



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*

**26th MAY 2024: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

This Newsletter also covers Sunday 2nd June 2024 (Corpus Christi)

## In the Name of the Father...†

Words, it seems to me, are quite inadequate when it comes to express deep feelings and emotions. They are finite and you cannot really put into words the infinite experience of love, beauty or friendship and so on. We know these feelings exist but to verify them they need to be expressed in actions rather than words.

The late great Cardinal Hume OSB would say that the Doctrines of the Church are difficult to express in words, which is especially true when it comes to explaining the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Here Cardinal Hume echoes the words of St Augustine who said that *Doctrines are fences around mysteries*. Yet The Holy Trinity peppers our prayers and our liturgies. Indeed, we begin our Christian life by being Baptised into the life of the Holy Trinity and every time we make the sign of the Cross we invoke the Holy Trinity. Perhaps because we make the sign of the Cross so often we can forget that it expresses a way of life - Trinity in action! Let me explain. When we start to sign ourselves with the Cross we start by touching our foreheads and calling to mind the Father. Here in the body is situated the brain. It is the co-ordinator of all and brings order to the complex nature of being human. The same can be said of the Father; He is the Creator and sustainer of all. He orders all things and without Him everything would cease to be. As such we are reminded that we have a care and responsibility to look after Creation and support life and the dignity of human existence.

Next we touch the chest when we remember the Son. Here is the place of the heart, traditionally the seat of emotions, compassion, mercy and love. The expression and right use of these emotions has been set out for us in Jesus, the Son, and we are called to imitate them as he has shown us.

Next we touch the shoulders when we remember the Holy Spirit. Many of you will remember the days when the "coal man" came along delivering bags of coal to customers. He carried them on his shoulder as it is the place of strength to carry heavy loads. You may also remember a form of rescue called a "fireman's lift" where a person is slung over the shoulders of a rescuer so that they can be carried to safety. Here we are reminded of our service to the Community in which we are placed and how we should be always aware of those in trouble and in need throughout the world.

So, this simple sign of the Cross contains for us a lived example of the truth of the Holy Trinity in which we live and move and have our Being. Perhaps when we next make the sign of the Cross we may pause for a moment and contemplate the glories of this precious Doctrine of the Holy Trinity in which we are called to live out in our lives.

*Fr Bruce*

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the Trailer of Takashi and Midori Nagai Exhibition - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **10am on Wednesday 5th June 2024**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 26th May 2024:** Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: HAPPY THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN.

1<sup>st</sup> reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 Psalm 32 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 8:14-17 Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

**Sunday 2nd June 2024:** Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

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

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

**Sunday 9th June 2024:** Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY, AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.

1<sup>st</sup> reading Genesis 3:9-15 Psalm 129 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Gospel Mark 3:20-35

## PARISH GROUPS



**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. Next meeting: 2pm on Tuesday 4th June.

**Fellowship Group** - Wednesdays at 7pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. There will be **no meeting on Wed 29th May** as it is Half Term, **meetings resume on Wed 5th June**, where in the week of his 40th anniversary of ordination as a Deacon, Bob will give a talk about the Diaconate. All are welcome and we will have refreshments afterwards. If you want to join by Zoom please contact Peter Baggott, [peterbaggott@aol.com](mailto:peterbaggott@aol.com).

**Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings**

Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;

Thursdays at 10am in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. All are welcome.

**Growing In Faith Together Group**

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

## MESSAGES



**Bishop Philip's Latest Pastoral Letter**

**"Pray Every Day"** - Copies have been inserted into our parish newsletter and are also available to pick up from church welcome areas this weekend.

**Grail Seekers & Student Youth Summer Camp**

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August

St Joseph's House, 8 Lyndhurst Rd, Southampton

Cost: £180 for eldest/only child, siblings £130 each

Registrations are now open. For more information and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/camp>

**Ruby Anniversary of Ordination** - On 3rd June 2024

Dcn. Bob Birtles celebrates his Ruby Anniversary (40 years) as a Deacon. The Saturday evening (5pm) Mass at St Swithun Wells Church on 1st June, will be offered in thanksgiving. You are warmly invited to join us for a little celebration after Mass.

**CAFOD Coffee morning - Wed 12th June,**

10.30am-12.30pm at St Edward's. Cakes, produce and plants on sale. There will also be a raffle. Donations of cakes & produce gratefully accepted. All proceeds to CAFOD's Humanitarian Appeal for Sudan.

**Jigsaw Puzzles** - Do you like doing jigsaws? Have you got more than you can cope with? We are holding a jigsaw swap **following the 11am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday 26th May**. Anyone can swap or buy one for a donation to the church. For more information please speak to Val Talbot.

**Parish Lunch** at the Hunters Inn, Romsey, on **Wednesday 12th June at 12.30pm**. All are welcome. Menus are on churches noticeboards. Please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal by Tues 4th June (for pre-ordering).

**Changes to Mass at OLOA** - there will be no Mass on Wed 29th & Thurs 30th May.

**Upcoming Funerals**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill James and for his family. Bill's Funeral Mass takes place on **Wed 5th June at 10.30am in St Andrew's church**.

**Christmas Cards!** Dear parishioners: The Knights of St Columba in our parish (the KSC Eastleigh Council) raise money to support good causes in and around the parish. You may be aware of some of our work with the youth, Lourdes pilgrims, food banks, etc. In previous years we have raised money from the sale of Christmas cards, using St. Swithun Wells school designs.

We'd like to do that again for Christmas 2024, but with a difference: we invite **everyone in the parish** to produce Christmas card designs, and we'll choose the best 5 or so to print. We'll set a deadline for submissions, so that we have time for judging, production, printing, packaging and selling!

If you're at all interested, please email:

[ksc393@gmail.com](mailto:ksc393@gmail.com) for further info or let us know whether you would like to help by speaking to one of The KSC Eastleigh officers who are: Neil Hendricks(023 8026 6324), David Martin (01794 511883), John Cork, Daverio Matteucci, Paul Andrews, Toddy Myszkowski.

**Holy Cross Cleaning** - Can you spare an hour to join our friendly team who keep our lovely church clean? Why not call Frances Curtis to discuss and find out exactly what's involved? You will be made very welcome. Frances Curtis 07896 637045.

# MESSAGES CONTINUED



## First Holy Communion - Sunday 9th June 2024

9am at St Edward's & 11am at Holy Cross

Please keep the children in your prayers.

## Confirmation - Sunday 30th June 2024

Please keep our young people in your prayers as they are confirmed by Bishop Philip at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on 30th June.

## Parish Get2Gether Walk and Picnic

**Save the Date! Saturday 15th June, 10.30am-4pm**

An event outdoors for all of the Parish, in particular families. **We will be going on a walk, followed by a picnic and games/activities.** Please bring your own food/beverage/plates/blanket.

Details of the location and walk will be included in the next newsletter, however please keep an eye on our parish website as the information and link to book onto this event will be posted here.

**Holy Cross Shop** - Help is needed to run the shop on Sundays. Please see Diana or Jo after Sunday Mass if you can spare some time. Thank you.

**Parish Office Closures** - As our parish secretary is taking annual leave during half term the office will be **closed on Friday 31st May**. The next newsletter to be published will be the 9th June edition.

## **Last opportunity to improve Abortion Law**

Save lives and ask your MP to support pro-life amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that:  
Lower the abortion time limit from 24 wks to 22 wks;  
Reinstate in-person consultations to help protect women and babies;  
Bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities.

**Take action:** Email your MP by visiting [righttolife.org.uk/takeaction](http://righttolife.org.uk/takeaction) before the debate on Tuesday 4th June.

**Stella Maris** (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) are very grateful for the parish's prayers and financial

support of its work on Sea Sunday last year.

To report back on the use of those funds, the charity invites parishioners to join an **online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7.30pm to 9pm**. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this virtual event, please visit:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024)

**Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass** - couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary are invited to join Bishop Philip for this year's Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm**.

If you would like to attend, please email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.30pm-6.00pm)

### 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

Sunday: 1.30pm-2.30pm & 5.30pm-6pm St Joseph

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Edward

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

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

Wednesdays: **Fr Luca not on 5th June**, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre,

Saturdays: Fr Mario, 2.30pm-4.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26A Abbey Water), Romsey

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 25th May <i>Morning Mass: St Bede the Venerable</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Ellen Lane RIP FM
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Stanislawa & Jozef Szczotka RIP
	6.00pm	OLQA	
	6.00pm 6.30pm	St Joseph St Edward	Bill James RIP Stewart Russell (Health & Wellbeing)
Sunday 26th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8.30am	Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Świąta</i>
	9.00am	St Edward	Fr Peter Wilkie RIP
	9.00am	St Andrew	Jesus Ocaya & Francisco Villaver RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	People of the Parish Elvira Golez & Elaine Ceballos RIP
Monday 27th <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Oswald Carr RIP FM
Tuesday 28th May	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Ian Birtwistle RIP Simon Mooney (Wellbeing)

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES (CONTINUED)

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Wed 29th May	9.30am <del>9.30am</del> 10.00am	Holy Cross <u>OLOA</u> St Edward	<b>No Mass</b> Fr Peter Wilkie RIP
Thursday 30th May	9.30am <u>12 Noon</u> 6.00pm	Holy Cross <u>OLOA</u> St Joseph	Alberto Marucci RIP <b>No Mass</b> Sean Adams RIP
Friday 31st <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Ellen Farmer RIP Anniversary Joan Applin RIP Birthday Anniversary
Saturday 1st June <i>Morning Mass: St Justin</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	People of the Parish Dcn Bob Birtles (40th Anniversary of Ordination)  Daniel Gardner RIP Thanksgiving for the parishioners who prayed for Tom Connolly
Sunday 2nd June <i>Corpus Christi (The Body &amp; Blood of Christ)</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mark Herbich RIP  Arthur Mason RIP FM
Monday 3rd <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles Kate Mason RIP FM
Tuesday 4th June	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Agnes & John Walker RIP FM
Wed 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am  9.30am 10.00am <u>10.30am</u>	Holy Cross  OLOA St Edward <u>St Andrew</u>	Deceased Members of the Charleston, Foster & Catt Families FM  Keith Small RIP <b>Funeral Mass: Bill James RIP</b>
Thursday 6th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLOA St Joseph	Molly & George Quigley RIP  Hugh & Bridie Roddy RIP FM
Friday 7th <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Sean Adams RIP Graham Owen RIP
Saturday 8th June <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Carmela Campese FM People of the Parish  Brian Young RIP
Sunday 9th June <i>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP  Shafika Hamood RIP Elsy Joseph RIP

St Edward the Confessor  
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Our Lady Queen of Apostles (OLOA)  
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Holy Cross Church  
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St Swithun Wells  
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St Andrew  
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