## **NEWSLETTER** Catholic Parish of St Swithun Wells

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## Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

7th June 2020: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## **Holy Trinity**

The solemnity that we celebrate this Sunday leads us to the heart of the Christian Mystery and the core of our own existence. We come from the communion between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and only in this communion our being men and women is fully illuminated. Because God is relationship, between the three Persons, we can only fulfil ourselves in a friendship.

The Trinitarian life, in which each divine Person gives himself and is continually received by the other two, explains why we, who are created in the image and likeness of God, can be totally fulfilled only when we open ourselves to another, through the giving of our self.

Original sin has made this experience of true friendship more difficult and full of struggles, but the fall has not been able to eliminate the beauty of communion. So much so that when we meet people who spend their lives totally for an ideal that goes beyond their self, people who with their lives point to a greater meaning, men and women who affirm communion as their consistency, those people awaken something deep within us. We immediately feel a profound desire to be like them and imitate their deeds.

### Sub Tuum Presidium

Some people have asked what hymn we sing at the end of Mass during the week. It is an old prayer called *Sub Tuum Praesidium*. We might think that the oldest prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary would be the Hail Mary, but it's not; the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* is an ancient Marian prayer of the early Church, the oldest known prayer to Our Lady. The oldest version of this prayer is in Greek on an Egyptian papyrus dating back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. The Latin translation dates from the 11th century and was likely translated from the Greek. In the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, we ask Our Lady to help us in our trials and tribulations.

Let's see what some of the saints have said about our heavenly Mother and her help:

"As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary." (St. Thomas Aquinas)

"What a joy to remember that she is our mother. Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?" (St. Therese of Lisieux).

"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you" (St. John Vianney).

#### Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy protection,
O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions in
our necessities,
but deliver us always from all
dangers,
O glorious and blessed
Virgin.

Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, Sancta Dei Genetrix. Nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus, sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

Father Raffaele

#### **GEM OF THE WEEK**

This week's GEM is the recording of Joe Morgan (music teacher in London). You can find the link on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on website.sswp@gmail.com.

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS

Sunday 7th June 2020:

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 10

PSALM RESPONSE: TO YOU GLORY AND PRAISE FOR EVERMORE.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY, 7TH JUNE 2020:

1st reading: Ex 34: 4-6. 8-9 Psalm: Dn 3 2nd reading: 1 Cor 13:11-13 Gospel: John 3:16-18 20:19-23





## Offerings for our Parish

Due to the current lockdown for public health and safety, parish finances need to be considered. We have expanded our donation section on the website. There is now a document with a comprehensive guide found at the bottom of the donation section.

If you normally give using Planned Giving Envelopes, or in the plate, you obviously will not be able to give that way for the foreseeable future. Please consider making your offerings by direct Bank Transfer, Direct Debit or Standing Order. We have listed the bank account details and the contact details of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators if you are a tax payer and wish to increase your donation by adding the gift aid element. The Coordinators are happy to advise you on setting up direct debit/standing orders and have the necessary documentation for your use.

Romsey: St Andrew, North Baddesley and St Joseph

Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04 Account number: 00886557

Gift Aid Co-ordinator: David Martin: 01794 511883

Chandlers Ford: St Edward the Confessor

Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04 Account number: 00876187

Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Mike Greenslade: 02380 262870 or

Ian Fearon: 02380 265248

Eastleigh Holy Cross & Fair Oak: St Swithun Wells,

Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04 Account number: 00877299

Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

Bishops Waltham: Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

Bank Account: sort code 30-93-04 Account number: 00874648

Gift Aid Co-ordinator: Patricia Baggot: 02380 694060

#### Scamming during lockdown

Unfortunately, during this time there are many scams happening via email and phone. In other parts of England there have been emails going around that ask for donations to care homes and the NHS with the name of the parish priest but these are scams. Please be cautious about any such emails or calls.

### Lockdown Quiz

On Sunday 7th June at 5.00pm there will be a quiz for all the parishioners. If you want to play as a family, couple, or individual join us! The first three winners will receive special prizes. During the quiz be prepared for surprises and entertainment.

You can join the quiz through our Zoom connection found on the next page of the newsletter.

#### **CAFOD**

These are difficult times. Many of us here in the UK have suffered terribly because of coronavirus, coping with grief, anxiety and hardship. In the world's poorest countries, health care systems are not coping with the coronavirus and families are going hungry because people cannot go out to earn money. CAFOD is helping protect and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers during this global emergency. If you are in a position to support our Coronavirus Appeal, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Tea and Coffee with your church

Do you want to have Tea and Coffee with your church community and priests after Mass? why not! You can join the *Zoom* connection following the instructions on the next page of the newsletter.

-St Edward church community
Every Tuesdays at 10.15am

-Our Lady Queen of the Apostles community Every Wednesday at 10.15am

-Holy Cross & St Swithun Wells communities Every Thursday at 10.15am

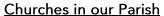
-St Andrew and St Joseph communities Every Saturday at 10.15am

#### **Funerals**

We would like to keep you informed about funerals we are having so that you can keep them in your prayers:

Laurence Vincent Doyle Friday 5th June. Mary (Pat) McDonald on Monday 8th June. Geraldine Margaret Austen Wednesday 10th June.

## ONLINE MASS TIMES & PRAYING OF THE ROSARY



All our churches are now closed for the time being.

## 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.

# Communal Praying of the Rosary with Meditations from the Holy Cross Presbytery

Monday to Friday at 7.00pm

You can listen to a short meditation by one of the priests or special guests and then join in praying the rosary.

Special guests on Thursday 11th June: the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph (New Forest).

## How to join our ZOOM meetings

#### Via internet:

Go to <a href="https://zoom.us/j/6942241055">https://zoom.us/j/6942241055</a>

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

## **CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE OPENING & MASS INTENTIONS**



#### Main Parish Office/Priest Availability

The Parish Office is closed to visitors however the office telephone will be manned either by the Parish Secretary or by one of our Priests from Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-6.00pm.

If you want to speak to one of our Priests, for personal support or spiritual direction, please call this number during these times.

Parish Office telephone number: 02380 273882. Outside of these times or if the matter is urgent please phone the emergency number below.

#### 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.

<u>Intentions</u>: 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.

#### **PARISH GROUPS**

## The following groups are continuing to meet through ZOOM:

#### Stars of Abraham

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Tuesdays.

#### **Grail Seekers**

(Live meeting) 4.00pm Saturdays.

On Wednesday evening, be sure to take a look at the upcoming input we will discuss together on Saturday. You can find the weekly input at www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/grailseekers

#### TOZ

(Live meeting) 7.00pm Sundays.

On Wednesday evening you can see the topic of the week at www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/toz

#### **School of Community**

(Live meeting) 8.00pm Wednesdays.

This Wednesday 10th June, Amos and Richard will be joining the meeting to speak about the beginning of CL in England in the 80s.



## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Margaret Foster (RIP) Shafika Hamud (RIP)
Sun 7th June The Most Holy Trinity	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Carmela Campese (FM) Allen Westwood (RIP) The Winchester Catenians annual Mass for vocations to religious life
Mon 8th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Skipton Leonard Haslam (RIP)
Tues 9th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Shina and Dian (Special Intention)
Wed 10th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Maureen and John Boog (Special Intention)
Thurs 11th June St Barnabas	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Cagampang Family (Thanksgiving)
Fri 12th June	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	
Sat 13th June St Anthony of Padua	9.30am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Antonio Cicu (FM) Tom and Rose Murray (RIP)
Sun 14th June Corpus Christi	10.00am	Holy Cross Live Stream	Margaret Foster (RIP) For a special intention Robert Twigg (RIP)

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