



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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**

*Are you aware of the special
concern that Jesus has for children?*

**+ Young People/
Adults**

*What will you
have to do to
become like a
child?*



The Vocation to Love

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux continue to attract huge crowds of people to cathedrals and churches all over the country. The visit of the relics to St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth was a powerful experience of prayer and devotion. I am sure that many people would find it difficult to put into words exactly why they felt the need to be there. The human search for God is a profoundly personal experience. The visit of the relics of St. Therese has given expression to the search that is happening in all our lives in one way or another.

St. Therese is a very important saint for all who are struggling with the search for God. She often felt the absence of God and she spent many days and months in a wilderness. When she thought that she had found God it was as if God had slipped away once again. St. Therese is a good patron saint for all whose search for God often seems fruitless. The path to God that she found was her Little Way. It was her unique path to God because despite her feelings of littleness, weakness and frailty she had a huge desire for holiness.

She found inspiration and guidance in the Word of God. In her autobiography she refers to her restlessness and her seeking of God and His will for her. She found an answer in St. Paul to the Corinthians in that well known passage on love. "But charity - that was the key to my vocation. If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all; it must have a heart, and a heart burning with love. And I realised that this love was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function the apostles would cease to preach the gospel, the martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. Love, in fact, is the vocation that includes all others."

Father Michael.

Living Our Faith

£642,550 has been raised from 214 pledges. Thank you.

Items for the next Pastoral Area Newsletter which will cover 11/18/25 October, 2009, are required please by Tuesday, 6 October, 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

**A MASS COUNT WILL BE TAKEN IN ALL OUR CHURCHES,
THIS SUNDAY, AND EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 2009.**

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Hayden Ambrose Rogers who is being baptised at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, 3 October, 2009, Jessica Abigail Betteridge and George Alan Betteridge who will be baptised at Holy Cross Church, Piero Alberto Ardani, Sofia Caterina Ardani and Alessia Anna Rose Barker, who will be baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, on Sunday, 4 October, 2009.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: The next session will be held on Sunday, 4 October, 2009, from 6pm-7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian on Friday, 6 November, 2009, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. Please remember in your prayers the 21 candidates and their families. Enquiries please to Lyn Preston on 023 8085 7328.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: On Monday, 5 October, 2009, at **7.30pm** and not 7pm, as stated in last week's newsletter, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, Nicky Stevens, Head of the Department for Pastoral Formation at Park Place Pastoral Centre, has been asked to speak to our Pastoral Area regarding Children's Liturgy. If you are involved in Children's Liturgy, or would like to know more, you are most welcome to come to this meeting which is open to all in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 89. Hebrews 4:12-13. Mark 10:17-30.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

The children's sessions will be held on Monday, 19 October, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, at the church where the child is to make their First Holy Communion. The Masses at St. Edward the Confessor Church and Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 4 & 25 October, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Church: Please contact the Parish Office in Romsey to register your child as soon as possible.

❖ Holy Rosary



The Holy Rosary will be prayed on the following days and all are very welcome to join the families in their homes.
Thursday, 8 October, at 10.30am, at the home of Pauline & Tony Wilson, 11 Alexandra Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2BP,
Thursday, 15 October, at 10.30am, at the home of Sheila O'Neill, 36 Baddesley Road, Chandler's Ford. SO53 5NH
Tuesday, 20 October, at 7.30pm, at the home of Clare & Eric Lasker, 3 Merdon Court, Merdon Avenue, Chandler's Ford.
Monday, 26 October, at 10.00am, at the home of Ana Carter, 3 Taw Drive, Chandler's Ford, SO53 4SL, and on the first Saturday of every month at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley.
Please also see the back page of this newsletter.

❖ Ongoing Formation

BIBLE STUDIES EVENING: Every Monday, commencing 5 October, at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, at 7.30pm.

CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION): Please bring a lunch to share while exploring the relevance of the Gospels to our everyday lives, on Wednesdays, from 12.30pm-2pm, in the Parish Centre, Romsey. Old and newcomers very welcome.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAMME 2009: A programme of learning, discussion and insight into our Faith, aiming to make Faith the centre of our lives. It will serve to reinforce our understanding of the Scriptures and the meaning of the Sacraments. Finally, it will explain Catechesis and help define our Faith. The next session will be held on Wednesday, 7 October, from 7.30pm for 7.45pm, ending at 9.00pm, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham.

The Theme will be *'The historical development of the Mass in the Church'*. This session will be of particular interest to Eucharistic Ministers, but all are very welcome to attend and are likely to find it interesting and informative. For further details please call/text Giles Brady on 07816 569293, or Charles Forrest on 023 8069 4482.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic. The next session at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, will be held on Thursday, 8 October, 2009, from 7.30pm until 9pm. All will be warmly welcomed. 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's & St. Andrew's*. Sessions will commence at Romsey on Monday, 19 October. Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church*.

DAY AWAY FOR CARERS: The Catholic Disability Fellowship has organised a 'Day for Carers' at Wisdom House, Romsey, on Saturday, 17 October, from 10am to 4pm. The aim of the day is to give those who have the responsibility of caring for a sick or disabled child, parent, friend or partner, to have a day just for themselves, for quiet reflection, gentle walks, prayer and the opportunity to be listened to. Enquiries please to Paula Medd on 023 92 369183. **Bookings please by Friday, 9 October, 2009, at the latest.**

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 27.09.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,142.19, (Loose plate: £224.01, Envelopes: £166.30, & Standing Orders: £751.88).

Cathedral: £104.47.

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £984.36, (Loose plate: £243.85, Envelopes: £180.51, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

Cathedral £124.47.

200 CLUB: No: 37, Eileen Wilkie, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £515.16. Non Gift Aid £302.61. *Cathedral: Gift Aid £86. Non Gift Aid £4.50.*

This weekend: There will be a special collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

❖ Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA: To all involved in Children's Liturgy (including First Communion and Confirmation, Eucharistic Ministers, Volunteer Drivers, Parish Visitors and Senior Altar Servers, aged 18+):-

CRB Checks. If you have not yet had a CRB Check, it is now a matter of urgency. Checks have to be completed by the end of October, 2009. Failure to do so means you will be asked to relinquish your volunteer role.

Safeguarding Training is now mandatory: There are further sessions being offered on Saturday, 31 October, 2009, in the Cloister of St. Edward's Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU, (25 places only per session).

10.00am—12.30pm - Child Protection and 1.30pm— 4.00pm- Vulnerable Adults (Please bring a packed lunch).

To book your place please phone, Soraya Ciccarone on 023 92816396, preferably Monday or Tuesday, by 20 October, 2009.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION: Are you a doctor, social worker or police officer with current or recent experience of safeguarding vulnerable adults or children? Would you like to offer your skills and experience to the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission? If interested, please contact Angela McGrory, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordination for an informal chat on 023 9281 6396 or 07554427064. This is a voluntary role that is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

❖ 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. On Wednesday, 7 October, there will be a talk on "*The role of Women in Jesus' Time*". Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

'GOOD COMPANIONS': The next luncheon will be held at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, on Tuesday, 6 October, at 12.30pm. Reservations/enquiries please to Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

"THANK YOU to you all for your good wishes, cards and gifts for my 80th birthday. I am overwhelmed by your kindness. God bless you all." Tony Goodburn.

❖ Outreach

NSPCC: "London to Paris—Following Matt and my successful charity ride (320 miles in 4 days), we now need to complete the collection of your generous sponsorships. I will be at the morning Masses at St. Edwards and Holy Cross on 3/4 October, in a vivid green NSPCC 'T' Shirt. Please find your way to me, and if you have not sponsored us before, it's not too late to make a donation ... Thanks, Peter Davison".

THE BIG BREW UP TEA PARTY - is nearly here!! Saturday, 10 October, is the day, 3pm onwards is the time, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church Hall, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, is the venue. Cream teas and home-made cakes. Please come, bring your friends and make this a truly ecumenical event and help our hard pressed forces and their families. 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.

INDIAN CURRY EVENING: This will be held on Saturday, 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. People can buy tickets (£10 each) by sending a cheque made payable to Hamish Wills and posting it to Black Hedges Farmhouse, Lynch Lane, West Meon, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 1JH.

WISHING WELL - COVENANT WITH THE POOR: The Presentation of cheques will be held on 25 October, after the 11am Mass at Holy Cross Church, in the Resource Centre.

❖ Street Pastors

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue. We are praying that people like you, who have a heart for their community and to see lives transformed, will come forward and become a Street Pastor, undergo training which starts on 24 October and go out one Friday night a month. Volunteers are needed in both Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford. Please contact Mimi Peertum on 023 8052 8511, or Eric Hyom on 023 8061 0345, or Paul Carmody on 023 8061 5373.

❖ School Matters



ST. SWITHUN WELLS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford.

Tel: 023 8026 6210. The school is holding a Garden Open Day on Thursday, 15 October, from 2-5pm.

The children, teachers and parents have all worked hard to develop the garden and contribute to the Pukka Pumpkin Challenge to grow the biggest pumpkin. The school has been supported by some funds from B and Q. Some practical help in terms of hard graft has been provided by employees from IBM and Dragonfly Gardens Ltd., and also by the Community Payback Scheme, operated by the Probation Service. All the school would like to invite parishioners and members of the local community to come and see how the garden is

shaping up and to see the entrants for the school's Family Scarecrow Competition. There will be light refreshments, including a bowl of homemade soup and a roll for all our visitors. We look forward to welcoming you.



Saturday	3	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) In thanksgiving—Tony Goodburn 6.00pm (SJ) Peter and Paulette Coldham 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Kirpal Kaur Sandhu RIP
Sunday	4	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) The living and deceased members of the Murphy and Lucas Families FM 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) Kevin Botting (anniversary) 9.30am (OLQoA) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 11.00am (SA) Alexander Pollock RIP 11.00am (HC) Maureen Binden, Sadie Guilder & the Boyer Family
Monday	5	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	6	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM 10.00am (SA) MASS 10.00am (OLQoA) 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	7	9.15am (SE) Jean Glenn RIP <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 10.00am (HC) Mary Dwyer RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	8	9.15am (SE) Frederick Bishop FM 10.00am (HC) Mary O'Shea 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	9	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Mary Kirk RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	10	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Steven Wright RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Melanie Gompels RIP
Sunday	11	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Mr. and Mrs. Roche RIP

Please note that in Romsey and North Baddesley, the 9.15am and 11am Masses on Sundays will now be celebrated in the beautifully refurbished St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley. The first Mass of Sunday will continue to be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Romsey, at 6pm, each Saturday.

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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