



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

20th OCTOBER 2024: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Autumn

We are now in mid-October, the middle of autumn. I've noticed this, because every time I go to Bishop's Waltham there is always a mountain of leaves piled in front of the church entrance. Temperatures are lower and there are constant changes in the weather: in just one day there can be several rain showers and several moments when the sun shines; this is typical in England, but in autumn it is accentuated.

Autumn is a period that in itself is not very lively, both because of the schizophrenic weather, and because the length of the days – and thus the duration of light – decreases from day to day, therefore one lives much more in darkness. Since God does not want an ugly, or too gloomy time of year, He created nature that shows off its most beautiful colours in autumn. There are the colourful trees, including yellow, red, beige, pink, bronze, gold, cadmium orange, brown, ruby, malachite... so that the autumn dullness is mitigated by the beauty of nature's colours at this time. Especially if you go for a walk in the New Forest, you can admire the splendour of the colours of the leaves.

The colours of autumn are very varied, but they are muted colours that do not draw attention to themselves with the exception of certain shades. Autumn colours are a bit like Our Lady's presence: it is a very beautiful presence, but a discreet one; she wants us to follow her Son Jesus, yet she does not force our freedom, rather she gently proposes that we follow Him.

October is in fact also the month of Mary, so it is a special occasion to remember that we have a mother who protects us, a woman to look up to, from whom to learn a way of life that is the Christian way. The things that Mary reminds me the most are purity, fidelity and perseverance even in difficult times. These are the things we can ask for most fervently this month, especially through the recitation of the rosary, which is a prayer through which we can meditate on the mysteries of Jesus' life.

May Mary fill our lives with the colours of nature in this period, making even the dullest lives beautiful, and may the recitation of the rosary make us know Jesus more through meditation on the most important moments of His life.

Fr Mario

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is "Why This is Gravely Wrong" by Bishop Philip - 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 23rd 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 20th October 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 1

PSALM RESPONSE: MAY YOUR LOVE BE UPON US, O LORD, AS WE PLACE ALL OUR HOPE IN YOU.

1st reading Isaiah 53:10-11 Psalm 32 2nd reading Hebrews 4:14-16 Gospel Mark 10:35-45

Sunday 27th October 2024: Year B - Year 2 - Psalter Week: 2

PSALM RESPONSE: WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US! INDEED WE WERE GLAD.

1st reading Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 125 2nd reading Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel Mark 10:46-52

PARISH GROUPS



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).

Fellowship Group - Wednesdays at St Swithun Wells Church, 7.30pm-9.30pm. On Wed 23rd Oct we will be having 'An Introduction to the Tanakh - The Hebrew Scriptures' led by Dcn Bob. 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.

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. We are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome!

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).

Second Collection This Weekend

20th October for Missio - World Missions

Pope Francis' theme for this year is: 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. All worldwide Mass collections and every single donation support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is new or poor. 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.

Used to be a Red Box holder? but you no longer use cash much these days, please consider making a regular donation. See <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>
If you would like a Red Box, or you have one that could do with being emptied, please contact your local promoter: St Edward's - Mary Vokes; OLQA - Marie Kemp; Holy Cross - Denise Karnecki; St Swithun Wells - Marina Joyce.

Upcoming Funeral

Regular worshippers at OLQA will be very sorry to learn of the death of Ann Vail. Ann's funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 30th October at St Peter's Church, Winchester.

Ann and her late husband John were stalwart members of the church community at Bishops Waltham for many years. Ann, a talented artist & author, together with John were the driving force behind the building of the church we now have. Ann was instrumental in designing the church and her initial drawings were made on the back of a cigarette packet! Without their sheer enthusiasm, hard work & generosity the church would not have been built.

Parish Pilgrimage (Fri 23rd - Mon 26th May 2025)

The pilgrimage to Lisieux, France has now been confirmed. We will visit the place where St Therese lived and the surrounding area. Cost: approx £500 per person depending on numbers. There will be a meeting to present the itinerary and answer any questions on Saturday 23rd November at 2.30pm in St Edward.

MESSAGES CONTINUED

Cultural Friday

25th October, 7pm at Holy Cross Church

"Listening to the Word" - Ming Wilson is a pianist who comes from the United States and is doing his PhD in music theory and lives in Oxford. During the evening Ming will be playing some pieces from Mozart, Bach and Arvo Part on the piano.

Ming will help us to understand how music points to God. The faith and biography of these composers will also be shared as models of how human creators reflect the image of God. All are welcome.

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.

Parish Get2Gether - Sunday 3rd November, 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

'Dialogue in the Family'. 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. *Parish Christmas Party: 15th December*

OLQA Quiz - Saturday 9th November, 7.15pm

Open to all. Please bring a team (up to six people) or join one. £5 per ticket includes cheese and charcuterie board, plus one free drink, if interested please phone Marie Kemp on 07760 809640.

Lighting of Candles and Prayers for parishioners who have died in the past year

We normally hold this on All Souls, however this year

we will be lighting candles and praying for parishioners

who have died in the past year on 9th Nov (Vigil

Masses) & Sunday 10th Nov during Mass at St Swithun

Wells, Holy Cross, St Edward, St Andrew & St Joseph.

However, in OLQA we will be lighting candles and

praying for the parishioners who have died during the

2nd Nov Vigil Mass and Sunday 3rd Nov Mass.

Blessing of the Graves

In November each year we remember in a special way

those who have died and gone before us. One of our

traditions is the Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries

within our Parish. Details for this year are:

3rd November: OLQA churchyard after 9.30am Mass

10th November (Remembrance Sunday):

Romsey Cemetery 2pm Woodley 2.30pm

Bishopstoke Cemetery 2pm Fair Oak Cemetery 2pm

Eastleigh Cemetery 3pm

Ramalley Cemetery 3pm

12th November: North Baddesley 10.30am

New Lectionaries - The new lectionaries for the beginning of Advent have now arrived and we would like to say thank you to those parishioners who have generously sponsored or agreed to sponsor their lectionaries at St Joseph's, St Edward's, Holy Cross and Swithun Wells. If there are any parishioners at our other churches who would still like to offer to sponsor the cost or part of the cost of their lectionaries, please contact Fiona in the office. Also, just to remind parishioners that new Sunday missals containing the New Translation of the Lectionary are now available.

OLQA - Meon Valley Foodbank are very grateful for the support received from the churches in Bishop's Waltham. Please continue to bring your gifts to church, the baskets for collection are in the Welcome Area. There is a list of 'Low Stock Items' on the noticeboard, details can also be found on the website:

meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk

Message from the Bishop's Conference

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29th November**. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/AStreat>

End of British Summer Time

Please remember that the clocks go back by one hour **next weekend of 26th/27th October**.

At a Glance - List of Upcoming Parish Events

Fri 25th Oct: Cultural Friday

Mon 28th Oct - 1st Nov: Come and See Club

Sun 3rd Nov: Parish Get2Gether

Sat 9th Nov: Quiz at OLQA

9th & 10th Nov: Lighting of Candles and Prayers for the Deceased (except OLQA which takes place on 2nd & 3rd Nov)

10th & 12th Nov: Blessing of the Graves (except OLQA which takes place on Sat 3rd Nov)

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

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 19th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Michael Lane RIP FM Helen Sanders (Thanksgiving) People of the Parish Intentions of the Daughters of Wisdom General Council Jessie Regan RIP Anniversary
Sunday 20th October <i>Twenty-Ninth 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> Helen Anne Morris RIP Monica Carrasco RIP Anniversary Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Children of Palestine Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Brenda Tarrant (Wellbeing)
Monday 21st Oct	9.30am	Holy Cross	Helen & Malachi Altman RIP
Tuesday 22nd Oct	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Wed 23rd October	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Cross St Edward	Reparation for Life Reparation for Life
Thurs 24th Oct	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Gladys Glassett RIP Anniversary
Friday 25th Oct	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLQA	Dieter Sondermann RIP Private Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Saturday 26th October	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Cross St Swithun Wells OLQA St Joseph St Edward	Annama RIP Jackie Callow RIP 14th Anniversary Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Jane Hewitt RIP
Sunday 27th October <i>Thirtieth 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> Anne Ginty RIP People of the Parish Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Tom Cronin RIP Elvira Golez RIP Anniversary Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP

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