



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

6th OCTOBER 2024: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sacrament of Marriage

This Sunday's Gospel is about marriage and the love between a man and a woman. When some Pharisees approached Jesus to test him, he replied: "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide". Jesus is asking husband and wife to love each other with fidelity, to stay together no matter what, to live in unity.

We can ask ourselves: "What makes it possible for a couple to live in fidelity? To love each other all their lives?" I think there are two things that help a man and a woman to have a fulfilled marriage.

First of all, what helps a husband and wife to grow in their marriage is to recognise that the Lord has given one to the other so that each of them can walk together towards Him. In other words, husband and wife are not called to be a refuge for each other, but they are called to help each other find and follow the will of God, to develop a personal relationship with God. This means that each of them must find time to take care of their inner life, to reflect on their life, to grow in spiritual richness. The poet Rilke said: "Only two worlds that are wide and deep and individual can be united". Lovers can become one only if each takes seriously the relationship with the Mystery of Life, if each strives to develop a deep inner life.

The second help to grow in marriage is the practice of forgiveness. An authentic life together is impossible without forgiveness. It is important for spouses to learn to recognise the wrongs they have done to each other, to apologise and to forgive each other, taking the time to explain their behaviour and to understand each other's reasons.

Respect for the other is also important. Indeed, it increases the awareness that spouses do not possess each other, but are for each other God's free gift.

Forgiveness must be asked for by explicitly acknowledging one's own faults, and at the same time it must always be given wholeheartedly to the other. This may be difficult at first, but gradually the request and grace of forgiveness will become almost automatic. One will be able to recover more quickly from misunderstandings and will look at the other person and at oneself with affection, tenderness and irony.

No sin, if acknowledged and forgiven, is an obstacle to married life. In mutual forgiveness one experiences the truth of the words of Saint Paul: "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (cf. Rom 5:20).

Fr Raffaele

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "The Tunnel of Friendship" by Pope Francis - 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 9th October**, please email your messages/notices to: office@stswithunwellsparish.org.uk

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

LITURGICAL INDICATIONS



Sunday 6th October 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 3

PSALM RESPONSE: MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.

1st reading Genesis 2:18-24 **Psalm** 127 **2nd reading** Hebrews 2:9-11 **Gospel** Mark 10:2-16

Sunday 13th October 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 4

PSALM RESPONSE: FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE SO THAT WE MAY REJOICE.

1st reading Wisdom 7:7-11 **Psalm** 89 **2nd reading** Hebrews 4:12-13 **Gospel** Mark 10:17-30

PARISH GROUPS



Growing In Faith Together Group (GIFT) - The GIFT Group will be meeting in the Balcony of Holy Cross Church every Tuesday at 10.30am whilst the Resource Centre is being re-furbished.

Fellowship Group - Wednesdays at St Swithun Wells Church, 7.30pm-9.30pm. On Wed 9th Oct we are continuing our occasional talks on the Church Fathers, this week it's St Augustine of Hippo. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to join by Zoom please email Peter Baggott for the link on peterbaggott@aol.com.

Learn to Pray with the Weekly Scripture Readings
Wednesdays at 11am in St Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey;
Thursdays at 10am in St Edward the Confessor, Chandler's Ford.

Please come along if you would like to grow in your life of prayer by praying with the following Sunday's Mass readings. All are welcome.

Afternoon Club - St. Joseph's Parish Centre, 26A Abbey Water. Revised date! Come and join us for tea, games and good fun. Please note the next games

afternoon will now be held on Tues **8th October** at 2pm.

Communion & Liberation Groups

School of Community meet weekly at:

Holy Cross every Wednesday at 8pm (meeting in the presbytery 53 Leigh Rd until Christmas);
St Edward's every Thursday at 8pm.

For more information please click the link on the homepage of our website. All are welcome!

The Little Flowers Baby & Toddler Group

Meet on **Wednesdays** during term time from 10.30am to 12 Noon in St Edward's Cloister.

The group is for 0-4 years and their families.

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

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

Thursdays at 6.30pm in St Swithun Wells Church, Fair Oak SO50 7DB. Interested in volunteering or know some young adults who would like to join the group? Contact: arkoffellowship.sswp@gmail.com

MESSAGES



Rosary at Holy Cross

We will pray the Rosary every Thursday during October at 9am (before Mass).

Upcoming Second Collections

6th October 2024: CAFOD Harvest Appeal

Please do not use our yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection, CAFOD have provided their own envelopes which were made available in our churches last weekend. Alternatively please give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

20th October for World Missions - Please do not use our yellow gift aid envelopes for this collection, Missio have provided their own, these will be made available to pick up in church welcome areas.

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 6th October, 1-4pm Pavilion 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, the topic will be 'Love between Husband and Wife'.

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. We would be grateful if you could please write down the main ingredients and allergens on a piece of paper so

people can make an informed decision as to whether the food is suitable for them. 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 date for your diary: 3rd November.

The Happy Monday Club will be holding a "Bingo Afternoon" with prizes and refreshments at St Swithun Wells Church in Fair Oak on **Monday 7th October at 2pm**, suggested donation £3.

Please do come along and join us and bring your friends. The event is open to adults of ALL ages. We look forward to seeing you there and if you have any questions, please call Karen or Peter on 07809 596831.

Sacramental Preparation for Adults (RCIA)

Wednesdays at 8pm in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. 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 speak to a priest or email Deacon Paul Owen: powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Calendar 2024/2025 - Please find the updated Parish Calendar for September 2024 to August 2025 on church noticeboards detailing key Parish events and dates for your diaries.

Youth Groups (including First Holy Communion & Confirmation)

Stars of Abraham (school years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm, St Edward's

Fridays 4.30pm-5.45pm, St Andrew's

Saturdays 10.30am-12pm, St Edward's until Christmas

Grail Seekers (school years 7, 8, 9)

Student Youth (school year 10 until sixth form)

Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm, St Edward's until Christmas

Our Youth Groups are also the path we propose to those who want to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Registrations for the year 2024/2025 are open on our website: www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/parishlife (scroll down to Youth Groups).

Come & See Half Term Club (ages 7 yrs to 14 yrs)

St Edward's Church, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

Daily cost: £10 for the first child, £5 per additional child (siblings). For more info and to register please go to:

<https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk/comeandsee>

Please only book if you are sure your child is going to attend, thank you.

Retirement of Fr Bruce

We wish to acknowledge the Ministry of Fr Bruce at OLQA, the Parish and Diocese. If you would like to contribute to a gift for his retirement, please place this in a clearly marked envelope and hand in to the Parish Office or at OLQA in the collection bag during Mass.

Request for Readers for the new 5.30pm Mass on Sundays at Holy Cross Church

- If anyone is interested, please contact Jenny on 07787 532642.

Upcoming Solemnity

Next Sunday 13th October we celebrate the Solemnity of St Edward the Confessor. Please join us for a special celebration during the 9am Mass.

Canon Peter Wilkie who died earlier this year, was a much loved parish priest of St Edward the Confessor Church, from 1985 to 1993. During that time the extension of the church was undertaken and this was made possible through the faith and generosity of the people of the parish. A Foundation Mass will be celebrated for Canon Peter in **St Edward's on Tuesday 8th October at 6pm**. All are welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025 - Save the Date!

Friday 23rd - Monday 26th May 2025

We are thinking about a pilgrimage to Lisieux, France to visit the place where St Therese lived and the surrounding area. More details to follow soon.

Mary's Meals – a little known but truly remarkable charity named after the mother of Jesus, is giving hope to nearly 2.5 million hungry children living in poverty in 17 countries around the world, by providing one hot, nutritious, free school meal, every day the children attend. For more info and to donate online please go to: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

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Alternatively cheques/postal orders can be sent to: Mary's Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, PA33 1AR
Mary's Meals will be making the Radio 4 appeal on Sunday 13th October at 7.53am and 9.26pm.

At a Glance - List of Upcoming Parish Events

Sun 6th Oct: Parish Get2Gether

Mon 7th Oct: Bingo Afternoon

Tues 8th Oct: Revised Date for Afternoon

Club Meeting (originally 1st Oct)

SCHOOL NOTICES



St Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School Notices:

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Please download the Asda App, add our school to your cashpot and scan the app at the till. It costs you nothing but Asda will give us some money to spend on playground toys for the children. There are less than 60 days left to collect the money! Please ask your friends and family to collect for us too! More info here: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Children Starting in September 2025

Please sign up for a tour of the school if you have a child due to start school in September 2025.

<https://forms.gle/n5bZaVBcT6nf7ruA8>

Vacancy: We are recruiting for a 'Casual Mini Bus Driver'.

Hourly Rate: £11.95

Please see full advert on church noticeboards.

Casual hours as required, Term Time only.

More info can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-swithunwells.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>

For an application form please contact the school office on 02380 266210 or email:

adminoffice@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk

CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION)

Tuesday:	9.30am-10.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew
Tuesday:	6.30pm-7.30pm (after Mass)	St Edward
Saturday:	10.00am-10.30am (after Mass)	Holy Cross
	5.30pm-6.00pm	OLQA
	5.30pm-6.00pm	St Joseph
Sunday:	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Edward
	8.30am-9.00am (before Mass)	St Andrew

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues: St Edward - after Mass (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Wednesday: Holy Cross - after Mass (10am-11am)

Thursday: St Joseph - before Mass (5pm-6pm)

TIMES A PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET

Tuesdays:	Fr Raffaele, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh;
Wednesdays:	Fr Luca, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh;
Fridays:	Fr Mario, 10am-12 Noon, OLQA, Bishop's Waltham;
Fridays:	Fr Pietro, 11am-12.45pm, 26A Abbey Water, Romsey.

MASS TIMES FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITIES

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 5th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Robert Brockway RIP FM People of the Parish Peter Allan RIP Richard Whelan RIP
Sunday 6th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Folco Scappaticci RIP Anniversary Norman Joyce RIP Anniversary Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Eileen Buckingham & Kathleen Gooch RIP Deceased Members of the Fox, Kelly & Slevin Families Doreen Mortimer-Hamilton RIP
Monday 7th Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am	Holy Cross	Fraternity of St Charles; Raymond Kelly FM
Tuesday 8th Oct	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Theo Osime (Wellbeing) Canon Peter Wilkie RIP FM
Wed 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Cross St Edward	Frederick Bishop FM Intentions of the Layzell Family
Thurs 10th Oct	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Martin Russell RIP Sr Margaret Norris (Wellbeing)
Friday 11th Oct	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLQA	Maureen Guild RIP Mrs Edward Christian FM
Saturday 12th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Aigars Numsedis RIP Maria Jacobs RIP Anniversary Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP David Snashell RIP Paulina Lesniczuk RIP FM
Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 9.00am 9.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 5.30pm	Holy Cross St Edward St Andrew OLQA Holy Cross (also livestreamed) St Joseph Holy Cross	<i>Polska Msza Święta</i> Ian Warwick FM Peter Allan RIP Mrs Grace Heath RIP Terence Kinsman RIP People of the Parish

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Opening Times: Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5.30pm;
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Safeguarding: Please see Safeguarding posters in each of our churches for details of the Parish Safeguarding Reps. Diocesan Safeguarding: Ruth Attfield rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk