



## *Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ* **6th FEBRUARY 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission *Synod 2023*

As we all know, Pope Francis launched a Synod for all the Church, asking all parishes to undertake a consultation of clergy and laity and to feed back the results to the national Conference of Bishops. All the national Conferences will pool their results into a continental gathering and then the fruits of that will form the working document of the actual Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

What is this Synod about? The Holy Father wants to shake us up, to get us to listen to one another. He wants us to discuss in groups: *What changes need to be made – in myself, in our Parish, in the Diocese – to make the Church's mission today more vibrant and effective?* What counts is not lots of new ideas, although they will help, so much as the process itself of listening to each other in mutual respect. The Pope wants to make the Church and the life of our parishes much more synodal in the way things work so that every member can share responsibility for the Church's life and mission.

Some groups in our Parish have already discussed the questions of the Synod. We would like to give everyone the opportunity to discuss those questions. For this reason, on the **12th February** we will have four meetings: in **St Andrew at 10am**, in **St Edwards at 10am**, in **Holy Cross (Resource Centre) at 2pm**, in **Our Lady Queen of Apostles at 10am**. The meetings are open to everyone, last 1½ hours and the same questions of the Synod will be discussed at each meeting therefore you only need to attend one. If you participate, remember that the key thing is that we meet in a group within a context of prayer, and that the process itself of sharing with one another and listening is as important as any ideas and themes emerging.

These are the questions of the Synod:

**1. THE JOURNEYING COMPANIONS** - How can we be more welcoming as a Christian community?

**2. LISTENING** - To whom do we listen?

**3. SPEAKING OUT** - How can we be more honest in our dealings with each other?

**4. CELEBRATING** - How might we celebrate better the Liturgy in our Parish?

**5. CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION**

How well do we work together as clergy and laity for the mission of the Church?

**6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY**

How can our group, Parish, Diocese and the Church be more outward-facing?

**7. WITH THE OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS**

In what ways might we improve our dialogue and relationship with other Christians?

**8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION**

How can we make the Church more participatory and increase co-responsibility?

**9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING**

In a synodal style Church, what new processes of decision-making and decision-taking are needed?  
How transparent and accountable are the decisions made?

**10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY**

How do we form people to make them more capable of "journeying together"?

*Fr Raffaele*

### **GEM OF THE WEEK**

This week's GEM is "Pope Francis Prays to Prevent War in Ukraine" - you can find this on our homepage. If anyone has suggestions for GEMs please contact [website.sswp@gmail.com](mailto:website.sswp@gmail.com)



# LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



**Sunday 6th February 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

**PSALM RESPONSE:** BEFORE THE ANGELS I WILL BLESS YOU, O LORD.

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Psalm 137 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel Luke 5:1-11

**Sunday 13th February 2022:** Year C - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

**READINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> reading Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

## PARISH GROUPS



### Stars of Abraham (school years 3-6)

Tues, 4.00pm-5.30pm in St Edward's Cloister;

Tues, 4.15pm-5.45pm in St Andrew;

Sat, 10.30am-Noon in Holy Cross Resource Centre.

To join and for more info please click the Stars of Abraham Icon on our homepage.

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

Meet in person on Saturdays in St Edward, 2.00-4.00pm. To join and for more info please click the Grail Seekers Icon on our homepage.

### Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Meet in person on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to attend please book your place on our website by clicking the Student Youth Icon on our homepage.

### Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community in Holy Cross meets every Wednesday, for more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

School of Community in St Edward meets every Thursday at 8pm in St Edward's cloister. All are welcome!

### Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Meeting on Wednesdays, 8pm in St Edward. 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.

### Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Group

Tuesdays 10.15am to approx. 11.30am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We continue our series 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'. On Tuesday 8th February we look at Conquest & Judges. All are welcome!

### Fellowship Group

Wednesday 9th February 7.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church. We will be completing the final part of our discussion on the Future of the Church as part of the ongoing world-wide Synod. Everyone is welcome to come along. If you cannot come in person but would like to join us on Zoom please contact Peter Baggott on peterbaggott@aol.com for the link.

### The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays at 10am in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. The group is for 0-4 years and their families.

More information is on the website or you can email: littleflowers.sswp@gmail.com

More volunteers are always welcome.

### Afternoon Club

St Joseph's Parish Centre (26 Abbey Water), first Tuesday in the month. Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. All are welcome!

### Knitting Club

Meets third Tuesday of the month, from 2pm-4pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. If you would like to join us for a knit and cup of tea please come along, all levels of knitting ability welcome!

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

Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Holy Cross Resource Centre. We will have fun and games and meals together. We are looking for volunteers to help run the group. If you would be interested in volunteering or you know some young adults who would like to join the group, please contact Fr Luca at: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

### CaFE

The CaFE programme will be starting again on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, then on 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April. Once again it will be at 2pm in the Parish Centre in Romsey and 7.30pm in St. Andrew's, North Baddesley. We will be following Belong and Believe, a series of 5 DVDs which look at how our Celtic past can help us today in refreshing our communities and renewing our mission. All are welcome, more information can be found by calling Ann Heslop on 02380 734429 or emailing ann.heslop@virginmedia.com

### 60 Club

We meet every fortnight on a Monday from 2pm-4pm at Holy Cross Resource Centre. Our next meeting is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome.

# MESSAGES



## Parish Get2Gether

**Sunday 6th February, 1pm-4pm**

Pavillion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Road, SO50 9LH  
An event for all of the parish. We begin at 1pm, sharing a meal together. 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 click the link.

Call My Bluff is back, in Romsey Parish Centre at **2pm on Tuesday 15th February**. There will be no charge but, as numbers are limited by the available space, if you would like to attend please give your name to any of Ann Heslop, Margaret French, Jean Prescott or Rosemary Peacock (01794 522411), no later than Sunday 13th February.

## Cultural Friday

**18th February, 7pm in St Edward's**

We will meet Rose Busingye, a nurse founder of Meeting Point International, a Ugandan NGO serving people from the slums of Kampala affected by HIV/AIDS. Rose began her medical career after experiencing the horrors of war in North Uganda, where people died from lack of basic medical care. After a meeting with Fr Luigi Giussani, she discovered that Jesus Christ is the One who gives value to the lives of all human beings and this changed the way she took care of those affected by HIV/AIDS. This meeting will be particularly interesting for nurses, doctors, social workers, everyone working with the sick. The meeting with Rose will be via Zoom, however we encourage everyone to attend in person. Wine and cheese from 6.30pm.

Zoom Link (for those unable to attend St Edward's):  
go to <https://zoom.us/j/4447833108>  
Click "join a meeting"  
Enter the Meeting ID: 444 783 3108

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

**Monday 21st - Friday 25th February, 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](mailto: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.**

## Parish Lunch at the Hunters Inn, Romsey on

**Monday 28th February at 12.30pm.** Menus are on church notice boards. All are welcome. If you would like to come, please let Rosemary (01794 522411) know your choice of meal before Monday 21st Feb as we have to pre-order.

## World Day of Prayer Bible Study

**Thursday 24th February, 10am**

Hosted by St Martin in the Wood Church, Queens Rd, Hiltingbury, Chandlers Ford, SO53 5AG.

Please join us for an informal time together, commencing with refreshments.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

**Tuesday 28th June - Sunday 3rd July 2022**

Spaces are still available, if you would like more details or to book please go to our parish website.

## Cleaners needed at Holy Cross

Could you spare up to an hour either on a regular basis or occasionally for holiday cover? Or if you used to clean before Covid and are interested in coming back, why not get in touch? To find out more ring Frances Curtis on 07896 637045 or pop in on a Saturday morning at 11am for more details.

## Cleaners needed at St Edward's

If you are able to give some time to help with the cleaning of the church and cloister, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Rachel Sipaul: [rachel.sipaul@me.com](mailto:rachel.sipaul@me.com)

## Thank you to the Knights of St Columba

On behalf of Father Des and the whole Poitiers team I am writing to thank the Knights of St Columba for their wonderful donation of £250 for Poitiers Care. At present we are feeding around 75 families a week. We never forget that we are only able to achieve this by the Grace of God and with the help of faithful supporters like yourselves and we keep you all in our prayers. Jenny Clemas

### TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Fr Luca, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Holy Cross Resource Centre (back of Holy Cross Church), Eastleigh
<b>Fridays:</b>	Fr Raffaele, 10.30am-11.30am, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>Fr Marco is unavailable on Sat 12th Feb</b> 9.30am-12.30pm, Parish Office (26 Abbey Water), Romsey

### CONFESSION

#### (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30am-10.00am	St Andrew
	6.30pm-7.30pm	St Edward
<b>Saturday:</b>	10.00am-10.30am	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.30am-9.00am	St Andrew
	9.00am-9.30am	OLQA

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>Tuesday:</b>	St Edward's - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Holy Cross - after Mass (10.00am-11.00am)
<b>Thursday:</b>	St Joseph's - before Mass (5.00pm-6.00pm)

# MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 5th Feb <i>Morning Mass: St Agatha</i>	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	William & Isabella Regan FM The People of the Parish  Phyllis Boyle RIP Angela Frances Adams FM
Sunday 6th Feb <i>Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Joan Applin RIP 10th Anniversary Margaret Martindale RIP  Albert & Violet Harrington FM Alfred Fernandez RIP
Monday 7th Feb <i>St Cyril &amp; St Methodius</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross (also live streamed)	Fraternity of St Charles Maureen Magee (Wellbeing)
Tuesday 8th Feb	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Tracy Hubbard RIP Richard Perry RIP
Wed 9th Feb	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross (also live streamed) OLQA St Edward	Margaret Martindale RIP
Thursday 10th Feb	9.30am <u>11.00am</u> 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) <u>Holy Cross (also live streamed)</u> OLQA St Joseph	Maureen Westwood RIP <u>Funeral Mass: Sarah Ransom RIP</u>  Sr Alice (Wellbeing)
Friday 11th Feb	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Phyllis Boyle RIP
Saturday 12th Feb	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Mary White RIP Tony Tunstall RIP Anniversary  The People of the Parish Kathleen Ditte RIP & Deceased Family FM
Sunday 13th Feb <i>Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA (also live streamed) Holy Cross (also live streamed) St Joseph	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i>  Jeanette Butcher RIP Anniversary  Maureen Westwood RIP Sr Mary Michael RIP

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