



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

10th November 2019: **32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

LIVE AS A SAINT

Following the suggestions of our parish, I am reading the book of Chiara Corbella Petrillo, *A witness to joy*.

When I read the lives of the saints, I'm always struck by something that at first glance could seem odd: the coexistence in their life of sacrifice and joy.

The radicality of their betting on Him as the centre of everything, and so the sacrifice of leave everything to follow him, brings them to a joy that is visible on their faces. This, I think, is the paradox of Christian life: in the sacrifice of accepting and obeying God's will, we find ourselves at peace. The saints tell us that God's will is not something "extraordinary", like leaving your present life to go to mission in a remote part of the world. They teach us that sainthood is a matter of pots and pans: it is accepting your life as it is.

The life of Chiara and Enrico, her husband, testifies this coexistence of self-denial and happiness, as their words tell us:

To love a person means: to accept not understanding everything about her, being prepared to be changed and to suffer, to renounce something for her.

After Maria Grazia Letizia and Davide Giovanni died, the first two children of Chiara and Enrico, they said:

You have the experience of Maria Grazia Letizia, this daughter who went away to Heaven after half an hour, and even before that, the pregnancy itself, those nine marvellous months... During those years everything defied human logic. And it was precisely this, in a manner, that helped us to increase our communion with Jesus. While everything burned, inside you felt refreshed. While you danced this dance with Jesus, which is suffering, you asked yourself: "But I am at peace. How is it possible?"

How is it possible? How is it possible to live like the saints lived, finding joy in even the most painful moments of living? The book of Chiara gives as an answer:

Is it possible to walk the same path as Enrico and Chiara? Yes, if one knows the secret: to say yes each day to your story; to trust in Jesus, who tells you: "Do not fear".

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is a video by Bishop Robert Barron entitled, "Priestly Celibacy". You can find the link on our homepage.

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday Cycle: Year C - Weekday Cycle: Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: LET MY PRAYER COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE. INCLINE YOUR EAR TO MY CRY FOR HELP, O LORD.

PSALM RESPONSE: I SHALL BE FILLED, WHEN I AWAKE, WITH THE SIGHT OF YOUR GLORY, O LORD.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2019:

1st reading: Malachi 3: 19-20 - Psalm: 97 - 2nd reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 - Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

Tuesdays between 10.15-11.30am (after Mass) in Holy Cross Resource Centre. It is a time of simple sharing, come and join us, everyone is assured of a warm welcome. Contact June or Paul Wilson on 02380 616618. Or email: pwilson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School of Community

The weekly catechesis of the catholic movement Communion and Liberation every Wednesday at 8pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

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 powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Preparation will be on Wednesday evenings fortnightly at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford at 7.30pm.

Journey in Faith with the Bible: Wednesday evenings fortnightly between 7.30pm and 9pm at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. All Welcome.

Dates until Christmas: 20th Nov; 4th & 18th Dec. Further details from Anne Owen on 02380 254806.

CAFE - the next meetings will be held on:
Mon 18th Nov, St Joseph's Parish Centre at 2pm;
Tues 19th Nov, St Andrew's at 7.30pm.
Further details from Sheila on 01794 518071.

Fryern Prayer Group (St Edward's) - Mon 25th Nov, from 2-3pm at the home of Sheila and Pauline O'Neill, 19 Carthage Close, SO53 2BL. All Welcome!
Theme: The Bible & God's Plan.

Knit for Peace - St Andrew's, Wed 13th Nov, 2-4pm
Donations of mens clothes and shoes for Two Saints welcome. Please contact Anne Harcourt on 02380 734710 with any queries.

Over 60 Club - Will next meet on Monday 11th Nov at 2pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For more info please contact Maureen (tel: 80692682).

PARISH GROUPS



Candlelight Prayer - hosted by the Fellowship Group on Wed 13th Nov, 7.30pm, St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Join us around the Tabernacle for an evening of prayer, readings, meditation and hymns. Refreshments served at the end of the evening. Queries to Deacon Bob and Marion Birtles.

TOZ (for young people from school year 10) meet twice a month on Sunday. Next Meeting Date: 17th November, from 2pm to 4.30pm where we will be visiting Fryars House in Romsey. The mini bus will leave at 2pm from Holy Cross. Contact: toz.sswp@gmail.com or phone 07846 438224 (Cath Szymanski).

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

For everyone in school years 3-6, we meet every other week: Tuesday, 5.30-7.00pm in St Edwards Cloister; Saturday 10.30am-Noon in HC Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form available on our website or from the Parish Office and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Grail Seekers (school years 7,8,9)

For everyone in school years 7, 8 and 9 we meet weekly every Saturday from 2.30pm-4.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. To join the group complete the application form (available on our website or from the Parish Office) and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Oasis - Tuesday 12th November: Remembrance 7.30pm in St Edward's Cloister, finish at 9pm.

We will be making poppies and sharing some war poetry. A chance to reflect and give thanks (if you have any spare off cuts of red cloth please bring them along). All ladies warmly welcomed.
Future Dates: 3rd Dec; 14th Jan; 11th Feb; 10th Mar; 31st Mar; 12th May; 9th Jun; 14th Jul.

Knit & Natter - St Edward's, Mon 11th Nov, 2-4pm

Refreshments available and everyone most welcome! Any queries please contact Maureen Stephenson on 02380 252104. This is the last session of the year, we will restart in February 2020.

CHANGES TO MASS & PARISH OFFICE OPENING



Remembrance Sunday (10th November)

Holy Cross & St Joseph's - Masses will start at 11.30am following the civil commemoration in the parks at Eastleigh and Romsey.

OFFERINGS & SECOND COLLECTIONS



St Swithun Wells Parish Acknowledges with thanks

Last week's collections: £TBC;
SO/DD for October '19: £12,952.59

Fair Oak Remembrance Day Service

The Community of St Swithun Wells Church will once again be laying a wreath at the **Memorial in Fair Oak Square on Sunday 10th November at 11am**. Please join us if you can.

Classical Music Evening - Friday 15th November, 8.00pm-9.00pm at St Edward's Church. All are welcome! In this month of November in which we remember our deceased, we will listen to some classical music which focuses on eternal life, like Brahms' Requiem & Mozart's Requiem.

St Joseph's & St Andrew's Christmas Mini Fayre & Draw: 30th Nov, 10am-12.30pm, St Andrew's Church. See Messages section for more details and help requested.

Annual Mass for Parishioners who have died in the past year - This will take place during weekend Masses on 23rd & 24th November at the following churches: **St Andrew's, St Joseph's, Holy Cross, St Swithun Wells & St Edward's.**

PARISH EVENTS

Blessing of 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 24th November

Romsey Cemetery (Botley Rd) - 2pm
Woodley - 2.30pm
Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm
Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm
Fair Oak Cemetery - 3pm
Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm

Tuesday 26th November

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

Parish Advent Retreat

Sunday 8th December, 2.30pm-5pm, St Edward's. There will be a talk by Fr Raffaele, time for questions and personal prayer.



Recommended Reading

Two suggested books for parishioners until January:

Painted Veil by W. Somerset Maugham;

Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy;

It will be possible to buy the books after wk/end Mass.

St Joseph's and St Andrew's Christmas Mini-Fayre and Draw

Donations of non perishable gifts urgently needed. Please leave items in boxes provided in St Joseph's & St Andrew's Churches.

There are still some raffle tickets left, so if you feel lucky and/or generous, please pick up another book of tickets as you leave Mass today. It would be fantastic if we could sell all the tickets and make this event really successful. The draw will take place **at St Andrew's Church, on the 30th November** and the proceeds given to Fryers House, Romsey.

The mini-fayre, **from 10- 12.30** will include stalls and refreshments. Nearer the time, we hope parishioners will get baking for the event. The proceeds of the fayre will go towards St Andrew's children's liturgy resources and some new chairs for St Joseph's parish rooms.

Mary Hunt's Funeral Service

Alain Hunt would like parishioners to know it is on **Wednesday 13th November, 10.45am at Wessex Vale Crematorium**. Everyone is most welcome.

Christmas Cards - The Knights of St Columba have produced Christmas cards in association with St Swithun Wells school. Please support the Knights' charities and the school by buying cards on sale at Masses on **9th/10th Nov**.

CAFOD Christmas Cards will be on sale at **Our Lady Queen of Apostles** on the following weekends: **16th/17th Nov; 23rd/24th Nov; 31st Nov/1st Dec**.

MESSAGES

Holy Cross Shop

Take a look in the shop after Mass on Sundays, as we now have our Christmas stock: Advent calendars; Advent candles; calendars; diaries and gifts. Look forward to seeing you. *Pat & Angela*



OTHER EVENTS

Caritas Event "World Day of the Poor"

Sunday 17th November 2019, between 1pm and 5.30pm at St Peters, Winchester

Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. The event will include a short play by "Staging Faith" on the life of St. Vincent De Paul, and also some personal testimonies of people who have experienced life on the margins. There will be opportunities to network with others and to see what we can practically do to help those in need around us. Come along and let this event be the place where we begin to open our church doors to those in need and be a voice of the voiceless. For further information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at cari-tas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388 994057.

Advent Day of Reflection – **Saturday 7th Dec, 10am (for 10.30pm start) to 4pm, St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU**. The theme of the day will be the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of the Lord. SO40 7DU. Mass will be offered and there will be time for personal reflection and input from Father Des. Please bring some lunch. A suggested donation of £25 would be very helpful please.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 9th <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Paul Freeman FM
	5.00pm*	SSW	Mary Quinn (Special Intention)
	6.00pm*	St J	Mary Adams RIP
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sun 10th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	
	9.00am	St A	
	9.30am	OLQA	
	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>St J</u>	
	<u>11.30am</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Bill Reynolds FM</u>
Mon 11th <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10.00am	St Ed	
Tues 12th <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	10.00am	St A	
	10.00am	OLQA	
Wed 13th	9.30am	HC	Alan Burnett RIP
	10.00am	St Ed	
Thurs 14th	9.30am	HC	Cowling & Tierney Families FM
	10.00am	OLQA	
	6.00pm	St J	Sylvia Anderson RIP
Fri 15th	10.00am	St Ed	
	10.00am	OLQA	
	10.00am	St J AH	Mary & Ashley Bennett (Special Intention)
Sat 16th <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i> *Vigil Mass	9.30am	HC	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
	5.00pm*	SSW	Jackie Callow RIP
	6.00pm*	St J	
	6.00pm*	OLQA	
	6.30pm*	St Ed	Fe & Felipe Cagampang RIP
Sun 17th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	HC	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>
	9.00am	St Ed	Tim Layzell RIP
	9.00am	St A	Denis Keefe RIP (Anniversary)
	9.30am	OLQA	
	11.00am	St J	Private Intention
	11.00am	HC	Angela Maria Iarossi RIP

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Tues: HC - First Tuesday of the Month (10am-1pm)	
Thurs: St Ed - Holy Hour 7-8pm	
Thurs: St J - from 4-6pm, Rosary and Benediction at 5.30pm	
ROSARY AND PRAYERS	
St Edward's	9.30am, Wednesday - The Holy Rosary
St Joseph's	6.00pm, Wednesday - Evening Prayer
CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)	
Saturdays:	10.00am Holy Cross
	5.30pm OLQA
	5.30pm St Joseph's
Sundays:	8.30am St Edward's
	8.30am St Andrew's
TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET	
Tues: Fr Raffaele, 4.30pm-6.30pm in the Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.	
Weds: Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Parish Office, Holy Cross, Eastleigh.	
Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.	
Saturdays: Fr Marco, 10am-Midday, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey.	

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SSW St Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB
St A St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley, SO52 9EP
St J St Joseph's Church, Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

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