



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

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**

*What sounds would we
most miss if we could not
hear? What was it like
for the man in the
Gospel to have Jesus as
the first person he ever
heard speak to him?*

+ **Young People/Adults**

*How can I open my ears
to hear the words of Jesus more fully?
How can I use my lips to speak of what I
know about Jesus?*



Three Rivers Pastoral Area – Living Our Faith

At the Sunday Masses in five of the six churches of the Pastoral Area this weekend an important fund-raising effort called 'Living Our Faith' is being announced. Our Diocese has embarked on this initiative in order to plan responsibly for the future.

The money raised from 'Living Our Faith' will address four key areas:

- 1 Clergy – Training of students for the priesthood, on-going training and support for priests and encouraging vocations.
- 2 Lay people – Educating people in the Catholic Faith, training of catechists and enabling our people to hand on the Faith.
- 3 The renewal of parishes and parish facilities through the provision of diocesan loans or grants.
- 4 Of money raised, 25% goes directly to parish funds for specific parish needs.

Each parish in the Diocese will have a financial target and our Pastoral Area target is £390,000. The campaign has been going on quietly and steadily since early June. Through the dedication and efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers and the generosity of many people we are pleased to **announce that as of today £375,000 has been pledged mainly over five years with an average gift of £5,000.** On achieving the target the share formula changes to 80% of money pledged being retained for our own local needs.

To gain the maximum benefit we need to continue the fund-raising effort as we have prioritised the provision of a Youth Worker and the improvement of communications within the Pastoral Area. We have also highlighted particular needs in each of the churches which will benefit from campaign funds. Letters will be sent out this coming week to those not previously contacted with further details. We are asking every parishioner to **consider** supporting this appeal. Only individuals know their own particular circumstances but everyone is asked to consider making a sacrifice to this fund. As priests we are not asking you to do anything we have not done ourselves.

Father George

Father Michael

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, *Louisa Emily Hibberd*, who is being baptised at St. Edward's Church, and *Isabella Lola Barker*, who is being baptised at Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 6 September 2009.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Preparation for Confirmation in 2009 will re-commence on Sunday, **6 September, 2009, at 6.15am until 7.30pm**, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Enquiries please to the Confirmation Co-ordinator, Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and good wishes to the following couples for their weddings this weekend, Karen Duffy to Glen Beavis and Patricia Collins to Andrew Tanner at St. Joseph's Church, and Kerine Smith to Jonathan Bambridge for their wedding at Holy Cross Church, and Daniela Matteucci and Paul Littler for their wedding at St. Edward the Confessor Church next weekend on Saturday, 12 September, 2009, at 1pm. (*Daniela and Paul would be delighted for friends and parishioners to join them at the church for the wedding ceremony*).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches: 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. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

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. Anyone who is involved or is interested in becoming a catechist or helper is warmly invited to attend this meeting.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA: Nicky Stevens, Head of the Department for Pastoral Formation at Park Place, has been invited to speak to our Pastoral Area on Monday, 14 September, 2009, at 7pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. Anyone who is involved or is interested in Children's Liturgy in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area is most welcome to attend.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mark 8:27-35. Isaiah 50:5-9. Psalm 114. James 2:14-18.

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

LITURGY OF READINGS AND HYMNS: This will be held at Compton House, Compton, on Tuesday, 8 September, at 2.30pm, for the residents and staff. Parishioners are very welcome and encouraged to attend and offer their support.

THE RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX will be at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on the 16 September/17 September, 2009. Details of the visit are available in the welcoming area of all our churches. On 17 September, 2009, at 6am, 3 Rivers Pastoral Area is especially invited to the 6-6.30am period of the all-night vigil. This half hour will be led by Deacon John di Meo. However, all are welcome to attend at any hour of the day or night.

❖ St. Andrew's Church

During the refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church, the 9.15am Mass will be transferred to St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. Anyone requiring transport to St. Joseph's Church is requested please to be at St. Andrew's Church Car Park at 8.45am on Sunday. 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. Once completion of the refurbishment has been carried out both Sunday morning Masses will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church. If you either need, or can give transport to go to the 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, please write your name and details on the relevant sheet at the front of St. Joseph's Church. The 6pm Saturday evening Mass will remain at St. Joseph's Church. Due to ill health last weekend, Father George was unable to explain the reasons for moving the 11am Mass to St. Andrew's Church from the end of September. We have a number of families with young children who have not been offered the facility to bring their children for Children's Liturgy as there is no room available for this at St. Joseph's Church. We also do not have the use of a toilet, which is essential for such young children, not to mention the elderly. Decisions will be reviewed at the end of the year and changes in Mass times may occur.

❖ 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*.

KIT (KEEPING IN TOUCH): Are you, or do you know, a Catholic who is looking for a way back to the Church? Come to a Social/Information evening in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Romsey, on Tuesday, 22 September, at 7.30pm.

For further information please phone Sheila on 01794 518071.



❖ School Matters

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 4DJ. Tel: 023 8067 1267

www.stmaryscollege.co.uk

Open evening at the school on Monday, 28 September, 2009, from 6.30pm—9.00pm. Please see poster in the welcoming area of all our churches.

❖ Stewardship Opportunity

Stewardship is the spirituality that underpins the Pastoral Plan and this approach needs to be explored and developed in our Pastoral Area. We have some space remaining on the 3 Rivers Stewardship Pastoral Area Development Days, an important opportunity to share how we might respond. These will be held on:-

Saturday, 12 September, 2009, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham, and

Saturday, 19 September, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, both from 10am-3pm.

Lunch will be included. If you would like to attend either day, please contact the Parish Office on 023 8027 3882, or by email on 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Monday, 7 September**, so that arrangements can be finalised.

❖ 3 Rivers Pilgrimage

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2010: There will be a meeting on Monday, 14 September, 2009, at 7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF, for anyone who wishes to come, or find out more information about this pilgrimage.

❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area Walks

Thanks to the 11 walkers who enjoyed a stroll around Shawford last week. We hope to have the last walk this year in October.

❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area B.B.Q.

This will be held in the grounds of St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, weather permitting, on Sunday, 6 September, 2009. The BBQ'S will be lit from 12.30pm onwards. All you are asked to bring is your own food for cooking, drinks, picnic tables and chairs, plates, etc. There is no charge. If you are coming with children, then please bring footballs, rounders' equipment, etc. for them to play with in the field. Enquiries please to Pat or Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060.

❖ Supporting each other

ST. SWITHUN WELLS FELLOWSHIP: The group meets regularly at St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, on Wednesdays, during term time from 7.45pm to 9pm. Meetings resume on 9 September, and this will be a planning meeting. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

ROMSEY PARISH WELCOME GROUP: Meet on Thursday, 10 September, at 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre, Romsey.

❖ Outreach

EXHIBITION OF TIM PATRICK'S FLORENCE DRAWINGS: This will be held at Wisdom House, Romsey, from 7th-11th September, from 9.30am-4.30pm.

S.V.P. (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY): Meet on Tuesday, 8 September, at 8pm, at the usual venue. Details from Romsey Parish Office.

CAFOD: Fun Quiz Evening, on Friday, 2 October, 2009, at 7pm, for 7.30pm start at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Tickets £6 (including supper), will be on sale after the Masses at St. Edward's from next weekend, or from Cecily Exworthy, on 023 8026 9591. Numbers are limited so please get your tickets early.

THE BIG BREW UP TEA PARTY - Come and join in this nationwide event being held in aid of SSAFA - Forces Help (Soldiers, Sailors, & Airmen's Families Association). To be held locally in the Catholic Church Hall, Martin Street, Off Victoria Road, Bishop's Waltham, on Saturday afternoon, 10 October, from 3pm onwards. Cream Teas and cakes will be served, admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted on the afternoon or by cheque payable to SSAFA Forces Help, sent to Jill Forrest, 3 Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1NP.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Indian Curry Evening on 24 October, 2009, from 7pm, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church. Hamish Wills, a parishioner, is going to teach English and Maths in a remote village in Southern India during the forthcoming Easter holidays, through Canford School, where he is now in the upper sixth. He wants to fundraise so that the orphanage can buy books and equipment. More details later.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 30.08.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,255.47, (Loose plate: £311.86, Envelopes: £170.50, & Standing Orders: £773.11).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,176.16, (Loose plate: £374.21, Envelopes: £241.95, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 126, Holy Cross, £25. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £380. Non Gift Aid £220.

Saturday	5	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 6.00pm (SJ) James Campbell RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Jerry McDonnell FM
Sunday	6	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Skipton Leonard and Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) Sr. Elizabeth RIP 11.00am (HC) Loreto Antonio Mollicone RIP
Monday	7	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	8	9.15am (SE) Donal Murphy O'Connor FM <i>The Nativity of Our Lady</i> 10.00am (HC) Jim O'Donoghue 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) Funeral Mass for Michael McDonnell RIP 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	9	9.15am (SE) Vic Menzies RIP 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	10	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Alice Porter RIP
Friday	11	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	12	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Special Intention 6.00pm (SJ) Anita Mutton 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP
Sunday	13	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) John Cassar and Family RIP

The Mass at 11am on Sunday, 13 September, at St. Joseph's Church will be Youth led.

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.

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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