



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

8TH NOVEMBER 2020: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A time to learn charity

Surely in the last days and weeks our life and our world has been challenged like never before: a global pandemic, the fear coming from new terrorist attacks in France and Austria, and the news of another semi-lockdown. Right when we were getting used to a “new normality” or when we believed that our security systems were refined enough to avoid threats, new events come to shake our lives and maybe bring fears and sadness into it.

My spiritual directors in the seminary and my Christian friends have always taught me that when I don't understand what's going on, when it is hard to make sense of the world and the events happening in it, I can find in the liturgy of the Church, especially in the daily readings, a light in the darkness. Not merely a consolation or an escape, but precisely a surplus of knowledge and strength to face every circumstance and grasp their meaning.

During this month of November we will hear Jesus speaking about the coming of His Kingdom and the right attitude we have to develop if we want to share it. And the fact that we know for sure that he will talk to us, through the daily Mass celebrated by the priests, is already a sign of hope, “do not be afraid, I'm with you and I talk to you”.

This Sunday the Gospel tells us that the kingdom of God is like the coming of the bridegroom, “the bridegroom is here: go out and meet him”. This invitation to go out and meet the Lord who is coming, might sound like a joke, now that we have really little opportunities to “go out and meet” our friends. But Jesus is speaking about another kind of “going out”: it means to be outward-centred, rather than self-centred. It is possible to “go out” even when we have to stay at home. It means to open ourselves up to the people we live with, to find creative ways to connect with our Christian community, to stay connected through prayer with each other.

The following Sunday we will hear the parable of talents, where Jesus values those who have been faithful in small things. In the next few weeks we will have the opportunity again to appreciate the small things God has entrusted to us and also the beauty that surrounds us that often we take for granted.

Finally we will hear Jesus in the Gospel saying, “When you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me”, inviting us to see his face in the faces of our neighbours.

In the month ahead I believe that we will be given a chance to move forward the coming of the Kingdom of God, exercising charity in our homes and asking God the strength to love as he loves. If we accept this challenge, we will look back and think: these weeks have not been useless, because I've worked together with God to build a piece of his Kingdom on earth and this is also the most adequate answer we can give to the violence which is jeopardising our society.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



Please have a look and share the new GEM which is available on the homepage of our website.
If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 8th November 2020: Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O GOD, MY GOD.

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

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER:

1st reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31. Psalm: 127 2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

PARISH GROUPS



The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM starting Monday 9th November:

- Stars of Abraham: weekly on Saturdays at 4pm
- Grail Seekers: weekly on Saturdays at 2pm
- Student Youth: weekly on Fridays at 8pm
- Communion & Liberation Group with Fr Luca: weekly on Wednesday at 8pm
- Communion & Liberation Group with Fr Raffaele: weekly on Thursday 8pm

The above 5 groups are meeting though Zoom please follow these instructions:

Via internet:

Go to <https://zoom.us/j/6942241055>

If you don't have the "zoom" app, it will be automatically downloaded.

Click "join a meeting"

Enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Via phone:

Dial one of these four numbers:

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

Follow the instructions when asked enter the Meeting ID: 694 224 1055

Armistice Day 11th November 2020

Fellowship Group (7.30pm) will be looking at Armistice Day 1918. This will be followed by a Service of Remembrance. Open to all in the Parish, please contact Bob and Marion Birtles for a link to the zoom meeting:

bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OASIS Parish Ladies' Group

Zoom meeting Tuesday 17th November at 8pm

We'd love you to join us online to catch up and pray together, whether you are new or an old friend.

If you are not our mailing list and would like to receive the link to join our Zoom meeting, please email Jessie. jessie.woolgar@gmail.com

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.

MESSAGES



New Guidelines from the Government &

CBCEW - Please go to our website to view the new lockdown guidelines.

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 Nov at 2.30pm.

CAFOD Family Action Day

CAFOD Portsmouth invites you to the CAFOD Faith in Action day on Building a Better World after the Pandemic. For the last few years CAFOD's Campaigns team have run Faith in Action days in each diocese. These days hope to provide volunteers and supporters time out for reflection and to explore the different ways they can take action. This year we are offering an online event on Saturday 14th November from 11am. To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-into-action-building-a-better-world-after-the-pandemic-tickets-121721948625>

Day of Prayer to End the COVID Crisis

Bishop Philip has called a Day of Prayer and Fasting for a Speedy End to the Pandemic – "24 Hours with the Lord" - on Friday 27th November 2020. He is inviting everyone across the Diocese, clergy, religious and laity, to join in. We can pray earnestly for a speedy end to the pandemic, for the safety and protection of all, for the health of the sick, for those suffering financially or in other ways, for the residents of care-homes, for all medical staff and key workers, for government leaders, scientists and advisors, for the discovery of an effective, ethically-sourced, vaccine, for patience, perseverance and mental well-being and for all who have died and those who mourn them. There will be a twenty-four hour long programme of Mass, prayer, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration live-streamed from here at the Cathedral. Please join in as much as you can.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Holy Cross Shop

We have 2021 Diaries, Calendars, Advent Calendars and Christmas cards as well as the usual cards, books and gifts. During lockdown the shop can be accessed by appointment with Lynette on: 02380 618542. *Angela & Lynette*

Help Feed the Hungry (Poitiers)

Any donations gratefully received. Please make your cheque payable to: POITIERS CARE and send to St Joseph's Centre, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. If you require acknowledgment please include a note with your cheque.

ONLINE MASS, PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSION



During Lockdown there will be no Public Masses

Mass will be live streamed from Holy Cross Church
Sundays at 10.00am

Mon to Sat at 9.30am

Please go to our website

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/> where you will be able to watch and join in Mass being celebrated live from Holy Cross Church.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham

You will be able to follow Fr Bruce celebrating Mass via Zoom on:

Thursdays at 12.00 Midday

Sundays at 9.30am

To connect via Zoom, the login details are 655.161 0661, password 016150.

Please remember when connecting via Zoom to mute your microphone at the start, otherwise it interferes with the audio from the Mass.

Starting from Monday 9th November

Times the Churches are open for Private Prayer

(during those times a Priest will be available for Confession)

St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford:

Tuesday 6.00pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 10.30am-12.00 Midday

Friday 10.30am-12.00 Midday

Sunday 11.00am-12.30pm

Holy Cross, Eastleigh:

Wednesday 10.00am-12.00 Midday

Thursday 10.00am-12.00 Midday

Saturday 10.00am-12.00 Midday

Sunday 11.00am-12.30pm

St Andrew, North Baddesley:

Tuesday 10.30am-12.00 Midday

Sunday 11.00am-12.30pm

St Joseph, Romsey:

Thursday 5.00pm-6.30pm

Friday 10.30am-12 Midday

Saturday 5.30pm-7.00pm

Sunday 11.00am-12.30pm

St Swithun Wells, Fair Oak:

Saturday 5.00pm-6.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Emergency Number Tel: 02380 612430

If you urgently need to speak to one of our Priests please use this number. If no-one is around to immediately answer your call please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions: Everyday 3 Priests will celebrate Mass, that means 3 Intentions can be offered. There are open spaces in the following weeks. If you want to book an intention please send an email or call the office.

There are two options if you want to make an offering for your Mass intention.

(1) You can send to the office a cheque made payable

to PRCDTR St Swithun Wells (specifying on the back that it is a Mass intention and including the name of the person and the date of the Mass), or if you want you can send a cash offering.

(2) You can make a bank transfer to the main parish account PRCDTR St Swithun Wells with sort code 30-93-04 and account number 01786599 indicating the Mass intention and date.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 7th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Valerie Smith RIP Deceased members of Shina's family Deceased Members of the Macalino & Cagampang family RIP
Sun 8th Nov <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	OLQA - Via Zoom Holy Cross - Live Stream	Patricia Roydon RIP anniversary Keith Clark RIP Terry Mulligan RIP
Mon 9th Nov <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Paul Freeman FM
Tues 10th Nov <i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Bill Reynolds FM Eileen Smith (Special Intention)
Wed 11th Nov <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Philip Crook RIP
Thurs 12th Nov <i>St Josaphat</i>	9.30am 12.00pm	Holy Cross - Live Stream OLQA - Via Zoom	Florence Bohan FM Sr Margaret Young (Wellbeing)
Fri 13th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Tony Armshaw RIP Anniversary Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sat 14th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross - Live Stream	Cowling & Tierney Families FM Mary Quinn (Special Intention) John Foster RIP
Sun 15th Nov <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	OLQA - Via Zoom Holy Cross - Live Stream	Gill Williams RIP Tony Armshaw RIP Anniversary Zsuzsanna Pigniczki (Wellbeing)

CLERGY

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Office Hours:
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Thursday-Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm

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