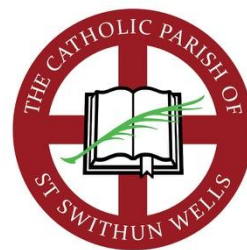


NEWSLETTER



14th June 2026: ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Registered Charity N. 1199568

OUR LIMITS ARE NOT DEFECTS

On 15 May 2026, Pope Leo XIV published his first Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addressed to all the faithful and to people of good will. Its subtitle immediately reveals the central theme of the document: "safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence."

The Pope's aim is not simply to intervene in politics or to propose new policies and regulations for the use of AI. Rather, he wants to place at the heart of today's debate the fundamental questions: What does it mean to be human? How can humanity fulfil its vocation to a full and just life? To this end, he offers the principles of the Church's Social Doctrine as signposts to guide our search for answers.

The letter is rich in insight, and it will take time to grasp all its implications. One of the ideas underlying the development of AI is the belief that human limitations must be overcome, as though they were defects. The Pope offers a striking reflection on this point (nn. 118-120). Here is the passage:

Our relationship with life seems to be in crisis today. Everything that appears as a "limit" – incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, vulnerability – tends to be seen primarily as a defect to be corrected, rather than as a reality through which our humanity matures and opens itself to relationship. And yet we must remember that humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them.

It is precisely within our limitations that the following find a place: compassion, as well as a sincere concern for the needs of others; a generosity that can emerge even in the midst of darkness and failure; spiritual experience and the worship of God. We see this at many moments when our limits become tangible: when we face rejection, when we suffer the illness or loss of a loved one, when we encounter our own weakness or failure. Mysteriously, it is precisely in such moments that we can discover a new wisdom, tangibly experience the closeness of others and encounter the presence of the Lord.

Even when limitations are experienced as inner suffering, human wisdom teaches us not to deny or suppress it, but to integrate it. To eliminate suffering entirely would mean, in the end, extinguishing love and desire as well. Those who love and desire cannot avoid passing through trial and suffering; and over the years, we carry within us lessons that leave their mark like scars, the memories of a journey shaped by freedom and failure, dreams and disappointments. It is only thanks to the interplay of these elements that the wonders of the soul occur within us, allowing us to sense the richness of our humanity. To renounce this adventure, both tragic and splendid, in the name of a presumed transcendence of all limits, could mean many things, but it would no longer be human.

The whole letter is inspiring and very pertinent to the challenges our society is facing today. I encourage you to read it and find opportunities to discuss its contents with your friends.

Fr Luca



GEM OF THE WEEK

Pope Leo's First Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*
read on our website

For the next Newsletter, items should be received into the Parish Office by 10am on Tuesday 16th June 2026, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 14th June 2026 YEAR A - YEAR 2 - PSALTER WEEK 3

PSALM RESPONSE: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

1st Reading Exodus 19:2-6 **Psalm** 100 (99) **2nd Reading** Romans 5:6-11 **Gospel** Matthew 9:36-10:8

Sunday 21st June 2026 YEAR A - YEAR 2 - PSALTER WEEK 4

PSALM RESPONSE: IN YOUR GREAT MERCY, ANSWER ME, O LORD.

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13 **Psalm** 69 (68) **2nd Reading** Romans 5:12-15 **Gospel** Matthew 10:26-33

PARISH GROUPS



Voice of Praise - Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Join us every **Thursday evening, 7.45pm, at the Holy Cross Church** for an hour of lively prayer, music, Scripture, and fellowship. Our charism is evangelisation: sharing the joy of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are new or experienced in charismatic prayer, all are warmly welcome! On

Thursday 2nd July at 7.45pm, we will lead a charismatic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, held on the first Thursday of every month. You are all warmly invited! For info please email:

voiceofpraise.sswp@gmail.com

Knitting Group - Next meeting **Tuesday 16th June**

2pm to 4pm in the **Resource Centre**. We knit hats and scarves for the homeless. Everyone welcome.

Growing In Faith Together Group (GIFT) - every Tuesday at 10.15am in the **H/Cross Resource Centre**.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly at:

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!

School of Christianity in Bishop's Waltham - The final session will be **Friday 12th June at 6pm** with a dinner in the hall of **Our Lady Queen of Apostles church**.

Awake My Soul - A group for young adults (aged 18-25) in the parish. We meet every other **Wednesday from 7pm to 9.30pm in Holy Cross Resource Centre**.

We start with dinner together, followed by a discussion on how our faith relates to our daily lives. Next meeting: **Wednesday 17th June**. If you would like to participate, please email Fr Matteo:

mpagani@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MESSAGES



Stewardship Campaign - A massive thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to our 'Renewing Our Parish Commitment' campaign over the last weeks. Your contributions make a real and lasting difference to our parish and we are so grateful. If you have not yet returned your pledge, please do so as soon as possible, using the boxes in the welcome area. If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation, for every £4 you donate, the parish receives £1 extra.

Fr Raffaele, Fr Luca, Fr Matteo, Fr Pietro, Fr Mario

St Swithun Wells School Summer Fayre

We are pleased to share that we will be holding this year's Summer Fayre on **Saturday 13th June, 11am - 3pm**. It will be a great day out for your family, extended family, and the community - all are welcome!

We will have Stalls, Games, Refreshments including a BBQ and Sweet treats, Ice cream Van, Inflatable obstacle course (weather permitting), and more!

Teenagers Weekend Away - We will conclude the Student Youth and Grail Seekers sessions with a Weekend Away. It will take place at **St Joseph's Centre in Ashurst** from **Friday 26th June to Sunday 28th June**.

If you would like your child to attend, please register them on our website by Sunday 21st June. The cost is £110 for the first child and £90 for each additional sibling. Bursaries are available if the cost is an issue.

New Gift Aid Coordinator for Holy Cross & OLQA

If you have any queries regarding Gift Aid, Direct Debits and Standing Orders, please contact the following:

Eastleigh Holy Cross - Joseph Bright - email:

giftaid.hc@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

OLQA Bishops Waltham - Patricia Mitchell - email:

giftaid.olqa@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

CAFOD Coffee morning and Cake Sale - Wednesday 17th June after Mass at St Edward. There will also be a raffle and new unwanted gifts for sale. All proceeds will go to support CAFOD in the poorest areas of the world.

Please come along and support. For more info. please contact Clare Lasker on 02380252138

Upcoming Second Collections - 20th/21st June there will be a second collection for Day of Life, there will be another second collection the following weekend on **27th/28th June** for Peter's Pence.

Mass Intentions - Please ensure that you complete the white envelope clearly when requesting a Mass Intention, including your contact details in case we need to ask any further information. We kindly ask that your donations are given in cash, cheque or bank transfer (with intention and date as reference). Please do not make payment via the card machines in church as it is very hard to assign this way. Many thanks for your intentions and donations. *Sabrina*



Parish Get2Gether Walk and Picnic

Saturday 20th June, 10.30am-4pm

An event outdoors for all of the parish, especially families. **We will start at 10.30am at Knightwood Leisure Centre, Valley Park, Skys Wood Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 4SJ.** You can leave your car in the car park of the leisure centre, or surrounding residential roads. There are skate ramps suitable for bikes and scooters if you would like to bring them along for your children to enjoy.

11am: We start a 1 hour circular walk in the woods on Chandlers Ford. The walk is suitable for both adults and children. Please bring suitable shoes and clothes, hat, water, rucksack and sun cream. There is the option of an easier walk suitable for pushchairs in Valley Park woodlands.

12.30pm: Picnic in the field next to the leisure centre. Please bring your own food/beverage/plates/blanket. Toilets are available. Free time for children to play in the playground next to the field and among themselves.

3pm: Music and games for everyone.

4pm: End

To book your place please go to our parish website. There you will find a map and some photos.

OLQA Family social evening - Saturday 27th June

from **6.15pm.** Magician Nikki and Charles comedy act. Followed by ukulele group. £8 a ticket, under 12's free, includes a drink. Bring your own nibbles. All welcome! For more information contact Marie Kemp 07760809640.

Upcoming Parish Festival (30th June - 5th July)

Tuesday 30th June at St Edward's: 6pm Mass for Vocations, followed by a talk on our Parish Festival Theme of 'Called to be Peacemakers'.

Friday 3rd July at Pavilion on the Park: 7pm - Cheese and wine, **7.30pm** - Presentation of the exhibition "No Greater Love": The Story of Franz and Franziska Jägerstätter.

Saturday 4th July at Pavilion on the Park:

3pm to 6pm - football tournament for children (age 7-11) and youths (age 12-18).

4.30pm to 6pm - football tournament for adults.

Please book ahead for the tournaments via the parish website.

6.30pm - Live music from our parish bands.

Food will be available throughout the day.

Sunday 5th July, at Pavilion on the Park:

1pm - Family fun day with lunch, £7pp (£2 for children 10 years and under);

1pm to 4pm facepainting, drawing classes, silent auction, kids activities and bouncy castle.

Please book ahead for food via the parish website. Cash and card payment accepted on the day. Please bring your own drinks, cutlery, plates & picnic blankets and some salad/cakes to share.

Parish Lunch at The Wheatsheaf, Braishfield - at

12.30pm on Monday 6th July. All welcome. Please let Rosemary (01794522411) know your choice of meal before Saturday Saturday 27th June as we have to pre order.

Father's Day - Next Sunday we celebrate Father's Day, let us remember and be thankful for their presence and dedication in our lives. May St Joseph pray for them.

Volunteer Property Manager(s) Needed

Our parish is seeking volunteers who may be interested in serving as a Property Manager for one of our churches. This important role involves helping to oversee the care and maintenance of church buildings and grounds, liaising with contractors where necessary, and ensuring that our properties are kept safe and well maintained. If you are interested please speak to Fr Raffaele or contact the parish office:

office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

We are looking for photos - from events, groups and activities connected to the parish, to share on our website and social media. If you have any photos, send them to events@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk or whatsapp them to 07356318616, with a brief explanation of the photo. Please ask permission to share online from those in the photos, and do not send any photos of children.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into the Catholic Church (or know more about the Catholic faith) please email Dcn Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively please speak to a priest.

Upcoming Parish Festival - Sunday 5th July at

Pavillion on the Park. If you know anyone with children's entertainment experience, please email Faye at events@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk If you wish to donate towards the silent auction, or know of local businesses willing to contribute prizes, please also contact Faye. Any support, big or small, would be hugely appreciated.

The car park at Holy Cross - continues to be very busy, especially on a Wednesday and Thursday. If you are using the car park and have to block in other cars, please ensure that you leave a note on your dashboard with your phone number and where to find you, so that we can clear the car park as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please also park considerately within the bays so that we can fit as many cars as possible.

Safeguarding training meeting - Saturday 27th June 1pm to 4pm at Holy Cross church. Please see poster in welcome area for further details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Tuesdays: 9.30am-10.00am (before Mass) St Andrew
Tuesdays: 6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass) St Edward
Saturdays: 10.00am-10.30am (after Mass) Holy Cross
 4.30pm-5.00pm (before Mass) OLQA
 5.30pm-6.00pm (before Mass) St Joseph
Sundays: 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Edward
 8.30am-9.00am (before Mass) St Andrew

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

* Livestreamed

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Sat 13th June St Anthony of Padua	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Grace Donny (Special Intention) People of the Parish Patrick Slavin RIP
Sun 14th June Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	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	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Patricia Cummins (Birthday Intention) William Carroll RIP Karen Kelly & Adrian Yeoman (Special Intention) Monica Dunne RIP Tony Poyntz-Wright RIP anniversary Sr Maureen Breen RIP Anniversary
Mon 15th June	9.30am	Holy Cross	
Tue 16th June	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Ruth K (Special Intention)
Wed 17th June	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Cross St Edward	Charles & Martha Barrett FM
Thur 18th June	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Souls of Joseph, Chinnamma & Jobid RIP Dominic Adams RIP
Fri 19th June	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLQA	Margaret and Ann (Birthdays Intention)
Sat 20th June	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Jack & Chris Molloy FM Kathleen and Ivor Stroud RIP Tom, Rose & Paul Murray RIP
Sun 21st June Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time	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	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> People of the Parish

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