated. The act of elevation is a meaningful gesture in which the sacrament is shown to everyone for adoration. Usually a bell is rung and incense is used. The elevation is a prayer as well, the prayer that our spiritual life might increase, might be elevated. **The food that we receive is for our spiritual growth**, to improve in our Christian journey, to be one with the Lord.

*Fr Raffaele*

### **GEM OF THE WEEK**



This week's GEM is Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, "An Invitation" - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

**Newsletter items should be received into the Parish Office by Wednesday 9:30am**

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 6th June 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

**PSALM RESPONSE:** THE CUP OF SALVATION I WILL RAISE; I WILL CALL ON THE LORD'S NAME.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Exodus 24:3-8 **Psalm:** 115 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15 **Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 13TH JUNE:**

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 **Psalm:** 91 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 **Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

## 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 the Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm. 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

Fr Luca's Group meet every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Fr Raffaele's Group meet every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

### 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 or alternatively please speak to a priest. The next group will start in September 2021.

### Fellowship Group - Wednesday 9th June, 7.30pm

This week we are discussing, 'The Church in a Post-Pandemic World' led by Deacon Bob Birtles and Steve Holmes. Everyone is welcome to join us, please contact Bob and Marion for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

## MESSAGES



### Cultural Fridays

Friday 11th June, 8pm in St Edward's Cloister

The focus will be on *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.

We will be sitting in tables of six. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served. A monetary donation would be appreciated at the end of the evening.

### Come and See Holiday Activities

We are pleased to announce this Summer we are running the following activities for young people:

#### **August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)**

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford

Mon 9th; Wed 11th; Fri 13th

Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

#### **August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)**

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

For more information and how to book & pay for your place please go to:

[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee)

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

### Romsey Parish Centre - Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 8th June at 2pm there will be afternoon tea and games at the Romsey Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water). Contact Elizabeth Gare on 01794 515265.

### Coffee Stop at Holy Cross

Reopens on Thursday 10th June, 10am-11.30am.

### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Lane and her family. Ellen's Funeral Mass takes place at Holy Cross on Friday 11th June at 1.30pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Barltrop and his family. Allan's Funeral Service takes place at Holy Cross on Wednesday 23rd June at 11.30pm.

### Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter

"An Invitation" is the new Pastoral Letter by Bishop Philip and will be available in all of our churches from this weekend.

### Upcoming Second Collections

Please note there will be second collections on:

19th/20th June for Day for Life

26th/27th June for Peter's Pence

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 6th June

"This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many". Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact fr John Cooke at [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

## An Opportunity For Prayer

For over a year now we have been meeting once a fortnight, on Zoom, to pray. This grew out of the "Candlelight Prayer Group" which has met in the parish, in various guises, for very many years. We have kept the same name in this new form. The prayer is quiet and meditative (though we like to use music when appropriate and possible). Marion and Bob lead the prayer and there is an opportunity for participants to mention intentions should they wish. The prayer begins at 7.30pm and the session lasts 45 minutes. The Zoom format enables people from all over the parish and beyond to take part. Though for some this is a regular commitment, others just come occasionally and as each session stands alone, all are welcome anytime. The Zoom link is sent out to the list of people interested on the morning of meeting - next date **Monday 7th June**. If you would like to be on the list, or would like more information, please send a message to [bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
*Marion and Bob Birtles*

## St Swithun Wells Parish requires a Part-Time Housekeeper for the clergy in Eastleigh

The position will be based in Eastleigh, and involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals. We require an enthusiastic, discreet and self-motivated person sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. Good communication skills are a must and a flexible and positive attitude is required. The role promises a varied and interesting workload. The job is part-time (7 hours per week to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday/Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm) with a salary of £3,535.30 per annum (FTE £17,672.20). For more details and an application form please see the parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



Office ([stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk);  
tel: 02380 273882).

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Sunday 20th June 2021.**

Interviews will then be held the following week. The intention is that the successful applicant will start week commencing 28th June 2021.

### Portsmouth Diocese Job Vacancies

#### **Safeguarding Officer (2 posts available)**

£30,000-£32,000 per annum full time equivalent (dependent on skills and experience)

Post 1 - 35hrs (5 days) per week plus defined contributory pension.

Post 2 - 28hrs (4 days) per week plus defined contributory pension.

Reporting to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Closing date for applications is **18th June**.

#### **Safeguarding & DBS Administrator**

£20,000-£23,000 per annum (dependant on skills and experience).

35hrs (5 days) per week plus defined benefits contributory pension.

Reporting to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Closing date for applications is **18th June**.

For more information on the above roles and how to apply please go to:

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/current-vacancies>

## LIVE STREAMED MASS, BOOKING SYSTEM & CONFESSION

### Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross & the Sunday Mass at OLQA are live streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)  
For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

### To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph, Romsey

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
To reserve a seat for the Saturday Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wed to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am**  
To reserve a seat for the Sunday Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wed through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / [joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)  
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

### CONFESSION

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	10.30am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am	OLQA
	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew

### 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, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
Saturdays:	<b><u>Fr Marco will be unable to meet on 5th June</u></b>

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Sat 5th June</b> <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Deceased Members of the Charleston, Foster & Catt families FM  Danny & Maisie Simmonds RIP Margaret Tapper RIP  For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 6th June</b>  <b>Corpus Christi</b> <b>(The Body &amp; Blood of Christ)</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward St Joseph Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  Margaret Martindale RIP  Keith Small RIP Marie & Allan Johnson (40th Wedding Anniversary) Edel Altman (Special Intention)
<b>Mon 7th June</b>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Carmela Campese FM Fraternity of St Charles Mr Pappachan RIP
<b>Tues 8th June</b>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Clare Fisher RIP Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
<b>Wed 9th June</b>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Mr Yan Edwards RIP
<b>Thurs 10th June</b>	9.30am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Special Intention  Elsy Joseph RIP
<b>Friday 11th June</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP
<b>Sat 12th June</b> <i>Morning Mass:</i> <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Patricia Coughlan RIP  Thanksgiving for well-being
<b>Sunday 13th June</b>  <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Intentions of the Layzell Family Clare Fisher RIP  For the People of the Parish Antonio Cicu RIP FM Maureen Boog RIP

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