



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 4.
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

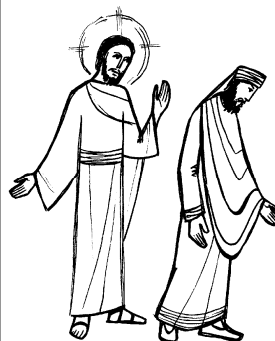
North Baddesley - St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue.

Romsey - St Joseph's, Abbey House Drive.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/
Families*

*"Do we believe
that everything is
possible for
God?"*



+ *Young People/
Adults*

*"What sacrifice must we make if we
are to inherit eternal life?"*

Whatever became of the rich young man?

Once there was a man who asked God for a flower and a butterfly. But instead, God gave him a cactus and a caterpillar. The man was sad. He couldn't understand why his request was mistaken. Then he thought, "Oh well, God has too many people to care for," and he decided not to question God.

After some time, the man went to check up on the request he had made and had almost forgotten about. He was greatly surprised that from the thorny and ugly cactus, a beautiful flower had grown. And the unsightly caterpillar had been transformed into the most beautiful butterfly.

The rich young man was also sad when Jesus responded that he should give his money to the poor and follow him. The rich man seemed to get a cactus and a caterpillar. In fact the rich man was too attached to his material goods. I would like to think that before he died his wealth and possessions were turned into a beautiful gift for the poor and the needy. And I would like to think that his life was transformed like the caterpillar, into a life beyond his wildest dreams.

As I write, I am aware of people who are suffering from the effects of the recession. We are at a stage in our spiritual lives that questions the importance we place on material goods. We belong to a Church that has not suffered in recent times as the Church in Eastern Europe and the Church of the Third World often has. We have become a slightly spoiled and pampered Church compared with the Church in many other parts of the world. Yet, it is still possible for us to create a spirituality and an asceticism of the Cross without the pressure of external persecution or hardship. We have to see through the allure of consumerism and materialism. The challenge of the Gospel is to possess money and material things and not to be possessed by them.

Father George.

LIVING OUR FAITH TOTAL: £656,364.80 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 227 PLEDGES. THANK YOU.

*Items for the next Pastoral Area Newsletter are required please by Tuesday, 27 October, 2009,
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 EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 2009.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Theodore Prescott Bo Lee, who is being baptised on Saturday, 10 October, Jessica Grace Foulkes who is being baptised on Sunday, 11 October, and Athena Zsuzsa Marysia Berenice Hough, who is being baptised on Sunday, 18 October, at St. Joseph's Church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: Confirmation candidates will meet in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, from 6pm, on Sunday, 11 October and Sunday 18 October. The Confirmation All Day Event for Candidates will be held at Wisdom House, Romsey, on Saturday, 24 October, from 10am to 6pm. 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. Enquiries please to Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and best wishes to Vanessa Houston and Aaron Jones, who are being married in St. Joseph's Church, on Saturday, 17 October, 2009.

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, 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 Churches: If you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion next year, please contact Romsey Parish Office as soon as possible.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 53:10-11. Psalm 32. Hebrews 4:14-16. Mark 10:35-45.

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



❖ 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, 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 Blisshen family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley. Please also see the back page of this newsletter.

❖ Ongoing Formation

BIBLE STUDIES EVENING: Every Monday, 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.

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, 15 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 Churches*: Sessions will commence on Monday, 19 October. Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church*.

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, 4 November, 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 "Vatican II and Catechesis". This session will be of particular interest to Catechists, 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.

'THE CHRIST WE ARE, THE CHRIST WE SHARE', BOURNEMOUTH 22ND-24TH JANUARY, 2010. An opportunity for people involved in ministry in the Church to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others. The theme will be explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection and liturgy. For more information please see the poster/booking form on the notice board in our churches, or go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Deadline for bookings - 20 October, 2009.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 4 October, 2009.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,161.45, (Loose plate: £245.07, Envelopes: £164.50, & Standing Orders: £751.88).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £549.90, of which 51% was gift aided adding an extra £78.37, giving a final total of £628.27.

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,025.97, (Loose plate: £279.52, Envelopes: £186.45, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £336.21. **200 CLUB:** No: 200, Ann Schefer, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £451. Non Gift Aid £209. **Next Week:** There will be a collection for Mission Sunday.

❖ 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 9281 6396, 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-ordinator, 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. The meeting on Wednesday, 14 October, will be on 'Building Community - Sharing Time and Talents'. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH: Eucharistic Ministers please note that a temporary rota has been prepared for the period to end 2009. Please collect your copy from the Cloister. When communion under both kinds is resumed, this rota will be suspended and a new one issued.

❖ Outreach

CAFOD: A Fun Quiz with a tasty supper was enjoyed by a full house in St. Edward the Confessor Church. Particular thanks go to Paul Hollingworth, Quiz Master, and Mary Hollingworth, Question Setter, and to all who attended or helped in any way. A total of £358 was raised for our Parish Project in NIGER.

CAFOD Christmas Cards will be on sale after the weekend Masses on 17/18 October, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

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 Total is now in! Over the last year our Wishing Well has bubbled over with an amazing £6,016.83.

Thank you so much everyone!

Some great totals to note - The Phil Talbot Golf Day raised £2,600.

Thanks also to those who give monthly (if you'd like to do this - contact us please!) Gift Aid raised £164.

All through the year you have remembered our neighbours in Eastleigh by adding money to

the Wishing Well - The First Communion Group from last year made cakes with Heidi and raised £60 - God bless them!

Grateful thanks also for the £61 which came from the raffle held at St. Swithun Wells's Church BBQ in the summer.

Bids have come in and we'll let you know as soon as possible who will receive a cheque. God bless you all.

The Presentation of cheques will be held on 25 October, after the 11am Mass at Holy Cross Church, in the Resource Centre.

The Wishing Well Team: Carole Clarke (023 8067 7245), Moira Reynolds, Brian Forrest and Alain Hunt.



❖ 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, (and please bring along any gardening tips!).

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) Michael McDonnell RIP 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) Kathleen and Albert Harrison 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Mr. and Mrs. Roche RIP
Monday	12	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Wilfred</i> 9.15am (SE) Paulina Lesniczuk FM 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	13	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Edward the Confessor</i> 9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) Funeral Service for William Treacy 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	14	9.15am (SE) Bill Larkin's intentions 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Thursday	15	9.15am (SE) Mrs. Manel Weerasinghe RIP <i>St. Teresa of Avila</i> 10.00am (HC) Pat Guidaboni 6.00pm (SJ) Ranald Grant (anniversary)
Friday	16	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	17	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Special Intention 6.00pm (SJ) Anthony Bird (anniversary) 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	18	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) In thanksgiving - Kathleen Harvey's 99th birthday and God's blessing on Kate & George Peck and family 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) Annette Rayner RIP 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Luis Castro 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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