



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

5th-12th APRIL 2020: **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week 2020

This Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday and then we will enter into Holy Week. If one month ago someone had told us that we wouldn't be able to join together for Easter, we would have laughed. But now this is precisely what is happening.

Nevertheless, Holy Week has not been cancelled! It will happen and, if we are attentive, we will receive a powerful message to help us in our present situation.

At Holy Cross Church we will live stream the **Pascal Triduum** in the usual form, and all are invited to join us online:

The Mass of the Lord's Supper (with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass) will be on Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm.

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be at 3.00pm on Good Friday.

The Easter Vigil will be at 8.30pm on Holy Saturday

Easter Mass will be at 10.00am on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday there will be a Stations of the Cross online for families and children at 7.00pm.

We cannot say that it will be the same to follow the celebrations via the internet. We all desire to be together physically with the palms, watching the washing the feet, kissing the cross and celebrating with the pascal candle. This year it is not possible. Nevertheless, the Holy Week can help us to live through the present situation in a Christian way. This year our country and the world are living a real passion. The feelings of fear and anxiety that Jesus and the disciples experienced on Good Friday are all around us. In the middle of this situation the message of Easter stands out with force: "The Lord is not defeated; He is here resurrected". There is hope in this present moment and in our future. With the Lord we will be able to pass through this storm with hope.

Pope Francis left us a powerful reflection last week. He said: "We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side". This message will resound again in our country, in our cities, in our Parish.

Father Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK

This week's GEM is a meditation of Pope Francis on the current pandemic 'A Time of Choosing'. You can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com.



LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 5th April 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL 2020:

1st reading: Isaiah 50:4 - 7 - **Psalm:** 21 - **2nd reading:** Philippians 2:6 - 11 - **Gospel:** Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

All glory, Laud, and Honour

*All glory, laud, and honour
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet Hosannas ring,*

Thou art the King of Israel
thou David's Royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honour...

The company of Angels
are praising Thee on high,
and mortal folk, with all things
created, make reply.

All glory, laud, and honour...

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before Thee went:
our praise and prayers and anthems
before Thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honour...

Sing of Mary

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly
Virgin-Mother undefiled,
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, Son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
though it drove him from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

(HYMN WORDS REPRINTED BY AUTHORISATION OF ONE LICENSE: A-633532)

During Weekdays and Saturdays we sing at the end of Mass the following ancient hymn to the Virgin Mary to ask deliverance from all dangers:

Latin Text

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genitrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus,
sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

English Translation

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy
Mother of God;
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Readings & Hymns for Holy Week are available on our website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk.

Easter Sunday 12th April 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD; WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD.

OR, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

READINGS & HYMNS FOR EASTER SUNDAY:

1st reading: Acts 10:34. 37 - 43 - **Psalm:** 117 - **2nd reading:** Colossians 3:1-4 - **Gospel:** John 20:1 - 9

ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



Churches in our Parish

All of our churches are now closed.

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church

Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Mass times will change during Holy Week, please see reverse of newsletter.

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm (except Thursday 9th & Friday 10th April).

Please follow the guidelines for the Zoom meetings. You will be able to listen to a meditation given by one of our priests and then join in the Rosary being prayed.

How to join our ZOOM meetings

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

Follow the instructions

When asked enter the Meeting ID:

694 224 1055

CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS



Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882.

Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions that have already been booked across the Parish will be offered during live streamed Masses where there is availability. Everyday 3 Priests will celebrate Mass, that means 3 Intentions can be offered.

There will be times, usually at the weekend when more than 3 Mass Intentions have been booked, therefore the Priests at their discretion may need to move some Mass Intentions. If you would prefer not to have this happen due to personal reasons please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible as we may be able to suspend your booking and reschedule once the churches have reopened.

Upcoming Second Collections

These have been suspended and will be rescheduled at a later date.

CLERGY

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PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

- **Stars of Abraham** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays (from 24th March)
- **Grail Seekers** (Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays (from 28th March)
- **TOZ** (Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays (from 29th March)
- **School of Community** (Live meeting) 8.00pm Wednesdays

Please follow the ZOOM meeting instructions to connect to the group.

All other groups have been suspended until further notice:

- **Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)** (Contact Deacon Paul Wilson).
- **Journey in Faith with the Bible** (Anne Owen).
- **Fellowship Group** (Peter Baggott/Deacon Bob Birtles).
- **CaFE** (Sheila on 01794 518071).
- **60 Club** (Maureen on 80692682).
- **Knit for Peace** (Anne on 02380 734710).
- **Knit and Natter** (Maureen on 02380 252104).
- **Mothers Prayers of the Solace Community**
- **Oasis Women's Group**
- **Afternoon Club (Romsey)**

MESSAGES



Easter Offerings for our Priests

Traditionally, your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the priests and in our diocese forms a major part of their annual income. This year because all places of worship must close for the time being we need to think about how we can keep the priests and the parish finances healthy. Below is one suggestion concerning the Easter Offerings for our four priests.

If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, the equivalent of a week of your donations is already taken as an Easter Offering. If you wish to give more please read on.

If you normally give using Planned Giving envelopes, or cash in the plate, you obviously will not be able to give that way this Easter. In that case, please consider making an Easter offering by bank transfer to the Parish main account using the reference "Easter" so we can correctly identify it.

Bank sort code: 30-93-04

Bank account number: 01786599 PRCDTR St Swithun Wells.

If you cannot do a bank transfer, please send a signed cheque, with **EASTER** written on the back to the Parish Office. Please make the cheque out to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells.**

Thank you.

Message from Knights of St Columba

There is a free Easter Poster that can be downloaded from the National KSC website, please go to:
<http://www.ksc.org.uk/Files/Other/Holy%20Week%20Poster.pdf>

Book of Prayers

You may have noticed in front of the altar during Mass there is a book where we write prayer intentions. If you would like to send us your prayers for something or someone please let us know and we will be happy to write them in the book.

Phone Contact Groups

If you are a single person or a couple living alone and have no phone contact with anyone else in the parish, please ring the following people if you would like to be put in touch with someone:

Parishioners of St Joseph & St Andrew, Romsey & North Baddesley

Deacon John: 01794 515688

Rosemary: 01794 522411

Parishioners of Holy Cross, Eastleigh

Elizabeth Nash: 01962 712022

June Wilson: 02380 616618

Parishioners of St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

Pat Baggott: 02380 694060

Trisha Holmes: 02380 693669

Marion Birtles: 02380 692416

Parishioners of St Edward's, Chandlers Ford

Deacon Paul Owen: 02380 254806

Parishioners of OLOA, Bishop's Waltham

Canon Alan: 07760 220346

Marianne Wanstall: 01489 894488

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross for families and children on Good Friday, please connect to this through the Zoom meetings.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic

or would to know more about the Catholic faith please contact Deacon Paul Owen on powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 02380 254806.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 4th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	John Gibbons (Anniversary) Jim Crowley RIP Patrick Lake RIP
Sun 5th April Palm Sunday	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Umberto Pugi RIP (2nd Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Westwood, Surman & Grace Families RIP
Monday of Holy Week 6th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP Vince Barry RIP
Tuesday of Holy Week 7th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Bill Reynolds FM Barry Conway RIP
Wednesday of Holy Week 8th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Maundy Thursday 9th April	7.00pm	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration Annina Neri RIP (5th Anniversary) Emily Ray RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Good Friday 10th April	3.00pm 7.00pm	Holy Cross Live Stream Zoom Meeting	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross for families and children
Holy Saturday 11th April	8.30pm	Holy Cross Live Stream	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 12th April	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Easter Day Mass Lucy Dickson (Birthday Blessings) Andrew Wilson RIP Bridie Roddy RIP
Mon 13th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	
Tues 14th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Mrs Edward Christian FM
Wed 15th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Peter Ashcroft FM
Thurs 16th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	
Friday 17th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Maguire & Richard Family FM
Saturday 18th April	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Michelle & Family for Healing Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 19th April Second Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Gill Farnsworth RIP Deceased relatives of the Coughlan & Corry Families