



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ
14th NOVEMBER 2021: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Synod 2023: An Occasion To Become One With Christ

As many of you probably know, Pope Francis and the leaders of the Catholic Church are working hard to prepare a large gathering of bishops, priests and laity that will take place in Rome in 2023: it is called "Synod" and will be about the topic of "Synodality". Bishop Eric Varden, former Superior of the Monastic Community of Mount Saint Bernard in the Midlands, said recently:

Synodality is a Greek word made up of two parts. The prefix syn- is a preposition meaning 'with' or 'alongside'. We recognise it from a familiar word such as 'sympathy', an openness to carry someone else's pain with them. The noun hodos, means 'a way'. A synodos, then, is 'a way pursued together'. It stands for fellowship in movement towards a shared goal. There is no particular virtue in just being on the way; it has to lead somewhere. We need to know where we are going.

So... where are we going? To be honest, actually we don't know. We are like our father Abraham: God asked him to leave his homeland and follow Him, but He didn't tell him what was the aim of the journey. Bishop Varden continued:

Abram was not given a map with a marked destination and told to find a way of reaching it. The way he was to follow was revealed to him while he travelled... In the Old Testament, the 'way' is above all the way to the Land of promise. It is retraced time and again from places of exile. In the New Testament, the 'way' points towards a Person, our Lord Jesus Christ. He is henceforth the True North towards which our life's compass needle turns.

During the next few months, in the light of the coming Synod, we will gather together in our parish in small groups, to discuss about what changes need to be made – in ourself, in our parish and in the Diocese – to make the Church's mission today more vibrant and effective. I think there can be two ways we can discuss issues in the Church: the first is to think of the Church as a business and therefore trying to find ways to be attractive for the customers. The second is to consider the Church as the Body of Christ, and therefore finding ways to let ourselves be attracted by Jesus. I honestly prefer the second. It seems to me more coherent to what (or better who) the Church is.

We don't know what practical responses the Spirit of Christ will suggest to us in the next few months, as Abraham didn't know where God would lead him. But we know that everything God makes happen is for the growing of our faith. If we will take this opportunity as an occasion to "be one with Christ", listening to his voice speaking through our voices, we will help Him to lead the Church wherever He wants her to go.

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is **Words of Pope Francis about COP 26** - you can find this on our homepage.
If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact website.sswp@gmail.com

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 9.30am on Wednesday 17th November, please email your messages/notices to: stswparish@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 14th November 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: PRESERVE ME, GOD, I TAKE REFUGE IN YOU.

READINGS: 1st reading: Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm: 15 2nd reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER (OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE):

READINGS: 1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm: 92 2nd reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8 Gospel: John 18:33b-37

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 St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. 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
School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!
School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group
Tuesdays, 10.15am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. For the 16th November we will watch a DVD and have a discussion on 'Evangelising with Love & Action'. All are welcome!
Please note that there will be clergy presentations with

a general Advent theme:
23rd November - a talk by Fr Raffaele
7th December - a talk by Fr Luca
14th December - a talk by Fr Marco
Start as usual at 10.15 in the Resource Centre, finish time approx. 11.30am.

Fellowship Group Advent Bible Study Course
Wednesdays 7.30pm on Zoom
This year we are following a course from John Birch entitled 'Preparing The Way'. A four part study based on the Year C Readings.
November 17th Week 1 - A World in Turmoil
Everyone is most welcome to join us.
Please contact Bob and Marion for the Zoom link.
bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Afternoon Club - St Joseph's Parish Centre
(26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All welcome!

CAFE - is on 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's. Our course until December is "This is My Body", a series of DVDs which take us deeper into the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ann Heslop:
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MESSAGES



Remembrance Sunday - 14th November
Remembrance Sunday is when we commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and since. The Day is kept on the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November, Armistice Day, the end of hostilities in the First World War in 1918. The Act of Remembrance is an important and meaningful occasion for our nation. Across the land, there will be numerous ceremonies at local war memorials in most cities, towns and villages, attended by civic dignitaries, ex-servicemen and -women, members of the Royal British Legion and other veterans' organisations, and members of local armed forces regular and reserve units, military cadet forces and

youth organisations such as the Boys and Girls Brigades. Representatives of the Judiciary also lay wreaths at local War Memorials throughout the country. Wreaths of remembrance poppies are laid on the memorials. The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because in the midst of the filth and mud in the fields of Flanders, they were the flowers which despite it all grew on the battlefields.

Remembrance Sunday in Fair Oak
St Swithun Wells Church will once more be laying a wreath at the service in the village square at 11am on Sunday 14th. Please join us there if you are able to.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Remembrance Sunday

Change to Start Times of Mass on 14th November

Holy Cross - Mass will start at 11.30am following the civil commemoration in the park.

St Joseph's - Mass will be at 11.30am following the civil commemoration in the park.

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 14th November

Romsey Cemetery (Botley Rd) - 2pm

Woodley - 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery - 2pm

Fair Oak Cemetery - 2pm

Eastleigh (Brookwood) Cemetery - 3pm

Ramalley Cemetery - 3pm

Tuesday 16th November

North Baddesley St John's Churchyard - 10.30am.

Upcoming funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Therese Murray, Joseph Lawless, Geoffrey Potheary, Christine Morley and for their families. Funeral details can be found on the back page of this Newsletter.

Cultural Friday

19th November, 7.30pm in St Edward's

'A Christian Scientist Studying The Universe'

We will listen to a talk from Francesco Shankar, Professor of Astrophysics in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Southampton. He will present the large-scale structure of the Universe as a journey from planet Earth to outer deep space, with a focus on showing the myriad of galaxies that are out there. Cheese, wine and nibbles will be available throughout the evening, suggested donation of £1.

Upcoming Second Collections

20th/21st November: Missions of the Fraternity of St Charles

4th/5th December: Christmas Flowers

St Edward's Repository

We have Children's Activity Booklets for Advent (£1 each) available from the shop in St Edward's.

OLOA Advent Bible Study - 1st Letter of St Peter

Thursdays in Advent beginning Thursday 25th November 10am-11.30am followed by Mass at 12 Noon. All welcome! Please bring a Bible.

Parish Advent Retreat

We will hold a Parish Retreat for Advent on **Sunday 28th November, 2.30pm-4.30pm** at St Edward.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
Thursday: St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

Open to everyone. There will be a talk about Advent, some time for private prayer in the church and a time for questions and sharing thoughts.

Christmas Quiz - Save the Date!

Saturday 4th December at 7pm in the Resource Centre at Holy Cross. More details to follow.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 9th December, 12.30pm

at the Hunters Inn, Romsey. Menus are on the notice boards. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Rosemary: 01794 522411 by 1st December. Thank you.

CAFOD Christmas Cards - Will be on sale after both Masses at St Edward's this weekend.

CAFOD World gifts - As we rejoice once again, celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

CAFOD Fair Trade Christmas Fayre

December 11th/12th - A date for your diaries! The Fayre will be held at St Edward's after both weekend Masses.

Parish Christmas Party - Save the Date!

Sunday 12th December, 1pm-4pm
St Swithun Wells Primary School

Tickets will be available from the end of November in our churches. More details to follow next week.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

Tuesday 28th June - Sunday 3rd July 2022

We are jointly planning a Pilgrimage to Rome with Tangney Tours on the occasion of the Ordination (God willing) of Dennis as a Priest, Phil and Andrew as Deacons. Estimated cost is £1,000 per person based on two sharing. More details including the programme and prices are available on our website. The pilgrimage will be led by fr Raffaele.

Some sad news...

Maureen Westwood, our archivist and long standing parishioner at Holy Cross suddenly passed away on Wed 10th November. Please keep Maureen and her family in your prayers.

CONFESSION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays:	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
Tuesdays:	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
Saturdays:	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLOA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sundays:	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLOA

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 13th November	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Florence Bohan FM For the People of the Parish Tony Armshaw RIP Anniversary Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sunday 14th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am <u>11.30am</u> <u>11.30am</u>	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) <u>Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)</u> <u>St Joseph</u>	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Noel Gannon & Seamus Gannon RIP Margaret Martindale RIP Cowling & Tierney Families RIP FM
Mon 15th Nov	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
Tues 16th November <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	10.00am <u>2.00pm</u> 6.00pm	St Andrew <u>St Swithun Wells</u> St Edward	<u>Funeral Mass: Therese Murray RIP</u> Federica Conti, Ruggero Conti & Elena Zumbo RIP
Wed 17th November	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am <u>11.15am</u> <u>11.30am</u>	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Edward <u>St Joseph</u> <u>St Edward</u>	Patrick Lake RIP Nora Lamb RIP <u>Funeral Mass: Geoffrey Pothecary RIP</u> <u>Funeral Service: Joseph Lawless RIP</u>
Thurs 18th Nov	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) OLQA St Joseph	Lesley Cummins RIP Special Intention
Friday 19th November	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am <u>11.30am</u>	OLQA St Joseph St Edward <u>St Joseph</u>	Edward Rayment RIP Anniversary Constance Brixey FM <u>Funeral Mass: Christine Morley RIP</u>
Saturday 20th November	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Swithun Wells St Joseph OLQA St Edward	Joe & Lydia Fonseca RIP Paula Malschaert RIP Roisin MaGuigan (Special Intention)
Sunday 21st November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also Live Streamed) Holy Cross (also Live Streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Anne & Sean Connolly RIP Deceased Members of the Armshaw Family For the People of the Parish Sr Margaret Young RIP

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