



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

8th OCTOBER 2023: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Walking Together With The Gaze Of Jesus

On the 4th October 2023, Pope Francis opened the Synod of Bishops about Synodality with these words:

We are at the opening of the Synodal Assembly. And we do not need an immanent gaze, filled with human strategies, political calculations, or ideological battles. (...) We are not here to conduct a parliamentary meeting or a reform plan. The Synod, dear brothers and sisters, is not a parliament. The main actor is the Holy Spirit. We are not here to engage in parliamentary discussions, but to walk together with the gaze of Jesus.

The word *Synod* means: "walk together". As the Pope explains, to walk together as a Church means to do it in the company of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. It is not about wandering around aimlessly, but about walking in the direction an Other is indicating us. Who is this "Other"? As St John XXIII said:

First and foremost, it is necessary for the Church to never avert its eyes from the sacred heritage of truth received from the ancients; and at the same time, it needs to also consider the present, which has brought about new situations and new ways of living, and has opened new paths to apostolate.

This "Other", who leads us along the journey, is a person, Jesus Christ, whose identity we can find clearly in the sacred heritage of truth: the Bible, the lives of the Saints, the teaching of the Church's Fathers. Ignorance of our Christian heritage is ignorance of Christ. And ignorance of Christ is ignorance of what "Synod" means.

At the same time, a mere knowledge of the past is not enough. The Church has the responsibility to find ways through which the truth can be communicated today so that people can let their daily lives be shaped by Christ. We have some wonderful groups in our Parish whose aim is precisely this: allowing Christ to shape our lives through our creativity.

Pope Francis concluded his address with these words:

Let's open ourselves to Him and invoke Him: He is the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. Let Him be the protagonist of the Synod! And let us walk with Him in trust and joy.

I invite you in the next few days, rather than discussing about the Synod, to live the Synod where you are, within the different groups our Parish offers.

Let us open our lives to the Holy Spirit and invoke Him, so that He can show us the beauty and give us the joy that comes from belonging to the people of God.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "In The Habit" from 'Uncharted with Hannah Fry' Podcast
- you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact
website.sswp@gmail.com

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 11th October 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 8th October 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

1st reading Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 79 2nd reading Philippians 4:6-9 Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Sunday 15th October 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: IN THE LORD'S OWN HOUSE SHALL I DWELL FOR EVER AND EVER.

1st reading Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 22 2nd reading Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

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

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

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

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

We usually meet on Friday evenings in the Holy Cross Resource Centre at 6.30pm. Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

Our Youth Groups are also the path we propose to those who want to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Registrations for the year 2023/2024 are still open on our website.

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.45am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm. This

week, 11th October, the topic is **Inspirational**

Writings. We ask everyone to bring a reading, prayer, poem or scripture. We will be meeting on Zoom only for this week and not in the Church. For a link to Zoom contact peterbaggott@aol.com

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross, Wednesdays at 8pm;

St Edward's, Thursdays at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very welcome.

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.

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

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: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

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!

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

Sunday 8th October for CAFOD Harvest Appeal

Please do not use our yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection, CAFOD have provided their own envelopes.

You will be able to hand in the CAFOD envelopes

during the second collection on the 7th/8th

October. Alternatively please scan in the QR

code to donate.



Sunday 22nd October for World Missions

Masses with St Swithun Wells Primary School

On Sunday 8th October at 11am in Holy Cross

Church, we will welcome the children of St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School who are going to lead the readings, bidding prayers and offertory. A warm welcome to them and their families!

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA) in English & Cantonese - Wednesdays at 8pm in

St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. If you, or someone you know, would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Rosary at Holy Cross - We will pray the Rosary

every Thursday during October at 9am (before Mass).

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pasqualina Marucci and for her family. Pasqualina's **Funeral Mass** takes place on Tuesday 24th October at 12 Noon in Holy Cross Church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Houghton and for her family. Maria's **Funeral Mass** takes place on Tuesday 14th November at 2pm in Holy Cross Church.

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings

We are starting a new group on Thursdays, commencing 12th October at 10am in St Edward the Confessor Church. Please come along if you would like to grow your prayer life by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. The Bishop encourages us in his Six Holy Habits to join a group for formation and prayer. All are welcome. For more info, contact: Emmanuel Chituh (chiati2002@yahoo.com or 07915 379686) or Dcn Paul Owen (02380 254806 or powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Cultural Friday - 20th October, 7pm at St Edward's

We are going to listen to Daniele Magazzeni, PhD, AI Research Director, about the **threats and potential of Artificial Intelligence**. Daniele Magazzeni is a Research Director at J.P. Morgan AI Research and is Head of the firmwide Explainable AI Center of Excellence. He is also the current President of the International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS). Daniele is Associate Professor at King's College London and a catholic consecrated lay person. Cheese and wine from 7pm, talk starts at 7.30pm.

Come & See Half Term Club (ages 7 yrs to 14 yrs)

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more info and to register please go to: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee> Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am (activities start at 9am) and will close it at 3.30pm (activities finish at 3pm). Please note that every day the Club is on we are offering a **Club Extension** where children can stay at the venue from 3.30pm until (maximum) 5.30pm. The Club Extension costs £10 per day per child.

Parish Pilgrimage to Siena, Assisi & Rome

Tuesday 18th June - Sunday 23rd June 2024

We are jointly planning a Pilgrimage to Siena, Assisi and Rome with Tangney Tours on the occasion of the Ordination (God willing) of Matteo as a Priest. Estimated cost is £1,105 per person based on two people sharing. For more details including the itinerary please go to our website. There will be a meeting to explain the itinerary and to answer questions on **Tuesday 17th October, 7.45pm in St Edward's**. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Raffaele. Everyone is welcome.

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh
Fridays: Fr Luca, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass)	St Edward
Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am (after Mass)	Holy Cross
	10am or by appointment	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass)	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - 10.00am-11.00am
Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.30pm-6.00pm)

Message to Holy Cross Counters

We are about to compile the new rota, if you do not wish to be on the rota anymore please contact Alex on: kalex53@yahoo.com

Message from The Knitting Group

The Knitting Group has been busy knitting blankets and hats for the homeless and will be displaying them in the **Holy Cross Resource Centre on Sunday 15th October after the 11.00am Mass** before they are donated. There will be a raffle to raise money to buy more wool for the group.

Parish Calendar (Sept 2023-Aug 2024) on Church

Noticeboards - The calendar contains dates for upcoming key events taking place in the parish.

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

The position involves housekeeping support to the parish clergy; dealing with house cleaning, laundry for the clergy and house; grocery shopping and cooking of some meals. The job is part-time (5 hours per week ideally to be worked Tuesday 09.30am to 1.30pm and Friday 9.30am to 10.30am, but we are flexible) with a salary of £10.42 per hour. For more details and an application form please see the parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Or pick up an application form from the Parish Office.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 27th October. Interviews will then be held the following week with the intention that the successful applicant will start as soon as possible once references have been received.

Communication Group - If you have are having difficulties with Communication, maybe following a Stroke or Parkinson's or because of Dementia we would be interested in hearing from you.

We are looking at setting up a group to support people and their spouses or carers with these issues. Once we know whether there is a need for such a group we can decide on a time and frequency and the most appropriate venue.

We would also be looking for people to help with the group should it be required. I am usually at the 5pm Mass at Swithun Wells to give more information or phone me on 01962 849943 or 07928 050948. I look forward to hearing from you. *Kathy East*

SCHOOL NOTICES

St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School

We're delighted to invite parents & their children to come together & visit us when considering a place for their child. See the school in action during the following mornings from **9.30am-10.30am:**

Tues 7th & Wed 8th November 2023

We also have a **Parents' Information Evening on:**

Thursday 19th October at 6.30pm

For further information visit the school website: <https://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/admissions/>

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th Oct <i>Morning Mass: Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Raymond Kelly RIP FM Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving) Jane Palmer RIP
Sunday 8th Oct <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> People of the Parish Norman Joyce RIP Frederick Bishop FM Deceased Members of the Fox, Kelly & Slevin Families
Monday 9th Oct <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	
Tuesday 10th Oct	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	
Wed 11th Oct	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Private Intention Paulina Lesniczuk RIP FM
Thurs 12th Oct <i>OLQA: St Wilfred</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Margaret Egan RIP Brian Clifton RIP
Friday 13th Oct <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Tonie & Ben (Wedding Day) Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sat 14th Oct	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Allan Barltrop RIP Maria Jacobs RIP (10th Anniversary) Peter Allan RIP Layzell Family Intentions
Sunday 15th Oct <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ian Warwick FM People of the Parish Everton Lopez & Family (Special Intention) John Marsh RIP

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