



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

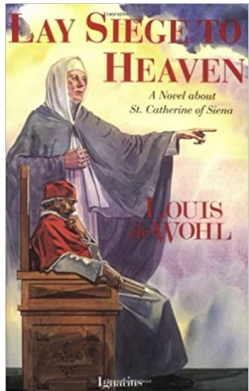
2nd August 2020: **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Books for the Summer

Most of us will have some days to spend on holiday during the summer break. I would like to suggest some books that you can read to nurture your spirit. They are all very uplifting and not too demanding for summer reading. Enjoy!

*Fr Raffaele Cossa*

### *Lay Siege to Heaven by Louis De Wohl*

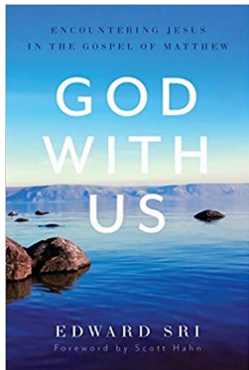


Luis de Wohl devotes his considerable talents to an interpretation of one of the most unusual women of all time, Saint Catherine of Siena. The daughter of a prosperous dyer in fourteenth-century Siena, Catherine devoted herself to Christ.

Her career was extraordinary. In that confused and dangerous era of history, the Pope was living at Avignon: Catherine persuaded him to return to Rome. The City-States of Italy were at war with each other: Catherine subdued them. There was pestilence: Catherine served and saved. She performed miracles, she received the stigmata, she drew about her a crowd of devoted men and women.

A saint who would not leave the Lord God alone, she really did lay siege to heaven and changed the face of her world. This novel, which is also a vivid biography, brings Catherine of Siena to life in a remarkable way. She lives on in every page.

### *God with Us (Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew) by Edward Sri*



During Sunday Mass we are reading the Gospel of Matthew.

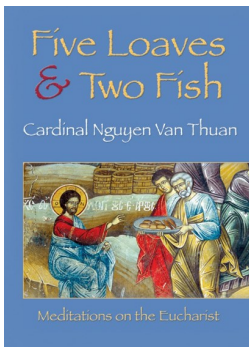
**God With Us** by Edward Sri is an outstanding introduction to the first gospel.

Much has been said about why Jesus died. This book focuses on why Jesus lived. It shows that Jesus didn't just come to be our teacher, a miracle worker or prophet, or even just Israel's saviour and redeemer. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

Notable Scripture scholar Edward Sri leads readers on a faithful exploration of Jesus's kingdom-building mission and how it revealed God's presence, which remains with us today.

Helpful discussion questions are provided for personal and group study.

### *Five Loaves and Two Fish by Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan*



Venerable Cardinal Francis-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan spent thirteen years in communist prisons in his home country of Vietnam. A priest of extraordinary faith and courage, he still remained in contact with the faithful under his care by sending out secret messages of encouragement and advice on scraps of paper from his prison cell.

In **Five Loaves and Two Fish**, a book drawn from his remarks to young people at the 1997 World Youth Day in Paris, Cardinal Van Thuan reflects on his life and his relationship with God and his Church.

The Cardinal's story of suffering for God and his Church, told in his own words, is extraordinary enough. But it is the spiritual insights and reflections he shares in this book that make it a moving and essential read for any Catholic. **Five Loaves and Two**

**Fish** is joyful and greatly encouraging, a powerful and contemporary testimony of faith. Like St. Paul, also imprisoned for his faith, Cardinal Van Thuan reminds us that a life devoted to God is the only one worth living, no matter the circumstances. Buy from <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/five-loaves-and-two-fish/>

## **GEM OF THE WEEK**



This week's GEM is "The purpose of mission" by Fr Emanuele Silanos. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact the Webmaster on [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)

# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 2nd August 2020:**

Year A - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**PSALM RESPONSE:** YOU OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND, O LORD; YOU GRANT OUR DESIRES.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-3 **Psalm:** 144 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 8:35, 37-39 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST:**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Kings 19:9a,11-13a **Psalm:** 84 **2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Romans 9:1-5 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

## MESSAGES



### Guidelines For Public Mass in Our Parish

We have now begun to have public Masses across our Parish. Please read the following carefully to help you decide if coming back to Mass is safe for you. Please let us know if you have questions.

1) Even if everyone desires to come back to Mass, parishioners are currently not obliged to attend Sunday Mass, and ought not attend if the following apply:

- For example if they are sick, or experiencing cold or flu like symptoms
- They are experiencing symptoms of a serious illness, or if they are in the "vulnerable" category (the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, people with long term conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart conditions etc.)

It is envisaged that the Sunday obligation will not be imposed until the latter phases of the lifting of restrictions.

2) Alcohol hand gel is provided at the church doors. Parishioners should sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the church.

3) Stewards will be at the Church entrance to assist parishioners when they enter, leave, and during Mass. They will make sure social distancing is respected.

4) Churches have been marked out with appropriate signage to make sure social distancing is respected.

5) We have a limited space available in our churches. When the maximum number is reached it will not be possible to enter the church.

6) We encourage parishioners to come 15 minutes before Mass starts to help the work of the stewards.

7) Parishioners should wear masks or face coverings during Mass.

8) There will be no physical sign of peace. People may still turn to one another and say "Peace be with you."

9) The Eucharist will be distributed under one kind only; distribution of Holy Communion from the Chalice is suspended.

10) When giving Holy Communion in the hand, the priest will ensure that the host is placed in the hand of the recipient in such a way that there is not touching and that the maximum possible social distance is maintained.

11) Social distancing must be maintained in the communion lines.

12) A priest will be available after Mass to hear Confessions if requested, following appropriate social distancing.

13) We encourage parishioners to make their offering by Direct Debit or Standing Order. In any case a basket will be placed at church exits and parishioners may put their collection there.

14) If a parishioner attending Mass does develop Covid, they or their family should make the parish aware.

### Volunteers

We need your help. Volunteers are needed to manage the opening of the churches, stewards to ensure and maintain social distancing, cleaners to ensure that we have a clean environment and counters to count, record and store the offertory money.

### Who can be a volunteer?

People who are in the High or Moderate Risk Groups, as defined by the NHS, at this stage cannot be volunteers. This includes those people who are 70 yrs. or more and those who have underlying health conditions. This is to ensure that these groups of people are protected during this time of transition. As the situation is changing rapidly, this can be reviewed and we are hopeful that we can be more inclusive in the near future. If you want to help as a volunteer please contact the following people. We really do need you!

**St Edward the Confessor:** Deacon Paul Owen  
powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Holy Cross:** Elizabeth Nash  
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**St Andrew & St Joseph:** Deacon John Di Meo  
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**Our Lady Queen of Apostles:** Canon Alan  
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**CAFOD** has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus) to help CAFOD scale up its response through our global Church family.

## MESSAGES CONTINUED



### COME AND SEE (Holiday Club)

During August we will start a Holiday Club for children and young people. Club options dependant on age (subject to review, due the current pandemic) are:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 9.30 – 15.00, for children and young people school years 3 – 9 (beginning September 2020):** A walk in one of the parks nearby, packed lunch and chat. Parents or guardians will need to bring and collect their children at Holy Cross Resource Centre. Volunteers will open the venue and welcome children from 8.30am and will close at 3.30pm. If you are interested and want to come along

to each event you will need to complete a new form on the homepage of our website. Due to the current situation we will accept a maximum number of 20 children.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm, for young people school year 10, 11 and sixth form (beginning September 2020):** Meet at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre to have dinner together (pizza or pasta) and then either watch a film or have a chat. If you are interested and want to come along to each event you will need to complete a new form on the homepage of our website. Due to the current situation we will accept a maximum number of 25 people.

## MASS TIMES



### Timetable for public Masses and private prayer

#### St Edward the Confessor:

- **Wednesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Saturday 6.30pm** (the church will close after Mass)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### Holy Cross:

- **Thursday 9.30am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 11.00am** (church will remain open until 1.00pm for private prayer)

Both public Masses in Holy Cross (Thursday and Sunday) will also be streamed. To join please go to our parish website [www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk](http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk)

#### St Andrew:

- **Tuesday 10.00am** (church will remain open until 12.00pm for private prayer)
- **Sunday 9.00am** (church will remain open until 11.00am for private prayer)

#### St Joseph - please note the booking system in place:

- **Thursday 6.00pm** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Teresa Rayment from Monday through to Wednesday (Tel: 01794 513528 / [teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:teresarayment@tiscali.co.uk)).
- **Sunday 11.00am** (the church will close after Mass). To reserve a seat for the Mass please contact Charles Crampin from Wednesday through to Friday (Tel: 02380 410595 / [sancha@virginmedia.com](mailto:sancha@virginmedia.com)).

#### Our Lady Queen of Apostles:

- **Sunday 9.30am** (the church will close after Mass)

#### St Swithun Wells Primary School Field:

- **Sunday 4.30pm** (Bring your own seating. Mass will be suspended only in case of very bad weather).

#### Confessions

After every Mass a priest will be available for confession - please just ask.

## PARISH OFFICE & MASS INTENTIONS



### Main Parish Office

The Office is open **Monday to Wed 9.30am-5.30pm, Thursday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm.**

Parish Office telephone number: **02380 273882.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff please knock, step back and wait.

Please note that due to holidays the Office will be closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### Mass Intentions

For St Andrew's & St Joseph's please book these through Deacon John Di Meo.

For all other churches please send an email or call/email the Parish Office.

To make an offering:

(1) You can send cash or a cheque to the office made payable to **PRCDTR St Swithun Wells** (writing on the back the date your Mass was said and your Mass

intention). Alternatively you could hand your offering to a priest, deacon or the office when it is open.

For those who are still isolating:

(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**. **Please indicate** that the transfer is for a Mass intention, the date it was celebrated and who/what the Mass was celebrated for. Please note:

On Mondays and Fridays, Mass will be private however our Priests will offer the Mass according to the requested intentions (up to a maximum of 2 intentions).

For Tues, Wed, Thurs, Saturdays a maximum of 2 intentions can be offered each day.

For Sundays only 1 Mass intention will be offered at each public Mass celebrated in our churches.

## MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 1st Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Anne Silverton RIP Robert Bucknell RIP (12th Anniversary)
Sun 2nd Aug <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Gwen Wardell (Special Intention) Arthur Heslop RIP The Walsh Family (Special Intention) Leo McCabe RIP
Mon 3rd Aug		Private Mass	
Tues 4th Aug <i>St John Vianney</i>	10.00am	St Andrew	Anne Hooper (Well Being) Shina & Dian
Wed 5th Aug	10.00am	St Edward	Keith Small RIP Jim Shine RIP
Thurs 6th Aug <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.30am 6.00pm	Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph	Pat Daniels (Well Being) Sr Maureen Seddon (Diamond Jubilee)
Fri 7th Aug		Private Mass	
Sat 8th Aug	6.30pm	St Edward	Eric & Clare Lasker (55th Wedding Anniversary) Living & Deceased Members of the Layzell Family FM
Sun 9th Aug <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (Also Streamed) St Joseph SSW Primary School	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Alan French RIP Kate Murphy RIP John Gare RIP (2nd Anniversary) Val & Phil Talbot - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Thanksgiving)

### CLERGY

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Thursday-Friday: 9.30am-2.30pm (due to holidays the office will be closed on Friday 14th & 21st August)

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