



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

20th APRIL 2025: EASTER SUNDAY

This is a Two Week Newsletter which also covers Sunday 27th April 2025

Christ, the goal of our life, is risen, Hallelujah Hallelujah!

On Mondays, which is our day off, I usually go for a run. Once I leave the house, I go slowly at first to warm up my muscles, then gradually speed up and after a kilometre I reach cruising speed where my breathing picks up the pace of running and my legs turn smoothly. Direction: Fleming Park.

Once in the park there is the first difficulty: climbing the hill. I try to keep up, although obviously the climb is tiring and makes one slow down. Once at the top I try as soon as possible to regain speed and breath; then as soon as the descent comes I lengthen my legs as much as I can by accelerating and thus trying to make up for the time lost during the climb.

Finishing the run in the park I continue in the direction of the airport, entering the inner streets of Eastleigh amidst the houses so that I do not have to breathe in the smoke from the cars. Around the 8-9 km mark I start to feel the fatigue on my legs.

At that point I decide, based on my fatigue, whether to continue for another 3-4 kilometres or settle for 10 km. The last part of the run home is the most tiring because I already anticipate the arrival, and therefore the rest, but I am not yet there and in order not to ruin the average of the race I try to keep the pace, feeling however much more fatigue because of the tiredness. The moment of finishing in front of the house is always the most beautiful: clicking the stopwatch and stopping...what a delight, I have arrived!

You may ask: what does this have to do with Easter? If we think about what St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, he compares life to a race, in which the prize is not a perishing wreath, but eternal life. Jesus also started his mission very slowly, without being noticed, without making much noise until he was in his thirties. Then with public life he reached the peak of his mission which he lived for three years. The end, always the most difficult part, was to accept the passion and death on the cross, but in view of the final goal, the most beautiful and joyful part: the resurrection!

Our life is also comparable to a race, the route of which passes through many hills, with ups and downs, moments of greater fatigue and more carefree moments. The important thing in life is to run like Jesus, that is, having a clear goal and then being able to welcome the sacrifices to reach the end. Embracing the sacrifices that life demands, just as Jesus embraced the passion for us, is the only way to salvation, the only way to be among Jesus' companions in the resurrection. The good news is that in the race of our lives, Jesus is with us, teaching us how to go, showing us where to go, and if we fall, he raises us up in his infinite mercy.

Let us therefore rejoice, because the resurrection of Jesus that we experience today is the light that illuminates the goal of our lives and gives us the strength to carry our daily crosses. His love sustains us in our labours making us foretaste, in his resurrection, the joy of eternal life.

Just as running is a metaphor for life, so too the liturgy, which we solemnly perform today, is closely connected to life; therefore, after the Lenten fast, we also experience the resurrection through a solemn meal, so I wish all parishioners bon appétit and a Happy Easter in the Risen Christ!

Fr Mario

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the "Easter Video Poster by Communion & Liberation" - 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 **10am on Wednesday 30th April 2025**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

If you wish to make a donation to our parish please go to: <http://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/financesdonations>

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 20th April 2025: Year C - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.

1st reading Acts 10:34a,37-43 **Psalm** 118 (117) **2nd reading** Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel** John 20:1-9

Sunday 27th April 2025: Year C - Year 1 - Psalter Week: Office Proper

PSALM RESPONSE: GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER.

1st reading Acts 5:12-16 **Psalm** 118 (117) **2nd reading** Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19 **Gospel** John 20:19-31

Sunday 4th May 2025: Year C - Year 1 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE RAISED ME UP.

1st reading Acts 5:27b-32,40b-41 **Psalm** 30 (29) **2nd reading** Revelation 5:11-14 **Gospel** John 21:1-19

MESSAGES



Upcoming Second Collections

Good Friday (18th April) Collection: Holy Places

Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese is raising money for Christians in the Holy Land. Please do not use the yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-places-second-collection-2025>

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 please use the yellow envelopes provided in the reception area of each church. Please ensure all relevant information 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);
- Please click the 'Clergy Easter Offering' link on our website:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/st-swithun-wells-catholic-parish-easter-collection>

Due to a Diocesan Policy change our clergy **cannot** receive a proportion of planned giving in the parish as part of their Easter & Christmas offerings therefore if you are a planned giver (those who pay by Direct Debit or Standing Order) and wish to make a contribution to the Priests Easter Offerings please use one of the methods listed above.

Easter Vigil - Please pray for the following adults from our parish who will be baptised, confirmed or received into full communion with the church during the **Easter Vigil on Saturday 19th April at:**

St Edward the Confessor Church:

Guy Richardson, Harmony Ozgul-Smith, Shannon Ozgul-Smith, Zahara Ozgul-Smith, Iris Lima, Margaret Daly, Robert Hayter, Charlie Purkiss, Claire McMillin & Leo Thompson.

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles: Michaela Harsley.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April.

Changes to Mass (Mon 21st to Friday 25th April)

Our priests will be away for a few days after Easter, therefore there will be changes to Mass during this week. Some Masses will be cancelled, others will be

celebrated and at other times Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Holy Communion will take place instead. Please see the back page of this newsletter for changes. Please note the time change at Holy Cross on Monday 21st April, Liturgy of Word and Communion starts later at 10am.

Adoration will take place at St Edward's, Holy Cross and St Joseph, however it will not take place at OLOA on Thursday 24th April. Confession will not take place on Tuesday 22nd April at St Andrew or St Edward's.

Priest Availability - Our priests are not available this coming week, however they are able to meet at the usual times and places week commencing 28th April.

Upcoming Weddings

We pray for the couples in our parish who will be getting married at St Joseph's church on:

Sunday 27th April at 1.30pm - Brian Menya & Alina Gheorghe-Menya;

Saturday 3rd May at 11am - Jack Fisher & Alba Gonzalez Garcia;

Saturday 3rd May at 1.30pm - Andrew Drury & Eleanor Prinsep.

Congratulations to them all!

Upcoming Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Bowman and for his family. Paul's Funeral Service takes place on **Thurs 24th April at 11.30am in St Edward's church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Smith and for his family. William's Memorial Mass takes place on **Friday 2nd May at 11.30am in St Joseph's church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Katherine Brooks and for her family. Katherine's Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 6th May at 12.30pm in Holy Cross.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Scarr and for his family. Robert's Funeral Service takes place on **Tues 6th May at 12.30pm in St Edward's church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Hooper and for his family. Peter's Funeral Mass takes place on **Friday 9th May at 11.30am in St Joseph's church.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Holder and for her family. Mary's Funeral takes place on **Friday 9th May at 11.30am in St Edward's church.**

Mr Tom Doherty, who may be familiar to many of you especially those who attend the 11am Mass on Sunday at Holy Cross, died last week, aged 101. While Tom's funeral arrangements will take place in Northumberland, there will be a Mass offered for him at Holy Cross at 11am on Sunday 15th June. Please remember Tom and his family in your prayers.

There will be no Coffee Stop on Thursday 24th April. Coffee Stop will resume on 1st May at 10am. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 27th April 2025 at 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 and sale of Divine Mercy devotional items. All are very welcome. Enquiries to Roz Monaghan 0775 263 9593 or Fr Raffaele.

The Happy Monday Club's next event will be a film showing on **Monday 28th April at 2pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre** in Eastleigh. The film "The Duke", a comedy starring Jim Broadbent, is based on the true story of the 1961 theft of Francisco Goya's Duke of Wellington painting by Kempston Bunton. Suggested donation of £2 to include refreshments. We hope to see you there, please contact us with any questions on jakeman1966@hotmail.co.uk or 07809 596831.

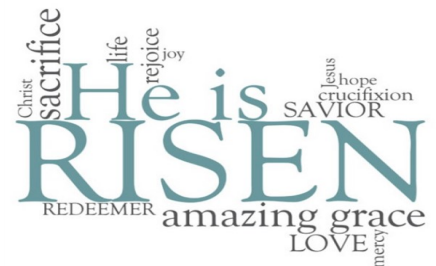
Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 11th May, 1pm-4pm Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH
An event for all of the parish, especially families. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together followed by some activities and a discussion. No cost, however we kindly ask you to give a donation to cover the hire of the Pavillion. Please bring some food, beverages or cakes to share with others. Please can you bring your own cups/plates/cutlery. To book your place please go to our parish website and use the link you find on the "Next main parish events" section. *Next Get2Gether: We will have a walk instead on Saturday 14th June.*

Fire Warden Training - There will be a training session for ALL fire wardens in the parish on **Saturday 31st May 2025 at St Edward's Cloister from 10am-12noon.** Please can you confirm your attendance by **16th May** to accounts@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk.

Message of Thanks - Thanks to all who supported the Lenten lunches at St Edwards, £800.02 was raised for CAFOD.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward, 6.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday: Holy Cross, 10am-11am
Thursday: OLQA, 12.30-1pm but not on 24th April
Thursday: St Joseph, 5pm-6pm



MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

St Edward the Confessor 191-193, Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU	Holy Cross Church 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF	St Joseph Abbey House Drive, Romsey, SO51 8YB
Our Lady Queen of Apostles (OLQA) Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DN	St Swithun Wells Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB	St Andrew Fleming Ave, North Baddesley SO52 9EP

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Maundy Thursday 17th April	9.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Cross St Andrew Holy Cross OLQA	No Mass Maguire & Richard Family FM
Good Friday 18th April	10.00am 3.00pm 3.00pm 3.00pm 5.00pm 7.00pm	St Edward St Andrew OLQA St Edward Holy Cross Holy Cross	Stations of the Cross (for children and families) Good Friday Service Good Friday Service Good Friday Service Good Friday Service Stations of the Cross (Traditional)
Holy Saturday 19th April	9.30am 8.30pm 8.30pm 8.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward OLQA St Joseph	No Mass People of the Parish Mai Gallagher RIP and her relatives living and deceased Phyllis Cross RIP
20th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross* St Joseph Holy Cross	Polska Msza Święta George, Gertrude & Mary Lawton RIP Anniversary Michaela (Received into the Catholic Church) Jon Davies RIP 1st Anniversary Sebi Devassy RIP Anniversary Helen & Mal Altman RIP

* 11am Mass at Holy Cross is also livestreamed - please go to our website <https://stswithunwellsparish.org.uk> to view

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES (CONTINUED)

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Monday 21st April	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u>
Tuesday 22nd April	10.00am 6.00pm	<u>St Andrew</u> St Edward	<u>No Mass</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u>
Wed 23rd April	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Cross St Edward	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u> Mass: Intention for Mrs Edward Christian FM
Thurs 24th April	9.30am 11.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross <u>St Edward</u> <u>OLOA</u> St Joseph	Mass: Intention for Oswald Carr RIP FM <u>Funeral Service: Paul Bowman RIP</u> <u>No Mass</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u>
Friday 25th April	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward <u>OLOA</u>	<u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u> <u>Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Holy Communion</u> <u>No Mass</u>
Sat 26th April	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Holy Souls RIP John & Eleanor Gilroy RIP Eileen Murphy (Wellbeing) Rosemary Oxby RIP
Sunday 27th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA Holy Cross* St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Denis McCormack RIP People of the Parish John Quinn RIP FM Tony Perry RIP Anniversary Holy Souls RIP
Monday 28th April <i>St George</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Scaria Punnamchira RIP
Tues 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Joyce Austin RIP Mrs Edward Christian
Wed 30th April	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Cross St Edward	Kim Castle (Wellbeing) Kevin McAlpine RIP
Thursday 1st May	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLOA St Joseph	For the Intentions of the Camuti Family Peter Penrose (Wellbeing)
Friday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLOA	Special Intention for Samantha Harris
Saturday 3rd May <i>Morning Mass: Ss Philip & James</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLOA St Joseph St Edward	Clergy of St Swithun Wells Parish (Special Intention) Dr Clare Fearon (Wellbeing) Mrs Edward Christian FM
Sunday 4th May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLOA Holy Cross* St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Jan & Helena Gaca RIP Ivy & Ted Bowerman RIP Christine Watson & Chloe Godding RIP Anniversary Peter Hooper RIP & Family People of the Parish

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