



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

7th FEBRUARY 2021: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WITH A FATHER'S HEART

On the 8th of December 2020 Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter called "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart). He wrote this on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Catholic Church. The aim of this Letter is to announce that 2021 is to be a year dedicated to St Joseph.

At the beginning of the Letter, Pope Francis explains that the idea of dedicating one year to St Joseph was born in him after having seen many ordinary people working hard for others during the pandemic, people who do not appear in newspaper or magazine headlines. St Joseph was exactly like all of them, he was an unnoticed, discrete, hidden presence who played an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

The Letter is divided into seven points highlighting different aspects of St Joseph's fatherhood. The first point is called 'A beloved father', and tells how St Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. The second point is 'A tender and loving father', and speaks about the tenderness of his love for Jesus and Mary. The third point, 'An obedient father', shows that in every situation St Joseph was able to say "Yes" to God. The fourth point, 'An Accepting father', traces his spiritual journey. St Joseph accepted what God was asking of him, without needing a full and exhaustive explanation. The fifth point describes his courageous attitude. He was able to protect and save Mary and Jesus on many occasions. The sixth point is called 'A working father' and reflects on his life in Nazareth during which St Joseph, working as a carpenter, provided for the sustenance of the Holy Family.

The final point, 'A father in the shadow', offers two of the most inspiring sentences, which are useful for every father, mother, teacher and for anyone who has an educative role. One says, "Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality." When we are able to give a full explanation of what is real (both material and spiritual reality), when we are able to explain to our children what is good and bad, when our children notice that we are being open and not hiding something of importance to them, we are fulfilling our role as parents. Another sentence says that every father is a "sign pointing to a greater fatherhood." This is actually what Jesus Christ did in His life all of the time. We should always point people toward God, because only in God our heart and our children's hearts can find rest.

This Apostolic Letter is really simple and rich. It can be beneficial to all those who want to know more about St Joseph, for all those who want to pray to him and all those who have an educative role. You can find a copy on our website.

Fr Raffaele Cossa

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the video "**Helping People In Need**" - you can find this on our homepage.
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 7th February 2021: Year B - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED.

READINGS:

1st reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 **Psalm:** 146 **2nd reading:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 **Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY:

1st reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 **Psalm:** 31 **2nd reading:** 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 **Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

PARISH GROUPS



Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4,

5 & 6) - All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 11.00am**. To join the group and for more information please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) - All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Saturday at 2.00pm**. To join the group and for more information please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

All the meetings of the group will be on Zoom on **Friday at 8.00pm**. To join the group and for more information please click the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

Communion & Liberation Group (with Fr Luca)

is meeting **every Wednesday** through Zoom. 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** through Zoom. For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Deacon Paul Owen, powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Fellowship Group

Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm via Zoom

This week there will be a short presentation and discussion about "Church Music" - everyone is most welcome to join us. For further details or to request the Zoom link please email Marion and Bob on: bbirtles@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



Message from our priests

We want everyone to stay safe and take due care when they are attending Mass so it's important that everyone follows the directions of the stewards and the regulations relating to mask wearing and social distancing. Please don't socialise or stop and chat with other parishioners at the end of Mass, either inside or outside of the church. Please wave, smile, nod and greet others from a distance. Hopefully in the not too distant future the situation will be begin to get better. Take care and God bless.

Cultural Friday - 12th Feb, 8pm through Zoom

We will listen to some extracts from Verdi's Opera La Traviata. Please go to our website for more details and how to join. Everybody welcome.

Special Mass

Monday 22nd February is the anniversary of fr Luigi Giussani's death (the founder of Communion & Liberation). On this day we will celebrate a special Mass for him at 9.30am in Holy Cross, this will also be live-streamed.

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hanbury whose Funeral Mass takes place at St Edward on **Tues 9th Feb at 11.30am**, and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Cowling whose Funeral Mass takes place at Holy Cross on **Friday 19th Feb at 11.00am**, and for her family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Singleton whose funeral takes place at OLQA on **Friday 19th Feb at 12 Noon** and for his family.

Parish Office

In light of the current situation the office will be closed for the next few weeks however: Linda Roberts is working from home (Mon-Thursday) - she can be contacted through email (details on back page) and on the office telephone number. Sarah Goodfellow is working from home on Wednesday & Thursday but will also be taking Fridays off whilst the primary schools are closed.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Faith in the time of Covid Webinar

Continues for the next three Sundays at 5pm

The talks all last 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for questions – just half an hour in total. This weeks speaker (**7th Feb**) is Dr. Mary Rice Hasson, fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. To register/sign up please go to: <https://archedinburgh.org/event-register-now-for-faith-in-the-time-of-covid/>

Churches Together in C/Ford Lent Studies

This Lent we are using the course 'Not a Tame Lion' based on the writings of C.S. Lewis. The study examines the issues of living with uncertainty, the apparent absence of God, the unbelief of ourselves and others, and the gift of the present in Christ. Five weekly sessions will be held **starting in the week commencing Monday 22nd February**. This year Lent groups will be held by Zoom, however there is also a possibility that one group may be able to meet in St. Boniface on a Wednesday morning in person, but this is obviously subject to existing restrictions being lifted by then and numbers will be limited. If you would like to join a group this year or find out more please contact Jackie Richardson on 023 8026 0674 or via e-mail: jackie.h.richardson@outlook.com

The closing date for places is 14th February.

Message from CAFOD - This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the **Big Walk for Water virtual event on Sat 20th Feb**. Find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>

Message from the Office for National Statistics regarding the upcoming National Census 2021

Households across England & Wales will soon be asked to take part in the Census on the **21st March 2021**. The Census is a once in a decade survey and it's been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It will be the first run predominately online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them. There's language support and accessible census guidance and lots of helpful documents on the governments website. You can also get help from census staff in their contact centre over the phone, in a web chat or on social media. A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed, this could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. For more information please visit: census.gov.uk

MASS (STREAMING & BOOKING SYSTEM), CONFESSION & PRAYING THE ROSARY

Live Streamed Mass

All of the Masses from Holy Cross will also be live streamed. To join please go to our parish website www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk
For details of all of our Public Masses please see the timetable on the back page of the newsletter.

Confession

- OLQA, Saturdays at 10am
- St Joseph, Saturdays at 5.30pm
- St Andrew, Sundays at 8.30am
- If you would like to make Confession at Holy Cross, St Edward or St Swithun Wells please speak to a Priest after Mass or alternatively please go and see either Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca or Fr Marco during one of the advertised times below.

To reserve a seat at Mass in St Joseph's & OLQA

St Joseph's, Romsey:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 01794 513528 / teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (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).

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham:

- **Sunday at 9.30am**. To reserve a seat please email: olqamassbook@gmail.com

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh.
Fridays:	Fr Marco, 10.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

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

Tuesdays to Fridays at 6.00pm through Zoom

For more information and to join please click the link on the homepage of our website. You can send your intentions to: pagani.matteoallessandro@gmail.com

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 6th Feb <i>Morning Mass:</i> St Paul Miki & Companions	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Albert & Violet Harrington FM
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	Emma Lawless RIP
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Nicholas Silvester RIP
Sun 7th Feb <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am	St Andrew	Marcella Cheater RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.30am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP
	11.00am	St Joseph	John Gare RIP
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Kathleen & Bernie Malone RIP
Mon 8th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph Raymond Ghawry RIP
Tues 9th Feb	10.00am	St Andrew	Sister Clare (60 years Jubilee)
Wed 10th Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	10.00am	St Edward	Angela Frances Adams FM
Thurs 11th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Patrick Lee (87th Birthday Intention) Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph
Fri 12th Feb	10.00am	St Joseph	Sister Pauline (70 years Jubilee)
Sat 13th Feb	9.30am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	
	5.00pm	St Swithun Wells	
	6.00pm	St Joseph	Sister Rosaleen (60 years Jubilee)
Sun 14th Feb <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am	St Andrew	Denis Dunne RIP
	9.30am	OLQA	
	10.30am	St Edward	Patrick Burke RIP FM
	11.00am	St Joseph	Andrew Bryceland (50th Birthday)
	11.00am	Holy Cross (also Live Streamed)	Emmanuel Altman (Anniversary)

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