



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

25th OCTOBER 2020: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Introducing Fr Bruce



Hello everyone. My name is Fr Bruce Barnes and I am the newest member of the Parish Team. I am an Assistant Priest based in Bishop's Waltham and I come "hot foot" from Guernsey where I was the Dean.

I have worked in the Diocese of Portsmouth for some years. I was an Anglican minister for 16 years and a Canon of a Cathedral in Ghana. I approached Bishop Crispian about becoming a Catholic and he organized my transfer from one Communion to full Communion with the Catholic Church. I became a Catholic before the vote on the ordination of women in the C of E and found myself whisked off to Winchester to live with Bishop Peter Doyle in St Peter's Parish. It was then decided to send me off to Rome where I studied at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). I have had several Parishes in our Diocese from Newport on the Isle of Wight, to Sacred Heart in Bournemouth. I have mostly enjoyed every moment. Now a new chapter opens with the Parish of St Swithun Wells.

I have been so impressed by the warm and friendly greeting of the Parish clergy and the people of Bishop's Waltham. A special THANK YOU to Fr Raffaele and to all those who have invited me to meals and coffee mornings. It has been much appreciated. You have made me feel very welcome.

I hope that I can bring something of the joy and celebration of being a Christian to the Parish and look forward to working with you and meeting with you in the future.
May God Bless you all.

Fr Bruce

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Fratelli tutti": a short summary of the last Encyclical of Pope Francis - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 25th October 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

1st reading: Exodus 22:20-26 **Psalm:** 17 **2nd reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER (ALL SAINTS):

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

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)

Please note due to half term there will be no meeting on 28th October.

MESSAGES



Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church please speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen at:

powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Preparation restarts on Wed 28th October, 8pm at St Edward's.

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.**

Parish Get2Together

Sunday 25th October, 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.

Cultural Friday

30th October, 8pm in St Edward's Church

Fr Raffaele will give a talk on Pope Francis' last Encyclical 'Fratelli tutti'.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Finch and for her family. Nora's funeral will take place at Test Valley Crematorium on Friday 30th October at 1.45pm.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Parish Office - Due to staff holidays the office will be closed on Thursday 29th & Friday 30th October.

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.

Message from Margaret French

You may remember that every year, in St Andrew's, Margaret holds a coffee morning for Macmillan and last year they made an astonishing (almost) £800. There was much disappointment that because of COVID, the coffee morning couldn't take place this year, however some of you still wanted to make a donation to Macmillan and £170 was collected. Margaret would like to say a huge thank you for your kindness and generosity.

"One Horton Heath"

At the next meeting of Churches Together in Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath (CTIBiFOHH), one of the items on the agenda will be "One Horton Heath", an extensive housing development off Fir Tree Lane and north of Allington Lane in Fair Oak. In their website, Eastleigh Borough Council say they are "delivering a different approach to development, focussing on community, innovation and sustainability". They have asked the local Church communities to get involved to ensure that faith principles are enshrined in the project and to help the existing community embrace the new community coming together as "One".

On Wednesday, 28th October 12.30-2pm there will be a Zoom meeting hosted by CTIBiFOHH, to which anyone interested is invited. If you would like to get the Zoom link and take part, email me at bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Deacon Bob Birtles

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** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **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 Joanna Russell from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 07917 802814 / joanna@silvasmiths.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / sancha@virginmedia.com).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Thursday 12pm (Middy) & 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 24th Oct	9.30am 5.00pm* 6.00pm* 6.30pm*	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells St Joseph St Edward	Patrick Godfrey RIP Ivy & Charles Charleston RIP Arthur & Winifred Wilson RIP
Sun 25th Oct <i>Thirtieth 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> Private Intention Monica Carrasco RIP Anniversary Anna Thomas RIP George Quigley RIP
Mon 26th Oct	9.30am	Holy Cross	Josephine Giuffre RIP
Tues 27th Oct	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Catherine & Peter Doherty RIP Katie & Monica Hermolle (Intentions)
Wed 28th Oct <i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Antonietta & Rosario Marucci, Carmela & Antonio Iampietro RIP
Thurs 29th Oct	9.30am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Mike Walsh RIP Kathleen & Ivor Stroud; Susan Bettosi RIP
Fri 30th Oct <i>Blessed Winchester Martyrs</i>	10.00am 10.00am	St Joseph (Church not AH) St Edward	
Sat 31st Oct	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

CLERGY

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