



*Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ*  
**13th JUNE 2021: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Discovering The Reasons Of Our Faith

Last Sunday, our Bishop Philip inaugurated a Year of the Eucharist, that will run until Christmas 2022. I believe it is an opportunity for all of us to journey together and rediscover the reasons why we believe that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist. As Joseph Ratzinger said: *faith without reasons is not human.*

Let me share with you a story, that I believe might help us. At seven o'clock in the evening on August 18, 1996, Fr. Alejandro Pezet was saying Holy Mass at a Catholic church in the commercial centre of Buenos Aires. As he was finishing distributing Holy Communion, a woman came up to tell him that she had found a discarded host on a candleholder at the back of the church. On going to the spot indicated, Fr. Alejandro saw the defiled Host. Since he was unable to consume it, he placed it in a container of water and put it away in the tabernacle of the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday, August 26, upon opening the tabernacle, he saw to his amazement that the Host had turned into a bloody substance. He informed Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (Auxiliary Bishop at that time, now Pope Francis), who gave instructions that the Host be professionally photographed. The photos were taken on September 6. They clearly show that the Host, which had become a fragment of bloodied flesh, had grown significantly in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle, the whole affair being kept a strict secret. Since the Host suffered no visible decomposition, Cardinal Bergoglio decided to have it scientifically analysed.

On October 5, 1999, in the presence of the Cardinal's representatives, Dr. Castanon took a sample of the bloody fragment and sent it to New York for analysis. Since he did not wish to prejudice the study, he purposely did not inform the team of scientists of its provenance. One of these scientists was Dr. Frederic Zugiba, the well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist. He determined that the analysed substance was real flesh and blood containing human DNA. Zugiba testified that, "the analysed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

Two Australians, journalist Mike Willesee and lawyer Ron Tesoriero, witnessed these tests. Knowing where the sample had come from, they were dumbfounded by Dr. Zugiba's testimony. Mike Willesee asked the scientist how long the white blood cells would have remained alive if they had come from a piece of human tissue, which had been kept in water. They would have ceased to exist in a matter of minutes, Dr. Zugiba replied. The journalist then told the doctor that the source of the sample had first been kept in ordinary water for a month and then for another three years in a container of distilled water; only then had the sample been taken for analysis. Dr. Zugiba was at a loss to account for this fact. There was no way of explaining it scientifically, he stated. Only then did Mike Willesee inform Dr. Zugiba that the analysed sample came from a consecrated Host (white, unleavened bread) that had mysteriously turned into bloody human flesh. Amazed by this information, Dr. Zugiba replied, "How and why a consecrated Host would change its character and become living human flesh and blood will remain an inexplicable mystery to science - a mystery totally beyond her competence."

Fr Luca

## GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, "An Invitation" - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

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

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 13th June 2021:** Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

**PSALM RESPONSE:** IT IS GOOD TO GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 **Psalms:** 91 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 **Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20TH JUNE:**

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Job 38:1, 8-11 **Psalms:** 106 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 **Gospel:** Mark 4:35-41

## PARISH GROUPS



### Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

Meet in person:

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.

To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

### Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Meet in person on Saturdays in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2-4pm. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

### Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

Fr Luca's Group meet every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Fr Raffaele's Group meet every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister.

### 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.

### Fellowship Group - Wednesday 16th June, 7.30pm

on Zoom. This week we will be talking about four amazing catholic lay women of the 20th/21st century. Please come and join us, everyone is very welcome. Contact Deacon Bob Birtles for the Zoom link: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

## MESSAGES



### Come and See Holiday Activities

We are pleased to announce this Summer we are running the following activities for young people:

#### **August 2021 Summer Club (Age 7-14)**

St Edward's Cloister, Chandlers Ford

Mon 9th; Wed 11th; Fri 13th

Mon 16th; Wed 18th; Fri 20th

#### **August 2021 Summer Camp (Age 11-18)**

OLQA Hall, Bishops Waltham

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

For more information and how to book & pay for your place please go to:

[www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee)

Alternatively, please email Fr Luca and Fr Marco at: [comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Second Collections

Please note there will be second collections on:

19th/20th June for Day for Life

26th/27th June for Peter's Pence

### Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Hales and his family. Christopher's Funeral Service takes place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on **Tuesday 22nd June at 1.45pm.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allan Barltrop and his family. Allan's Funeral Service takes place at **Holy Cross on Wednesday 23rd June at 11.30pm.**

### Messages of Thanks

Pauline & Tony Wilson thank everyone who joined them for their 65th Anniversary Mass at St Edward's and for all the kind messages and cards. May God bless you all.

Swithun Wells Primary School would like to express their thanks to the Knights of St Columba for their generous donation which allowed one of their Year 6 pupils to attend the recent residential week at Rockley Point near Poole.

### A Prayer for Everyone Who's Suffering

Our heavenly Father,  
Bless us day and night  
And protect us every day in life;  
May the power of the Holy Spirit  
Enlighten us every day,  
Forgive us for all our sins and  
I promise you, I'll love and pray  
for everyone who's suffering  
From Coronavirus every day.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
Hear my prayer.  
Amen  
*David P Carroll*

## MESSAGES CONTINUED

### Parish Picnic

27th June, 12.30pm-4pm

Fleming Park (close to Pavillion on the Park)

For more details and the booking system please go to our website. We are waiting on the Prime Minister's decision before finalising the picnic arrangements.

In the meantime please save the date.

### Tea and Coffee in the Parish

We are happy to announce we have reopened tea and coffee after Mass in some of our churches. A massive thank you to all those who are organising and volunteering. At the moment we have tea and coffee at:

St Andrew, Tuesdays at 10.30am (after Mass)

St Edward, Wednesdays at 10.30am (after Mass)

Holy Cross, Thursdays at 10.00am (after Mass)

St Joseph, Fridays at 10.30am (after Mass).

### 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](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk) or contact the Parish Office ([stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk); tel: 02380 273882).

**The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Sunday 20th June 2021.**

Interviews will then be held the following week.

The intention is that the successful applicant will start week commencing 28th June 2021.

### Portsmouth Diocese Job Vacancies

#### Safeguarding Officer (2 posts available)

£30,000-£32,000 per annum full time equivalent (dependent on skills and experience)

Post 1 - 35 hours (5 days) per week plus defined contributory pension.

Post 2 - 28 hours (4 days) per week plus defined contributory pension.

Reporting to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator.

Closing date for applications is **18th June**.

#### Safeguarding & DBS Administrator

£20,000-£23,000 per annum (dependant on skills and experience). 35hrs (5 days) per week plus defined Benefits contributory pension.

Reporting to the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator.

Closing date for applications is **18th June**.

For more information on the above roles and how to apply please go to:

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/current-vacancies>

### Chandlers Ford Methodist Church

#### Is seeking to employ a Church Administrator

Part-time 15 hours per week, £10.20-£10.50 per hour depending on experience. The role is to offer secretarial support for ministers and ensure the smooth running of the church administration. Some flexibility is offered, such as working reduced hours in the school holidays. For more information please email:

[enquiries@chandlersfordmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chandlersfordmethodistchurch.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: **30th June**.

Interviews to be held week beginning 19th July.

This post requires an enhanced DBS disclosure.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk)).

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Tuesday:** St Edward's - after Mass (6.30-7.30pm)

**Thursday:** St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00-6.00pm)

### CONFESSION

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 12th June</b> <i>Morning Mass: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Patricia Coughlan RIP  Thanksgiving for well-being
<b>Sunday 13th June</b>  <b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Intentions of the Layzell Family Clare Fisher RIP  For the People of the Parish Antonio Cicu RIP FM Maureen Boog RIP
<b>Mon 14th June</b>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Margaret Martindale RIP
<b>Tues 15th June</b>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Angie & Felino Cagampang (Special Intention)
<b>Wed 16th June</b>	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Edward OLQA	Charles & Martha Barrett FM
<b>Thurs 17th June</b>	9.30am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Ted & Monica Dunne and Family (Special Intention)  Margaret Tapper RIP
<b>Friday 18th June</b>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sr Joseph (Well-being)
<b>Saturday 19th June</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Special Wedding Anniversary Intention  For the People of the Parish Paddy Boyle RIP  Tom, Rose and Paul Murray RIP
<b>Sunday 20th June</b>  <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.30am  11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) St Edward  Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Monica (Special Intention On the Occasion of her Birthday)  Deceased Members of the Atterbury, O'Connell, O'Grady and Griffin Families RIP Jack & Chris Molloy FM

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