



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

**9th APRIL 2023: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

This Newsletter Covers Sunday 9th & Sunday 16th April 2023

## He is Alive!

Our priestly fraternity, Fraternity of St Charles Borromeo, has six missions in Europe: Eastleigh, Bonn, Budapest, Prague, Vienna and Fuenlabrada (near Madrid). I have been asked recently to visit these missions regularly to help and support our priests who live there. I think this will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish also to feel connected to the entire world and be enriched by the experiences that come from abroad.

Last week I visited our mission in Spain and was one day invited to take part in a gathering of young people of the parish. One of our priests, Fr Beppe, asked them, "Do you know where Jesus is buried?". They looked at him a bit puzzled. After a few moments of silence, one of them said, "I think in Nazareth!". A second one said, "No, it's not Nazareth. He is buried in Jerusalem". Everyone tried their guess, until a little boy raised his hand and said, "I don't think He is buried. I think He is still alive! Fr Beppe always says that He is still with us".

From Monday to Wednesday of the Holy Week we had an Easter Camp for kids in secondary school. It was an amazing experience for all of them and also for me. The title of the Camp was: *He is alive!* We wanted to help kids to see that you can see signs of God's presence even today. This is the powerful message of Easter: we believe that Jesus is still alive and that we can meet Him today through the people who love and worship Him.

During the Camp we heard three very powerful real stories. The story of three English cave divers who made the sacrifice to risk their lives to rescue twelve kids and their coach trapped in a cave in Thailand. The second story was about Edimar, a young boy, 14 years old, who some years ago was killed in Brazil because after he became a Christian, he didn't want to be part of a gang of drug dealers anymore. The third story was from a friend of ours living in London. Two years ago he lost his son, six months old, because he was affected by a serious terminal illness. He told us how life changing the death of his son has been. "I know that it can sound ridiculous, but I felt lucky when my son died, because I realize that I was never left alone". He told us about how the Christian community he belongs to (the movement of Communion and Liberation) supported him and continue to do so. He also said that once his child died, he suddenly realized that he was not gone, but was in another place, just waiting for his dad to reach him. But he also realized that everyday there is someone waiting for him: it is God who reaches out to him through the faces of his friends, here and now.

These stories helped me to realize that the most convincing proofs of Jesus' resurrection are seeing people changed by Him today. On their faces we can catch a glimpse of the light that on that morning of 2000 years ago, shone on the face of Jesus of Nazareth.

Happy Easter and remember to open your eyes, because He is alive, right here, right now.

*Fr Luca*

## 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](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by **9.30am on Wednesday 19th April 2023**, please email your messages/notices to: [office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 9th April 2023:** Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD: WE REJOICE AND ARE GLAD.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Apostles 10:34a,37-43 Psalm 117 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Colossians 3:1-4 Gospel John 20:1-9

**Sunday 16th April 2023:** Year A - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS NO END.

READINGS: 1<sup>st</sup> reading Apostles 2:42-47 Psalm 117 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel John 20:19-31

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

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

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

## PARISH GROUPS



### Growing In Faith Together Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. Please note we are not meeting on 11th April, meetings resume on 18th April. All are welcome!

### Fellowship Group - Wednesdays, 7.30pm in

St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak. There will be no Fellowship Group on Wed 12th April, meetings resume on 19th April.

### Romsey Prayer Group - Every Wednesday morning at 11am in the St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey

Water. All will be made very welcome.

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!

60 Club - Fortnightly on a Monday in Holy Cross Resource Centre, 2pm-4pm. Please be aware we won't be meeting on 10th April, our next meeting is on Monday 17th April.

## MESSAGES



### Second Collections

The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our parish priests, in recognition for all their dedication, guidance and care they give across our parish. For your convenience there are several ways of making these offerings:

- Loose cash or cheques in the collection basket (please make cheques out to CDP St Swithun Wells with Easter offering on the back);
- If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your offering you can use the yellow envelopes provided in the reception area of each church. Please ensure all relevant info is included so we can reclaim the gift aid on your behalf;
- Bank Transfer to the main parish account CDP St Swithun wells (Sort code: 30-93-04, A/c: 01786599 using ref: Easter);
- Click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' link on our website.

### Changes to Mass During Easter Week (Mon 10th - Fri 14th April):

**St Edward** - There will be no Masses, no Eucharistic Adoration and no Confession during this period.

**St Andrew** - There will be no Mass and no Confession on Tues 11th April.

**St Joseph** - Liturgy of the Word & Communion on Thurs 13th & Fri 14th April. Eucharistic Adoration on Thurs 13th April.

**Holy Cross** - Liturgy of the Word & Communion on Mon 10th, Wed 12th (also Eucharistic Adoration) & Thurs 13th April.

**OLQA** - Masses as normal.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

16th April 2023, Holy Cross Church, starting at 2.45pm with procession of the Divine Mercy Image, 3pm prayers and Chaplet, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Blessing with a 1st Class Relic of St Faustina, Meditations and Litany and ending with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be available. Refreshments in the Resource Centre afterwards, all very welcome. Enquiries to Roz Monaghan on 0775 263 9593 or to Fr Raffaele.

### Upcoming Funerals

Sadly Rev Fr James Carling whose parish is part of our Pastoral area passed away recently. His **Requiem Mass takes place at 11am on Wed 19th April at St Mary's Church in Alton.**

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.**

Changes to Office Opening Hours - The office is closed on **Monday 10th April**. Sarah, our Parish Secretary will be taking the second week of the Easter School holidays off however Fiona, our Finance Administrator will be in Tues 11th - Thurs 13th April. On **Friday 14th April** one of our wonderful volunteers will be in the office from **10am-1pm** and will be able to take messages.



# MESSAGES CONTINUED

## Cultural Friday

**28th April, 7pm in St Edward's Cloister**

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.

**Help Needed at Holy Cross Coffee Stop** on Thursday mornings. We are looking for 1 key holder and 3/4 helpers. If you have 3 hrs free every 5/7 weeks please consider helping us out. There is a lovely friendly atmosphere in the Resource Centre on Thursday mornings. If you would like to help out or want more information, please phone Pat Baggott on 02380 694060 or call in at Coffee Stop and speak to any of the helpers there. **NB - There is no Coffee stop on 13th April.**

**Holy Cross Linen** - We are after some helpers to wash and iron the church linen. The more helpers we have, the less frequently we have to do it! For more info please contact Denise on 07912 257455.

**Free Parish Concert/Evening of Entertainment**  
**Saturday 29th April, 7pm at St Swithun Wells Primary School, Chandlers Ford**

Do you: play a musical instrument (any standard, beginner to professional)?; sing?; dance (ballet, tap, disco, ballroom)?; are you a comic or a clown?  
We need you to make up a varied programme (3-5mins each). Open to any age. We also need volunteers to serve refreshments in the interval. Please phone Veronika Davis a.s.a.p. on 02380 616356 (preferably before 6.30pm).

**Closer to Christ** - we have completed the Closer to Christ campaign in our Parish. This important initiative will support our priests from formation through to retirement and also ensure our parish has the necessary resources to thrive. Our parish has raised nearly **£340,000** and I want to thank you all for the support and generosity you have given to this vital initiative. *Fr Raffaele*

## Message of Thanks

Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Lunches at St Edward's, **£814** was raised for CAFOD.

**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 each weekend Mass on **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> April** and **23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**New to the Parish?** - A very warm welcome to our Parish; we are delighted that you have joined us. If you are looking to regularly attend one of our churches and join our vibrant community please complete one of the 'New to the Parish Registration Forms' available on our parish website: [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk). All families are welcome at **ALL** Masses, however we have specific Children's Liturgies on Sundays. Please ask one of the Welcomers for details of the times at your Church.

## Latest Diocesan Job Vacancies

Full-time Estates Manager/Building Surveyor  
Part-time Administrator: Southampton Holy Family  
For more info and how to apply please go to:  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs/>



## CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday: 6.30pm-7.30pm (not 11th April) St Edward  
Tuesday: 9.30am-10.00am (not 11th April) 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) not 11th Apr  
Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)  
Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

## TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays: Fr Raffaele is not available on 11th April, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh  
Wednesdays: Fr Luca is not available on 12th April, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh  
Fridays: Fr Raffaele is not available on 14th April, 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

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME		MASS INTENTION
Sat 8th April <i>Easter Vigil</i>	8.30pm 8.30pm 8.30pm	St Ed OLOQA ST J	Mrs Edward Christian FM  Anne & Peter Hooper (Wellbeing)
Sunday 9th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Umberto Pugi RIP Anniversary People of the Parish  Edith & Lizzie (Thanksgiving) Peter Penrose (Junior) RIP Anniversary
Mon 10th	9.30am	HC	<u>Liturgy of Word &amp; Communion</u>
Tue 11th	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	<u>No Mass</u> <u>No Mass</u>
Wed 12th April	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	HC OLOQA St Ed	<u>Liturgy of Word &amp; Communion</u>  <u>No Mass</u>
Thurs 13th	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	HC OLOQA St J	<u>Liturgy of Word &amp; Communion</u>  <u>Liturgy of Word &amp; Communion</u>
Friday 14th April	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOQA St J St Ed	<u>Liturgy of Word &amp; Communion</u>  <u>No Mass</u>
Sat 15th April	9.30am 5.00pm  6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC SSW  OLOQA St J St Ed	Margaret Martindale RIP Deceased Members of the Dee & Flynn Family RIP  People of the Parish Peter Ashcroft RIP FM
Sunday 16th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Edward Christian FM  Bogusława Bartman RIP Sr Marie Bernadette RIP
Mon 17th April	9.30am	HC	Maguire & Richard Family FM; Robert Johnson RIP 70th Anniversary
Tues 18th April	10.00am 6.00pm	St A St Ed	Holly Lund RIP Anniversary Ann Wood RIP
Wed 19th April	9.30am  9.30am 10.00am	HC  OLOQA St Ed	Ann, Teresa & Peter Greig (Special Intention)  Marie Goodman RIP (Birthday Anniversary)

DATE	TIME		INTENTION
Thurs 20th April	9.30am  12 Noon 6.00pm	HC  OLOQA St J	Ann, Teresa & Peter Greig (Special Intention)  <u>No Mass</u> Sr Pascal (Diamond Jubilee)
Friday 21st April	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLOQA St J St Ed	Frank Tywang RIP Candler Family (Special Intention)
Sat 22nd April	9.30am  5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	HC  SSW OLOQA St J St Ed	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	HC St Ed St A OLOQA HC* St J	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Mrs Edward Christian FM Margaret Martindale RIP  People of the Parish Sr Rosaleen RIP

## CLERGY & PARISH OFFICE

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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;  
Fri 9.30am-2.30pm (see newsletter for changes).

## OUR CHURCHES

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

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

\* also livestreamed, please go to the parish website