



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

2nd OCTOBER 2022: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A NEW BEGINNING...

Dear Parishioners,

We have already started the new pastoral year 2022/23 and most of our parish groups have already had at least one session. I would like to begin this new adventure giving thanks for what we already have. I want to give thanks for the gift that all of you are for me and for each other, for the time that you give for the Parish and for the gift of the many groups and activities present in our community.

As you know the Diocese has started a new ten-year mission plan called **You will be My Witnesses**. You can find the text of the plan on the diocesan website. I am sure there will be time for reflection and discussion of it over the coming months. For now, I would like to highlight three points of the plan which we should keep in mind during this new beginning.

1. The ten-year mission plan says, *"By committing to placing the Lord at the centre, we will experience a reaffirmation of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our lives, we will see the renewal of sacramental life and our devotional life will be deepened. This will enable us to keep Christ at the centre of all we do."* Everything we do in the Parish should come from the Lord and from our relationship with him. That is why our Liturgy, and in particular the Sunday Mass, is a central point. During this year I encourage all of us to make the Sunday Mass the central point of the week and to deepen our life of prayer. We are finalising arrangements for a pilgrimage to Walsingham in the late spring to put in the hands of Our Lady all our intentions and desires.
2. The ten-year mission plan says, *"The mission of the Church is never insular or self-centred, but always seeks to go out to those on the margins and share the Good News with them. Our parishes, together with our school and families, are the building blocks of our faith communities. By working in unison our communities become both welcoming and truly missionary."* Bishop Philip encourages all of us to be missionaries and to reach out to those who are in search of a meaning for their life. There are many people who approach the Parish for different reasons: for material help, for sacramental preparation, for advice... I pray that all these people may find in us welcoming friends, capable of listening and ready to propose Jesus Christ as the only one who is able to answer the deep needs of our heart.
3. Again the diocesan plan says, *"We should enable the gifts of our lay faithful to flourish; for personal growth in holiness and to realise the mission of the Church."* We are all called to give our life to the Lord. Some of you have decided to do it by giving your time and talents to the service of the mission of our Parish. This is something I am always grateful for. At the same time, I notice that there could be more volunteers or ministers in our community and if more people give their time and talents to the Church we could do more. I would like to encourage all of you to join a ministry in the Parish. It is a rewarding experience to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

I am sure it will be a pastoral year full of joy and exiting experiences.

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is an address by Pope Francis entitled, "The Economy of Francesco" - 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 5th October**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 2nd October 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! "HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS".

READINGS: 1st reading Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 Psalm 94 2nd reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Sunday 9th October 2022: Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS SALVATION TO THE NATIONS.

READINGS: 1st reading 2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 97 2nd reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Gospel Luke 17:11-19

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;

Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

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 evening in Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

Youth Group Registrations for the year 2022/23 are still open on our website: www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

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

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Starts on Wed 5th October at 8pm in St Edward's

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.

Fellowship Group - Wed 5th October at 7.30pm in SSW church, Fair Oak. We will be continuing our

second discussion of the Diocesan 10 Year Plan.

Everyone is welcome to join us in person or online by Zoom. For the Zoom link please contact Peter: peterbaggott@aol.com

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays at 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on **Wednesdays from 10am** in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

St Joseph's Group meet on **Thursdays from 10.30am –12 Noon** in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).

The groups are for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

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

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.

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!

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 7th October & CAFOD Second Collection on 8th/9th October

This Harvest, we are responding to the World Food Crisis. On the Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help the world's poorest people. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Fast Day envelopes will be made available in all of our churches this weekend.

Alternatively please give to CAFOD direct at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

There will be a soup lunch at St Edward's on the Family Fast Day, Friday 7th October from 12 Noon till 1.30pm. The cost is £5, this includes soup, bread, tea & coffee. Everyone is welcome! Donations will go to the CAFOD Fast Day appeal.

MESSAGES

Parish Get2Gether - 9th October, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH

An event for all of the parish, especially families.

We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together followed by some activities and a discussion on the topic of 'Family & Forgiveness'. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion.

Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

Future Get2Gether dates for your diaries:

6th November

2nd April

11th December (Christmas Party)

7th May

5th February

4th June

5th March

9th July (Picnic)



MESSAGES CONTINUED



OLQA Quiz

Join us on Saturday 8th October at 7.15pm

£5 per person to include drink & cheese/charcuterie.

Bring or join a team of up to six people. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses or prebook on 07760 809640.

Cultural Friday - 21st October at 7pm in St Edward

The revolutionary James Webb Space Telescope

We will listen to a talk by Francesco Shankar, Professor of Astrophysics in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Southampton.

The James Webb Space Telescope has opened a new window into the origin of the universe and galaxies, but also new puzzles to solve. Professor Shankar will help us to tour towards the early universe learning how astronomers measure the size and weight of the Universe.

7pm - Cheese and wine (suggested donation £1),

7.30pm - Talk.

Come & See Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October, 9am-3pm

St Edward's Cloister Cost: £5 per day.

Spaces are limited. For any enquiries please contact

Fr Luca/Fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place

please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Parish Lunch - Wednesday 26th October, 12.30pm at

the Hunters Inn, Romsey. Menus are on the church

notice boards. All are welcome. Please let Rosemary

(01794 522411) know your choice of meal before

Tues 18th October as we have to pre-order. Thank you.

Parish Calendar - Sept 2022 to August 2023

Please find a copy of the latest Parish Calendar on our

church noticeboards. The calendar contains dates for

upcoming key events taking place in the Parish.

Kneelers at St Joseph

- In order to make it more comfortable for people to kneel during Mass at St Joseph's we are investing in 50 kneelers at a cost of £20 each. Some people have already offered help to cover the cost by making a contribution: this would be greatly appreciated and Janet Cooke will collect any offerings on behalf of the parish.

Parish Office

- will close at **Midday on Friday 7th**

October instead of 2.30pm.

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 Edward
	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

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)

Vacancy: Pastoral Co-ordinator for Evangelisation

Part-time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern. Based at the Pastoral Centre, St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester.

For the Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact: Fr Mark Hogan - Tel: 01962 852804

mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Going Deeper

Are you wanting to go deeper into your faith and prayer life? A new monthly meeting in the Romsey Parish Centre (26a Abbey Water SO51 8EJ) will provide an opportunity for that. The first meeting will begin at **10.30am on Saturday 22nd October**. It will include the Morning Prayer of the Church, discussion of a Carmelite text, lunch (please bring your own), and a period of silent prayer.

This meeting is sponsored by the Secular Carmelites (OCDS), who constitute a lay branch of the Discalced Carmelite Order (OCD), and it will be open to all Catholics from the Portsmouth and neighbouring Dioceses. For further information contact Cyprian Blamires (OCDS Regional Representative) on 01858 468224 or 07714 651756 (cpblamires@aol.com) or Samantha Harris (parish organiser) 01794 503716.

The Digital Collection Plate

We are very grateful to parishioners for their generosity to the parish, especially in these recent uncertain and difficult times. A card reader is now available in the church foyers at Holy Cross, St Edward & St Andrew (to start with). The digital collection is another way to give, it does not replace the second collection baskets or direct debits/standing orders.

Contactless payments are touch-free. There is no need to type in your PIN (unless your card requires it) or hand over your card. Simply select the amount you wish to give from the options on the screen. When the screen prompts for payment, hold your card over the reader, listen for the beep, and your payment is done.

Gift Aiding your contactless donations: You only need to register for Gift Aid once per card. Once registered, the card reader in the church will recognise it the next time you make a gift aided payment. When you donate using your contactless card without Gift Aid, no personal information is collected.

Alternatively, please scan in this QR code which will take you directly to the online giving page.



TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

Wednesdays: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, 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

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 1st Oct <i>Morning Mass: St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Florence Bohan FM People of the Parish Josephine O'Grady RIP Anniversary David & Barbara Layzell (Birthday Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd 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 (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Living & Deceased Members of the Murphy & Lucas Families Margaret Martindale RIP Eileen Buckingham RIP Deceased Members of the Kelly, Slevin & Fox Families RIP
Mon 3rd Oct	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles Antonio Cicu RIP FM
Tues 4th <i>St Francis of Assis</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Sue Derbyshire (Special Intention) The Brannon Family (Special Intention)
Wed 5th Oct	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	Robert Brockway RIP FM Keith Small RIP
Thurs 6th Oct	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Raymond Kelly FM
Fri 7th <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	The Rayment Family Kay Harkness RIP
Sat 8th Oct	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Frederick Bishop FM Maria Jacobs (Anniversary) People of the Parish
Sunday 9th 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 (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Brendon O'Connell RIP Carrie Fung & Peter Tse (Wedding Anniversary) Algars & Edvardas Numsedis RIP Margaret Martindale RIP

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Fri 9.30am-2.30pm (see newsletter for changes).

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Safeguarding: Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield (rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)