



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

15th AUGUST 2021: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Martyr of Love

On 14th August the Church celebrates Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. "Put your trust totally in Divine Providence through the Immaculate and worry about nothing", is the teaching at the heart of his spirituality. The "martyr of love" reminded the world, in the midst of the destruction of mankind in the Nazi concentration camps, of all the fruitfulness and power of faith, sacrificing himself to save a family man.

Kolbe was born in 1894 in Poland to two fervent Catholics, who baptised him on the day of his birth with the name Raymond. When still a child he had a vision of the Virgin handing him two wreaths of flowers, one of lilies, symbol of virginity, the other of red roses, symbol of martyrdom. He accepted them both. At the age of 16 he donned the habit of the Conventual Franciscans, taking the name of Brother Maximilian; and four years later, when he professed his perpetual vows, he added that of Mary.

Aware of the scourge of modernism and hatred against the Church spread by Freemasonry, in 1917 he founded the Militia of the Immaculate. The idea was to consecrate to God, through Mary, as many souls as possible, helping them to gain eternal salvation. "He who has Mary for a mother, has Christ for a brother," he taught.

He began a magazine, *The Knight of the Immaculate*. He was convinced of the need for an apostolate through the media, to spread the beauty of the truths of faith and morality. He said, "A missionary of the pen [...] forms public opinion, mitigates the aversion to Catholicism, predisposes to a gradual loyalty to the Church and in time [...] to trust, finally to the desire to know religion more deeply". His magazine reached a circulation of millions of copies. In 1927 he founded in his homeland a convent called "City of the Immaculate", which had a printing press and a seminary dedicated to the mission. He exported the same model to Nagasaki. He founded a radio station, and for this reason he is the patron saint of radio amateurs. After the invasion of Poland, the Nazis imprisoned him for almost three months. Once set free, the Franciscan returned to the "City of the Immaculate" transforming it into a hospital and refuge for thousands of Jews and the wounded.

He was finally arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and he was transferred to Auschwitz. The escape of a prisoner triggered the harsh Nazi 'law': ten prisoners were condemned to starve to death. Among them was a family man, Franciszek Gajowniczek (on 10th October 1982 he would witness Father Kolbe's canonization), who spoke desperately about his wife and children. The saint offered to take his place. "Who are you?", the Nazis asked him. He replied, "A Catholic priest". The Nazis, surprisingly, accepted the exchange.

During the two weeks of isolation without food Fr Kolbe never complained. He comforted the other prisoners, spoke to them about Jesus' sacrifice and love, got them to pray and sing sacred hymns. On 14th August, the eve of the Assumption, he and three other men were still alive. The SS decided to end it all with a phenol injection. It was then that to the infirmary chief he said, "You haven't understood anything about life, hate is useless...only love creates!". He offered his arm to the executioner, saying his last earthly words, "Hail Mary".

Fr Marco

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a "Statement from the Bishop's Conference about Sunday Mass Obligation" - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 15th August 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN, IN GARMENTS OF GOLD.

1st reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab **Psalm:** 44 **2nd reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST:

READINGS: **1st reading:** Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b **Psalm:** 33 **2nd reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

PARISH GROUPS



Youth Groups - Year 2021/2022

Our Youth Groups will start again in September after the summer break. Registrations for the year 2021/2022 are now open on our website. We would like to remind you that if a child or a teenager wants to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion (and is at least in school year 3) or Confirmation (and is at least in school year 9) we will ask them to come regularly to one of the three groups according to their age. They will receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation when they are ready (usually after one year).

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 11am** in St Edward's cloister for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Stars of Abraham programme.

There will be a meeting on **Saturday 18th September 2021 at 3pm** in Holy Cross for all the parents and guardians where we will present the 2021/2022 Grail Seekers programme.

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group in August

We will be offering coffee and discussion of the readings of the day on Tuesday Mornings at 10.15am at Holy Cross Resource Centre. All are welcome.

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.

Communion & Liberation Groups

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

Fellowship Group

Now on Summer break, will resume in September.

MESSAGES



Come and See Holiday Activities

A reminder of dates for those booked into the Summer Club & Summer Camp:

August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford
Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

Please note the Summer Club & Camp are now closed to new registrations.

Parish Picnic

Sunday 22nd August, 12.30pm-4pm

Fleming Park (Passfield Ave, Eastleigh, SO50 9NL)

The picnic will take place in the field behind Fleming Park Leisure Centre. Please use the car park of the Leisure Centre. It is an event for all of the parish. Please bring your own food, drinks, cups/plates/cutlery. There will be some music, entertainment and activities for the children. Fleming Park Leisure Centre has agreed to us using their toilet facilities. There is no cost associated with this event. For more details and to book please go to our website.

Upcoming Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Cronin and for his family. Joseph's Funeral Service takes place at Holy Cross on **Thursday 19 August at 3pm.**

Opening Times for St Edward & Holy Cross Churches

From 16th August the opening times as are follows:

Holy Cross

Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm;

Saturday from 9am to 12 Noon;

Sunday from 8.30am to 12 Noon.

St Edward

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am to 4pm; Tuesday from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

Saturday from 9.30am to 7.30pm;

Sunday from 8.30am to 11am.

Suggested reading for the Summer

Full Life: Letters to My Students by Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman. The author will come in person to our **Cultural Friday on 1st October.**

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier.

Parish Office Closures in August

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will be closed on: Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Friday 27th & Bank Holiday Monday 30th August.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



COVID Roadmap Update

The government has removed some of the legal requirements regarding COVID, however we need to ensure that we continue to keep each other safe and our churches be a place where parishioners can come and worship with confidence and feel safe.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales has recommended that churches continue with a number of measures.

We strongly recommend the use of face coverings whilst attending church;

We are continuing to provide hand sanitiser;

If you wish to check in at any of our churches please use the QR code or give your details to a steward;

If anyone has any particular health care needs or concerns please speak with the stewards;

Although social distancing is no longer required you may prefer a gap of one or two seats as before;

We will continue with our one way system;

The physical sign of peace remains suspended;

Congregational singing will resume but will be phased in gently. Face coverings should be worn whilst singing until infection levels reduce;

Holy Communion will continue under one kind;

Thank you for your support.

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, or contact the Parish Office on email: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk tel: 02380 273882.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 31st August 2021.

Interviews will then be held the following week.

The intention is that the successful applicant will start as soon as possible once references have been received.

MISSIO - Your Red Box Is Vital

If it hasn't been emptied in a while, please count the money in your Red Box and:

i) Give via text: text REDBOX5 (to donate £5) or REDBOX10 (to donate £10) to 70085

ii) Call Missio on 0207 7821 9755 to donate

iii) Bank Transfer:

Account Name: Missio

Sort Code: 16-00-16

Account Number: 10824230

Reference: RB+ your postcode

Alternatively, (for St Edward only) post it through my letter box: 65 Pine Crescent, Chandler's Ford.

Many thanks, Mary Vokes

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

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).

• 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).

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's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

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:	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 14th August <i>Morning Mass: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	For the People of the Parish Caroline & Paul Gardner (60th Wedding Anniversary) Mary Marjorie & Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sunday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Intentions of the Layzell Family Nina Anakwenze (Birthday) Ellen Lane RIP Tony Porter RIP
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
11.00am	St Joseph		
Mon 16th August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Reverend Paul Beaumont RIP FM
Tues 17th August	10.00am	St Andrew	Carmen & Harold Butcher (Wedding Anniversary)
	6.00pm	St Edward	
Wed 18th August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Michael Lane RIP FM Maggie Thomson RIP
	10.00am	St Edward	
	7.30pm	OLQA	
Thurs 19th August	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	The Intentions of the Layzell Family Margaret Martindale RIP
	12 Noon	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
Friday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>	9.30am	OLQA	Tony Porter RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM
	10.00am	St Joseph	
	10.00am	St Edward	
Saturday 21st August <i>Morning Mass: St Pius X</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM Andrew Bates RIP Anniversary Sr Alice (Professed 70 years) For the People of the Parish
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.30pm	St Edward	
Sunday 22nd August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Harry & Cavanagh Families Living & Dead FM Jeffery Tuppein RIP John Marlow RIP Anniversary
	9.00am	St Edward	
	9.00am	St Andrew	
	9.30am	OLQA (also Live Streamed)	
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
11.00am	St Joseph		

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