



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ 23rd April 2023: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOT JUST A PROPHET

People deal with the loss of loved ones in different ways; some go into deep mourning, like Queen Victoria, and hide themselves away in years of sorrow. Others find solace in family and friends whilst others try to manage their grief by going out and visiting places and getting away from things that remind them of the one who has died.

The Gospel of this weekend deals with two Disciples who have opted for a change of scene and of trying to forget for a few hours those things that might remind them of the one they loved and have lost. They were off to Emmaus for an away day. It was known as a place where people could relax and indulge themselves. After all the other Disciples went back to what they could do best and started fishing again for a living. However, they were in for a surprise. In their grief Jesus appears. Although he is not initially recognized, the truth is made clear from the beginning that Jesus does not abandon people when they are sad or grieving. In both cases mentioned Jesus would appear and inspire and teach those he has chosen. In the words of Jesus to the two on their way to Emmaus, Jesus makes a most important theological point in a most caring and detailed way. Jesus listens first of all to their story but is careful to correct them on one point. It is a theological point which we all have to remember as Christians. The two disciples say that, ***Jesus was a great prophet by the things he said and did....*** Jesus has to gently correct them in their confused terminology. He starts by showing them that He is more than a prophet. He is the One whom the prophets are foretelling. He is the Christ, The Messiah, the One long expected. He is God incarnate! Only this will fulfil what the prophets have foretold through the history of Israel. It is part of the revelation of God to his people which finds its completion in the God made man, Jesus. This is very important point which separates Christianity from other Faiths. Jesus is not just a good person, an extra articulate prophet, or a son of God. He is God.

The prophetic tradition gradually and carefully through the agency of God, is leading to this point in time when God is to come to earth as the fulfilment of the law and the prophets. One of our hymns reminds us of the foretelling of Jesus as the Christ and the obligation to serve Him with Joy. It perfectly links the Incarnation with the Resurrection.

Fr Bruce

Jesus lived here for all
strove and died, rose once more,
rules our hearts evermore;
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us

Sing a loud, loud, loud!
Sing a loud, loud, loud!
God is good!
God is truth!

God is beauty! Praise him!

To our lord, praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty:

Sing a loud, loud loud!..... (Percy Dearmer 1867 - 1936)

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is Communion & Liberation's Easter video poster 2023 "Easter Morning" - 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 26th April 2023, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 23rd April 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: SHOW US, LORD, THE PATH OF LIFE.

READINGS: 1st reading Apostles 2:14,22-33 Psalm 15 2nd reading 1 Peter 1:17-21 Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Sunday 30th April 2023: Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

READINGS: 1st reading Apostles 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 22 2nd reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25 Gospel John 10:1-10

Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Tues 25th April, 4pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Wed 26th April, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Sat 29th April, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross R/Centre.

This week we invite the parents to attend the session with their children. There will be important notices regarding First Holy Communion & 1st Confession.

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9) &

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Please check the parish website for the calendar of meetings, times and venues.

www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm;

St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. On 25th April we will be exploring the Sycamore Course 2nd Session entitled, "The Existence of God". All are welcome!

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 26th April, 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. Deacon Andrew

PARISH GROUPS



Lee will be coming to talk to us about his Vocational Journey. Everyone is most welcome. Zoom meeting link from Peterbaggett@aol.com

Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. All will be made very welcome.

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Groups

Holy Cross Group meet on Wednesdays from 10am in the Resource Centre, Eastleigh;

St Joseph's Group meet on Thursdays from 10.30am – 12 Noon in the Hall (26 Abbey Water, Romsey).

The groups are for 0-4 years and their families. More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

Ark of Fellowship - Group for learning disabilities or learning difficulties, their families and friends

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? If yes, please contact: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month at 2pm.

Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

Upcoming Second Collections

29th/30th April: Clergy Training Fund

Upcoming Funerals

Former Parish Priest at St Edward's, Tony Cashman, has sadly passed away. His funeral will take place at **St Joseph's Church in Basingstoke at 1pm on Wednesday 26th April.**

Cultural Friday - 28th April, 7pm in St Edward's

We have invited Professor Alexander Belyaev who teaches Astrophysics at the University of Southampton. He will give a talk called, "The Highest Energy Machine on Earth to Solve the Biggest Puzzles of the Universe".

He will also speak about his personal journey as a scientist and the link between God and science.

Cheese and wine at 7pm, the talk starts at 7.30pm.

Parish Get2Gether - Coronation Celebration

Sunday 7th May, 1-4pm Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH. An event for all of the

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parish. We begin by sharing a meal together followed by some activities to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Come dressed in red, white and blue. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. We would be grateful if you could please write down the main ingredients and allergens on a piece of paper so people can make an informed decision as to whether the food is suitable for them. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery.

To book your place please go to our parish website and click the link.

For all those who would like to give ideas and prepare the activities for this event, there will be a meeting in the Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh on Saturday 29th April at 2.30pm.

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Churches Together in Chandler's

Ford - Fryern Funtasia (1st May 2023)

We have a stand at the Fryern Funtasia and are in urgent need of volunteers from our church congregations to help staff this on the day. We will have a couple of summer fete style games for children, a prayer tree and will give out goody bags with some sweets and fliers about our activities. The Funtasia runs from 12.00-4.30pm. If anyone can help even for an hour or two during that time, or alternatively with the set up earlier in the morning please contact Lorraine Clapham (our Parish Contact) on 01962 715894.

Good Companions - The next get-together will be at 3pm on Friday 5th May 2023 in the Cloister of St Edward's. If you live alone or are lonely please come and enjoy the company of others. Please ring Tony Wilson on 023 80266617 if you wish to join us.

St Swithun Wells Church 5pm Mass on 6th May

Please stay after Mass and join us for a glass of Fizz and some nibbles to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty.

Update on Romsey Relay Marathon event on 21st May 2023: Message from Carrie Fung

I have registered two teams from our churches. Thank you to all 20 of you who have agreed to join me to take part. I have set up a fundraising page on Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sswp-youth-group>

It's a crowdfunding page on to which you can directly donate; I will collect the money raised and donate it for the parish youth activities. The fundraising page is now live until 30th June 2023. Please give generously, however, if you'd prefer I will be collecting donations in person after Mass on Sundays at St Andrew's. Also on the day, we would welcome any supporters who would like to cheer us on. Thank you. Carrie.

Come & See Summer Half Term Club (7-14yrs)

Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June, 9am-3pm
St Edward's Cloister

Cost: £5 per day. Spaces are limited.

For any enquiries please contact fr Luca/fr Marco at: comeandsee.sswp@gmail.com

For more information and to book your child's place please go to the parish website. **Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.**

Easter Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your Easter greetings, prayers, cards and gifts. We are also very grateful for your generosity shown through the Easter Offerings which we do appreciate. Thank you to all the many people who had a part in ensuring our Triduum liturgies were well-prepared and celebrated joyfully.

Frs Raffaele, Luca, Marco, Bruce & Dcn Andrew

Free Parish Concert/Evening of Entertainment

Due to unforeseen circumstances we've had to postpone the Parish Concert. Please keep practising, as we hope to reschedule at a later date.

Planned Giving & Gift Aid - If you wish to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order, or change the amount you give, please see the Gift Aid Co-ordinator for your church who will be available after this weekend Mass (22nd/23rd April). The Gift Aid Co-ordinators can help you with any questions and provide you with forms for planned giving whether you are able to gift aid your donations or not. Our Lady Queen of the Apostles will make arrangements for their Gift Aid Co-ordinator to be available on separate dates to those above. Regular Planned Giving and Gift Aid is the mainstay of our Parish's financial viability, and we sincerely thank all our planned givers who silently and loyally give each month.

Changes to Office Opening Hours - The office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May, 8th May and also Tuesday 9th May. Please note Fiona, our Finance Administrator will be on leave for one week, week commencing 8th May.

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 speak to or email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OUR CHURCHES

St Ed - St Edward the Confessor
191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU

OLQA - Our Lady Queen of Apostles
Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN

HC - Holy Cross Church
53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF

SSW - St Swithun Wells
Allington Lane, Fair Oak SO50 7DB

St A - St Andrew
Fleming Avenue, North, Baddesley SO52 9EP

St J - St Joseph
Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

Wednesdays: Fr Luca is not available on 26th April 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh

Fridays: Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

Saturdays: Fr Marco, 9.30am-12.30pm, Romsey Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm St Edward

Tuesday: 9.30am-10.00am St Andrew

Saturday: 10.00am-10.30am Holy Cross

10am or by appointment OLQA

5.30pm-6.00pm St Joseph

Sunday: 8.30am-9.00am St Edward

8.30am-9.00am St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 22nd April	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross SSW OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Special Intention to Our Lady & St Joseph Moira Harfield (Wellbeing) Sr Rosaleen RIP Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sunday 23rd April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Edward Christian FM Margaret Martindale RIP People of the Parish Sr Rosaleen RIP
Mon 24th <i>St George</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Oswald Carr RIP FM; Madeleine Roberts (Wellbeing)
Tues 25th <i>St Mark</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Sebi Devassy RIP George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP
Wednesday 26th April	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross OLQA St Edward	John Donnelly RIP Sr Patricia RIP
Thursday 27th April	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	John Quinn RIP FM Helen Devine (80th Birthday)
Fri 28th <i>Romsey: St Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Sr Rosaleen RIP The Marchesi & James Family Intentions
Sat 29th <i>Morning Mass: St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross SSW OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mary Glynn RIP People of the Parish Anne Toal RIP Patrick Slavin RIP
Sunday 30th April <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> John & Madeleine Roberts (Wellbeing) Joyce Austin RIP Christine Watson & Chloe Godding RIP Anniversaries Thanksgiving for New Life

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