



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.

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*

*Why do we think God
chose to give bread to the
people in the desert in
Moses' day? What does it
tell us about God's love
for his people?*

+ *Young People/Adults*

*What kind of food do I
need to endure to eternal life? Where
do I find it?*



THE CENTRALITY OF SUNDAY MASS

Celebrations in the absence of a priest

At Celebrations of Word and Communion, the reception of Holy Communion is separated from the action of the Eucharist. This may mean that we no longer see the action of the Mass as something essential to our lives as a Church community, or even that reception of Holy Communion and the action of the Eucharist are seriously disconnected. Receiving Holy Communion can never be a substitute for celebrating Mass.

To maintain the integrity of the Sunday Mass, Celebrations of Word and Communion will not normally take place in the Diocese on Sundays after Easter 2006. If Sunday Mass cannot be celebrated in a particular area, and it is not possible to attend the nearest local celebration, people are strongly encouraged to gather together for a celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours (the Daily Prayer of the Church) or the Liturgy of the Word for the day.

Where weekday Mass is not available, people are encouraged to meet for a Celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours (e.g. Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church) or the Liturgy of the Word for the day.

From 'Go Out and Bear Fruit'

A Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Portsmouth

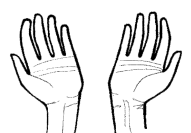
When we receive Holy Communion, and hear the words 'The body of Christ', 'The blood of Christ', our response of faith is 'Amen' to the One who is offering and giving himself to us. This 'Amen' is, of course, an affirmation of the real presence of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but it is more than that. It is at one with the 'Great Amen', and we cannot properly separate the two. Above all, we confess our readiness to enter into all that Christ has achieved for us by his death and resurrection, the gift of salvation made present for us here and now as we celebrate Mass together.

It is here that we come to the heart of our Catholic understanding of the Mass: the celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the whole mystery of salvation. The Mass is the sacrament of salvation, the memorial of the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We say 'Amen' to this truth of faith when we receive Holy Communion.

From 'One bread, One body'

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

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:

For parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, the next preparation session for 3 Rivers Pastoral Area will be held on Sunday, 6 September, 2009, from 4.30pm to 6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Application Forms are available from the Parish Offices on 023 8027 3882, or 01794 513646, or the Priests.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: We offer our prayers and congratulations to Charlotte Thomas and Matthew Brace for their wedding at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 1 August, 2009.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 6:41-51. 1 Kings 19:4-8. Psalm 33. Ephesians 4-30 -5:2.

Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

KIT (KEEPING IN TOUCH) MINISTERS: At Mass on Saturday, 1 August, at 6pm at St. Joseph's Church, KIT Ministers will be commissioned. Please keep them in your prayers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

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.

THE FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS:

Please record your memories on the sheet that was included in your newsletter a few weeks ago. There is a tray in the Welcoming Area of Holy Cross Church for your replies and spare sheets are available if needed.

❖ St. Andrew's Church

During the refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church, 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 mornings 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. The Tuesday 10am Mass will be suspended until St. Andrew's Church re-opens. There is a Mass at St. Joseph's Church every Tuesday at 6pm. On Fridays, at 10am the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service with Morning Prayers, normally held at St. Andrew's Church, will instead be at St. Joseph's Church. These arrangements will stay until the work at St. Andrew's has been completed.

Volunteers wanted to operate the Hi Fi system for Sunday 9.15am Masses while these are being celebrated at St. Joseph's Church. This is for recorded hymns as no organist is available. The operation is very simple and you will be shown how to use the system. Enquiries please to Nigel Coleman on 01794 384449.

❖ 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.*



❖ Outreach

WISHING WELL - COVENANT WITH THE POOR:



Inviting Bids!

If you are involved with a project or group which meets a local need, supporting human dignity, we may be able to help.

Apply for a grant from the Holy Cross Wishing Well!

Tell us about your project, how the monies will be used and give us a contact number.

Old friends are welcome to apply again.

Write to: The Wishing Well, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants. SO50 9DF
Closing date for bids—end of September, 2009.

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.

CAFOD: Supporters' Day and Climate Justice Mass, at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke, on Saturday, 12 September, 2009. The Supporter Day will be from 10.30am - 3pm (tea/coffee at 10am), in the Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. The Climate Justice Mass starts at 3.30pm.

For information and/or to book a place please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office:

portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385, or see poster in the welcoming area of all our churches.

CAFOD: *Renew the face of the earth!* A half day for Confirmation catechists, youth leaders and anyone working with young people to look at the new resources for Confirmation produced by CAFOD.

Saturday, 19 September, 2009, at St. Peter's School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB. To book a place, contact estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 01329 835583.

❖ Supporting each other

'GOOD COMPANIONS' LUNCHEON GROUP: The group will be lunching at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield, on Tuesday, 4 August, at 12.30pm. Enquiries please to Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

A LEISURE DAY OUT AT JUBILEE HALL: This day is for older residents of Bishop's Waltham and Upham. A programme of activities, entertainment, talks and more, plus coffee, lunch and tea. Cost £5.

Dates on Tuesday, 18 August, or Wednesday, 19 August, 2009. Transport will be provided if needed.

For further information or booking form please contact Angela Fairweather on 01489 895968.

❖ 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 26.07.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,119.41, (Loose plate: £159.76, Envelopes: £140.50, & Standing Orders: £819.15).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,030.83, (Loose plate: £283.69, Envelopes: £187.14, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 128, Mrs. E. Hobbs, £25.

On 8/9 August, the Xaverian Missionaries will be making an appeal in the above three churches.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £514. Non Gift Aid £199.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Gift Aid: Thanks to those who kindly donate their collection through the Gift Aid scheme the parish received £1,918 back from the tax inspector for the first quarter of this year. This really is a brilliant way to swell our collection and it is really simple too. Please contact Anthony McEwen (01489 877448) to discover how you can make your giving more effective at no extra cost to yourself.



Saturday	1	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</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
Monday	3	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Gerald Rice RIP 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	4	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. John Vianney</i> 9.15am (SE) Jeremy Sides RIP 10.00am (HC) The Finnerty and Molloy Families FM 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	5	9.15am (SE) Bronach White RIP 10.00am (HC) Roy Johnson
Thursday	6	9.15am (SE) Tim Layzell RIP <i>The Transfiguration</i> 10.00am (HC) Ita Thomas 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	7	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (HC) Kathy Trolen RIP 10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and</i> <i>Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	8	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Dominic</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Victor James and parents 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	9	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Mary Betts RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) Alan French (anniversary) 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Paddy Chandler 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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