



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 1.

Welcome to our Pastoral Area

Churches in the Pastoral Area

Bishops Waltham - Our Lady Queen of Apostles,
Martin Street.

Fair Oak - St Swithun Wells,
Allington Lane.

Eastleigh - Holy Cross, Leigh Road.

Chandlers Ford - St Edward the Confessor,
Winchester Road.

North Baddesley - St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue.

Romsey - St Joseph's, Abbey House Drive.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/Families*
*How often do we give
thanks?*

+ *Young People/
Adults*
*How has the
thanksgiving that is
the Eucharist
affected our ways of
thinking and acting?*



THE CENTRALITY OF SUNDAY MASS

Why this is important

What happens at Mass cannot be replaced by anything else. It is the heartbeat of the Church.

When we gather together to celebrate the Mass, we are caught up in the movement of Christ's offering of himself to the Father, which is at the heart of the Trinity. What happens at Mass is that we are all called to share in Christ's work of transforming the world and drawing it into the life of God. This is the action of the Eucharist.

Sunday Mass is central to our identity and mission. The whole community gathers to listen to the Word of God and to give thanks and praise with Jesus to the Father in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. As we eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, we become more fully the body of Christ, sent into the world to continue Jesus' mission to transform the world.

The Lord's Day, which is the day of his resurrection, is the day above all when the Church gathers as a Eucharistic community. Ideally, sick and housebound people should receive Holy Communion directly from Sunday Mass in order to highlight their connection with the community and its celebration.

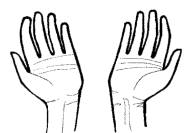
The Diocese wants to ensure that Sunday Mass continues to be celebrated as widely as possible by as many people as possible. For this reason, the current arrangement of parishes will be developed into larger 'Pastoral Areas' over the next few years so that priests and people can celebrate Sunday Mass in a way that truly forms the community for mission and gives glory to God. The role of the priest is crucial to the life of the Eucharistic community.

Existing communities and Mass centres will often continue within the new areas, but the Mass may be celebrated less often. Therefore, it is even more important that each community ensures that every Mass is prepared and celebrated with the utmost care and commitment.

From 'Go Out and Bear Fruit'

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

*Father, in your
plan for our
salvation you
provide
shepherds for
your people.
Fill your Church
with the Spirit of
courage and love.
Raise up worthy
ministers for your
altars and ardent
but gentle
servants of the
Gospel.
Grant this
through our Lord
Jesus Christ your
Son, who lives
and reigns with
you and the Holy
Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.
AMEN.*



❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

DAY FOR LIFE 2009 - SUNDAY, 26 JULY, 2009:

Day for Life - the Day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death - will this year focus on suicide. There are around 6,000 deaths by suicide in the UK and Ireland each year. In recent years this figure has been falling, except in Northern Ireland and Wales.

Building upon last year's theme of mental health, this year's Day aims to raise awareness of the vital role to be played by families and supportive parish communities in sustaining those who may be struggling to cope. The Day also aims to help reduce the number of myths associated with mental illness, depression and suicide. It emphasises the importance of encouraging people to seek professional help if they are troubled by persistent suicidal feelings.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives". (n.2283).

RITE OF ACOLYTE: Paul Hollingworth will receive the Rite of Acolyte at the 9am Mass on Sunday, 26 July, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church. This is the last minor order he will receive before ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in 2010. Please keep him in your prayers.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, *Salvatori James Della-Gana*, who was baptised at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church on 12 July, 2009, and *Leah Anne McCarthy*, who is being baptised on Saturday, 1 August, 2009, at Holy Cross Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE : We offer our prayers and congratulations to the following couples: *Brendon Patrick Creane and Catherine Elizabeth Brent*, who were married on Saturday, 18 July, 2009, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, *Karen Donnelly and Luke Bower*, for their wedding on 30 July, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and *Rebecca Tuck and Kristian Hitchman*, for their wedding on Saturday, 1 August, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: **John 6:24-35. Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15. Psalm 77. Ephesians 4:17.20-24.** Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

Application forms for First Holy Communion are now available in all three churches.

In order for your child to be included in the preparation, the forms must be returned by **Friday, 4 September, 2009.**

The first session will be held for the parents on Tuesday, 22 September, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING: On Wednesday, 9 September, 2009, at 7.30pm, Monika Chmelova, an Advisor for Catechesis and Adult formation, specialising in First Holy Communion preparation, has been invited to speak to our Pastoral Area, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. If you would like to come to this meeting or be involved as a catechist, or a helper, please contact Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806. This meeting is open to all in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area.

❖ Ongoing Formation

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Meetings will resume after the Summer break in September. These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic.

Enquiries please to:

Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806, for *St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches.*

Deacon John on 01794 515688, for *St. Joseph and St. Andrew's Churches.*

Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church.*

❖ School Matters

The Summer Fayre at St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Chandler's Ford, raised £1,800 towards the minibus fund. The school thanks the people of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area for the very generous support that was given. A 'thank you' and prize winners poster is available in the welcoming area of all our churches.

❖ St. Andrew's Church

Refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church will begin on Monday, 27 July, 2009.

Starting on Sunday, 2 August, 2009, the 9.15am Mass will be transferred to St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. A 50 seater coach will leave St. Andrew's Church at 8.45am on Sunday morning to bring parishioners to Romsey and will leave Romsey at 10.30am for the return journey. You will be dropped and picked up in Romsey Market Square. Because of problems with parking in Romsey, please leave your car in St. Andrew's car park and use the coach. The Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses will be in St. Joseph's Church as usual. Tuesday 10am Masses will be said in St. Joseph's Church, as will the Friday morning Service of the Word with Communion, starting on Tuesday, 28 July and Friday 31 July. These arrangements will stay until the work at St. Andrew's has been completed.

❖ Supporting each other

'GOOD COMPANIONS' LUNCHEON GROUP: The group will be lunching at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield, on Tuesday, 4 August, at 12.30pm. If you would like to join them please phone Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617, by Thursday, 30 July, 2009.

❖ Outreach

CAFOD SUMMER BARBECUE: Saturday, 8 August, 2009, at 12.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Tickets £8. Available after Mass at St. Edward's Church, or by phoning Cecily Exworthy on 023 8026 9591. Please note that entrance will be by ticket only.

❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area Walk

SUMMER EVENING WALK: Thursday, 30 July, at 7.30pm. Meet in the lay-by off the A27 opposite Emer Close in North Baddesley, for a walk around Baddesley Common. No hills but probably a couple of stiles. Finish at a public house for those needing revival. Enquiries please to Rosemary on 01794 513646.

❖ Pastoral Area Diaries - 2010

3 RIVERS PASTORAL DIARIES: The new diaries giving the Church's Liturgical Calendar for 2010, are now available in all our six churches. The suggested donation for each diary, together with the nominated charity, will also be displayed in each church.

❖ Our Young People

SPONSORED CAR WASH towards "Fanning the Flame" Camp for OLQOA Young People. Inspired by Sister Maria Natella's address on Sunday, 12 July, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, some of our young people plan to attend the camp in the New Forest. A car wash will be held on Sunday, 2 August, to raise funds to provide parish support to this worthwhile cause.

❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter must be sent please by Tuesday, noon, by post or phone, direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

This newsletter can be sent to you by email service — just email website@3rivers.org.uk
Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 19.07.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,226.89, (Loose plate: £263.24, Envelopes: £144.50, & Standing Orders: £819.15).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £964.27, (Loose plate: £251.72, Envelopes: £152.55, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 128, Mrs. Hobbs, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £425. Non Gift Aid: £267.



Saturday	25	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)
		5.00pm (SW) Edward Fenwick FM
		6.00pm (SJ) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
		6.30pm (SE) Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP
Sunday	26	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
		9.00am (SE) Special intention for William Gove
		9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
		9.15am (SA) MASS
		9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
		11.00am (SJ) Herbert Howie (anniversary)
		11.00am (HC) Leonard Haskett FM
Monday	27	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
		9.15am (SE) Jim and Siobhan Shine's intentions
		10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	28	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
		9.15am (SE) Irene Emily O'Dell and Doris Hornby RIP
		10.00am (HC) Martin Russell
		10.00am (SJ) MASS
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
		7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey</i>
Wednesday	29	9.15am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP
<i>St. Martha</i>		10.00am (HC) Mrs. S. Hall
Thursday	30	9.15am (SE) The residents of Otterbourne Grange
		10.00am (HC) Ann Clayton-Smith FM
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	31	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>		9.15am (SE) The living and deceased members of the Mongan and Turner Families FM
		10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy</i> <i>Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
		10.00am (HC) Janet Burton FM
Saturday	1	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>		(<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)
		5.00pm (SW) Marion and Bob Birtles - In thanksgiving
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
		6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	2	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
		9.00am (SE) Dorothy Cotton RIP
		9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
		9.15am (SJ) MASS
		9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
		11.00am (SJ) MASS
		11.00am (HC) Stuart Burns RIP

*HC: Holy Cross, SW: St. Swithun Wells, OLQoA: Our Lady Queen of Apostles,
SA: St Andrew's, SJ: St. Joseph's, SE: St Edward's.*

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