



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

1ST NOVEMBER 2020: ALL SAINTS

1st November - All Saints

November is usually the month in which we commemorate all our faithful departed. We start on the 1st November (All Saints) by remembering all the faithful who are in Heaven, and on the 2nd November (All Souls) we pray for all those who are in Purgatory. These two days open the month of November giving to it its Christian meaning.

This year All Saints falls on a Sunday, making this solemnity more special. It is the opportunity for us to reflect about holiness, about what it means to be a saint, and how we can be saints.

If we want to understand what it means to be a saint, we have to speak about mission, election, divine call.

An example of this is Peter. The Gospel says: "You are Simon, son of John", but now you will be something else, "You will be called Cephas, that is, the Rock". In the Bible it is God who chooses people in both Old and New Covenants. He chooses great and small, known and unknown, pious and sinners. God's choice is grace but, at the same time, a particular task, mission, as the example of Peter shows.

Christian holiness begins with man's free "Yes" to his election. It would be quite wrong to say that this "Yes" is equal, the same, in all who are called; on the contrary, some give a full "Yes", others a clear "No", others say "Perhaps", others "Not now, but later", or "Yes, in part". **Those who utter a wholehearted "Yes" are the saints.** They will sometimes stumble, or hesitate or fail to live up to their first ideal, but grace will help them again.

So mission and holiness are connected. This mission can be anything: a mission of prayer, of suffering, of active involvement for the poor and oppressed, a mission of a small circle of people who need support and comfort, a public mission or a hidden mission, a successful mission or one doomed to failure, a mission to be a husband, a wife or a priest. It is not important what mission we have. The only important thing is that man stays faithful to it.

Now we are at the centre of the mystery of Christian holiness, and also at the centre of the mystery of All Saints' Solemnity. **The man in whom the mission has won precedence over his private personality, who has become dispossessed, expropriated in favour of it, for the sake of God and his fellow man, that man is a saint.**

A saint doesn't know what fruit he may be producing: it is God who picks and distributes the fruit, mostly without the man's knowledge.

Let us pray to God that we may carry on our mission with a wholehearted "Yes".

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Blessed Carlo Acutis - Doctors recall his last days in hospital" you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 1st November 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: SUCH ARE THE MEN WHO SEEK YOUR FACE, O LORD.

1st reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14 **Psalm:** 23 **2nd reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER:

1st reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 **Psalm:** 62 **2nd reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

PARISH GROUPS



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

Meet weekly:

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

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Andrew;

Sat 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join Stars of Abraham please click the link on our website.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) - meet weekly every Saturday from 2.00pm-4.00pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group please click the link on our website.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form) meet weekly on a Friday evening in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group please click the link on our website.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca) is meeting every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Raffaele) is meeting every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

Fellowship Group (Zoom Meeting) Wednesday 4th November, 7.30pm

This week's meeting will be on "The Church in the World of Today." Vatican II revisited in the light of the teachings of Pope Francis. Short talk by Bob followed by discussion. Everyone welcome - email Bob for more details. bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Candlelight Prayer by Zoom

Once a fortnight on Monday evening. 7.30pm to 8.15pm. Next meeting this coming Monday Nov 2nd. Please email Marion or Bob if you would like the link.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Preparation will be on Wednesdays evenings at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 8.00pm. If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at

MESSAGES



Blessing of the Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way those who have died and gone before us. One of our traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries within our Parish. Details for this year are:

Sunday 1st November

Romsey Cemetery (Botley Rd) - 2pm

Woodley - 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm

Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm

Fair Oak Cemetery - 3pm

Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm

Tuesday 3rd November

North Baddesley St John's Churchyard - after the 10am Mass at St Andrew's.

Prayers for parishioners who have died in the past

year - This will take place during weekend Masses on **31st October/1st November** at the following churches: **St Andrew's, St Joseph's, Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edward's**. On Monday the 2nd of November it is All Souls Day. We will offer Mass for all our deceased.

Collections - Bamenda

This weekend (Sunday 1st November) is Bamenda Sunday, when we pray especially for our sisters and brothers in our sister diocese, the Archdiocese of Bamenda. This intention is more urgent than ever this year given the continuing violence and instability. We pray for peace and justice to be restored and for the safe reopening of their schools. Please pray too for Archbishop Andrew, Bishop Michael and all the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. We also remember in our prayers the six priests that we currently have working over here in our Diocese of Portsmouth and the amazing contribution of faith and joy they make to our lives. Donations can also be made securely online via the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Allan Kennedy and for his family. Paul's funeral will take place at St Swithun Wells Church on **Friday 13th November at 2.30pm**.

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Holy Cross Shop Opening Times

We are opening the shop but in a limited way at first. We will be open **after Mass on Wednesdays only**, commencing Wednesday, 4th November. We have 2021 Diaries, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Christmas cards as well as the usual cards, books and gifts. The shop can also be accessed by appointment with Lynette on: 02380 618542. Angela & Lynette

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

On the 8th November we will join the rest of our Country, remembering all the soldiers who have lost their lives in wars.

St Swithun Wells Church Fair Oak will be collecting food for Eastleigh Basics Bank. Please could donations of food be brought in a carrier bag and the whole bag placed in the large box at the entrance of the church. We will be collecting food for the next four weeks. Many thanks.

Parish Get2Together

Sunday 15th November, 1-4pm

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH Eastleigh. An event for all the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together, in tables of six and then we'll have some entertainment until 4pm (games and activities for all the families).

Cost: We ask you to give a contribution of £10 per table to be paid on the day to cover expenses.

Please bring your own food, beverage, cups/plates/cutlery (it is like a picnic), and remember to wear a mask (except when you are at your table).

To book a table please go to our parish website and click the link you will need to give the 6 names filling the table. There are a maximum of 15 tables.

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM) & CONFESSION



Live Streamed Mass

Mass at Holy Cross on Thursday, 9.30am and Sunday, 11am is streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph's & OLQA

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (no booking required)
- **Friday 10am** (no booking required)
- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Thursday 12pm (Midday) & Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak

5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays. Doors open at 4.30pm. Please wear a mask before entering the church. A Steward will direct you to a designated seat. In order to keep the church open, we need volunteers to help keep the church clean. Can you help for 2 hours every few weeks? The more people who volunteer, the less often you will have to do it. Please contact Pat Baggott on 02380 694060 if you can help.

Private Prayer - The following churches will remain open **after Mass until 11.30am** for private prayer (see back page for Mass times):

Tuesday: St Andrew's

Wednesday: St Edward's

Thursday: Holy Cross

CONFESSION

(SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

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

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, 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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesdays: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 31st Oct *Vigil Masses	9.30am 5.00pm* 6.00pm* 6.30pm*	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Gerard Carr FM Charles & Ivy Charleston and deceased family members RIP Roy Russell-Smith RIP (Anniversary) Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sun 1st Nov <i>All Saints</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA St Edward Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Maria Scappaticci RIP Paul Chandler RIP (5th Anniversary) Beatrice & George White; David, Laura, Eduardo Fernandes FM
Mon 2nd Nov <i>All Souls</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Robert Bucknall RIP (Birthday)
Tues 3rd Nov <i>Blessed John Body</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Flotilda Guia and Eustachio Guia Sr. RIP
Wed 4th Nov <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Alda Soares RIP Keith Small RIP
Thurs 5th Nov	9.30am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Judith Crawford RIP Intentions of Rebecca Haughian
Fri 6th Nov	10.00am 10.00am	St Joseph (Church not AH) St Edward	
Sat 7th Nov *Vigil Masses	9.30am 5.00pm* 6.00pm* 6.30pm*	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Valerie Smith RIP Deceased members of Shina's family Deceased Members of the Macalino & Cagampang family RIP
Sun 8th Nov <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA St Edward Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Patricia Roydon RIP anniversary Keith Clark RIP

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