



Our Vision is a Person, Our Vision is Jesus Christ

13th OCTOBER 2024: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Most Beautiful Journey

A few days ago, I travelled to Prague to visit the mission of our Fraternity there. Our three priests are involved in both parish and school ministry. On Friday afternoon, I was invited to join an afternoon club for teenagers run by one of our priests.

As I entered the room where they usually meet, I found ten kids sitting on the floor in a circle. After everyone introduced themselves, Fr. Marek said, "As usual, let's start by sharing the ups and downs of this past week."

The first to speak was a 12-year-old boy, who said just a few words, "It was fine, just a normal week." Then a girl added, "Yeah, a normal week for me too." The third, another girl, said, "Actually, today was quite a boring day. Nothing new happened." I looked at her and asked, "Does it happen often? What do you do when you're bored?". "I try to speak with someone, but it's hard with my classmates to talk about things deeper than just makeup or clothes," she replied.

A sudden thought crossed my mind, "This girl is like me!" So, I told her, "When I was your age, I also got bored many times and was in search of something deeper and meaningful. Then I bumped into a group of friends who invited me to go on a summer camp with them. It was one of the most beautiful weeks of my life. I finally found people with whom I could share all my deepest questions without shame. After we came back from the holidays, I decided to spend more time with them. They took me to some weekly meetings, where not only did they speak about themselves, but also about Jesus - the One who, they said, makes life more fulfilling, understands us, helps us grow, and gives us a home far from home, the Church. At the beginning I didn't understand very well what they were talking about, but I was captured by their authenticity. Spending time with them, I realized they were right and years later, I'm still part of that big family."

Then I asked her, "Do you know Jesus? Who is He for you?"

She answered, "I've heard He is the Saviour."

"Do you know what it means to be a Saviour?" I asked.

"A Saviour is someone who comes and pulls us out of danger."

"You are right - Jesus is the Saviour. Because many times over the years, when I was bored, sad, or going through a hard time, He gave me His hand and rescued me - often by sending me someone, usually a friend I knew well."

The conversation carried on. When the club time was over, I told her, "Thank you for opening your heart today. I travel a lot because part of my job is to visit the priests of our Fraternity in Europe. But the most beautiful journey is not the one from one city to another. It is the one into people's hearts, where I discover again and again what connects every human being: their thirst for Jesus."

Fr Luca

GEM OF THE WEEK



This week's GEM is the "Letter of the Holy Father Francis to the Catholics of the Middle East" - 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 16th 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 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

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

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 16th Oct we will be looking at local and diocesan charities and discussing which charities to support during Advent.

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).

Upcoming Second Collections

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 Solemnity

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

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 17th October due to staff training.

MESSAGES CONTINUED



Cultural Friday - 25th October, 7pm

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.

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.

Message of Thanks - Margaret French would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to her MacMillan coffee morning in September. We raised a total of £537.10 and some donations are still coming in. So thank you all very much!

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.

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 and the additional sponsorship of the Processional Book of the Gospels at St Edward's. These beautiful volumes will be in use at our churches for many years to come. 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.

St Joseph's & Parking Issues - There is a general rule that **no parking** is allowed in the area immediately around St Joseph's, i.e. on the drive to Abbey House. This is one of the conditions of the lease between the Daughters of Wisdom and the Diocese of Portsmouth. Parishioners who drive to Mass are allowed to park in the car park of Marie Louise House while they are attending Mass. There is also a council operated car park on Newton Lane which is currently

free to use on a Sunday. If someone has mobility issues we would ask that they are dropped off outside the church before the car is parked elsewhere. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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 November (Vigil Masses) & Sunday 10th November 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 November Vigil Mass and Sunday 3rd November Mass.

Holy Cross Shop - for any orders please see Diana Hobbs/Jo Lau after Sunday Mass.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025

Friday 23rd - Monday 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. More details to follow soon.

Message from Bishop Philip regarding Assisted Dying - "As Catholics, we must mobilise. We believe in assisted living, not assisted dying. Investing in palliative care is a better way to support people suffering at the end of life. Don't be seduced by the emotional pitches in the media we will be bombarded with. Correct them when they use the double-speak of 'assisted dying': call it what it is: 'assisted suicide.' Speak out against this sinister proposal. And pray earnestly that our legislators and our society will see common sense. For once this line is crossed, our society will never be the same again."

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 (details in next week's newsletter)

Sat 9th Nov: Quiz at OLQA

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 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Mrs Grace Heath RIP Terence Kinsman RIP People of the Parish
Monday 14th Oct	9.30am	Holy Cross	Allan Barltrop RIP
Tuesday 15th Oct <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	St Andrew St Edward	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Wed 16th October	9.30am 9.30am	Holy Cross St Edward	Stephen Roberts RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Thurs 17th Oct <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am 12 Noon 6.00pm	Holy Cross OLQA St Joseph	Regina Turl (Special Intention) Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Nigel Tait RIP Anniversary
Friday 18th Oct <i>St Luke</i>	10.00am 10.00am 12 Noon	St Joseph St Edward OLQA	Sr Margaret Morris (Wellbeing) Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
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)

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