



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 1.
**TWENTY-NINTH 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 *Am I willing to
be a servant?*



+ Young People/Adults *What is true
greatness according to the values of
the gospel?*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday and it is celebrated all over the world. It is celebrated to raise mission awareness in our parishes. Every parish and every diocese contributes what they can on the understanding that the resources will then be shared out according to the greatest need. Missio is the new name for the Pontifical Mission Societies. We are all called to reach out with love in order to pass on the light and joy of our faith.

Bishop Dieter Scholz in Zimbabwe recently ordained five young men to the priesthood. He said: 'Like all liturgies in Africa, the ordination Mass was lavish in singing and drumming and praying. Choirs from each of the ordinands' home parishes arrived early to practise their specially composed hymns. The Mass lasted over five hours. Just before the final blessing by the Bishop and the first blessings by the new priests, the parish chairman rose to make an announcement. He brought forward an old lady of 92 and asked that she receive the blessings first, even before the new priests' parents! But why?

The community had been fearful that they would be unable to feed the 3,000 guests coming to the ordinations. This old lady, called Ambuya, had offered all she had: a whole sheep! As the story of her amazing gift spread others came forward with gifts of goats, oil, maize and tea. In the end there was enough to feed everybody. The chairman said, "You made our feast possible, Ambuya. You changed us all. That is why you deserve to be blessed first." And so she was.

At the heart of the Church's mission is the simple command—reach out with love! Our parishioners and communities have long been loyal to the work of mission. World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to pray for that work and support it in every way we can, reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters all over the world.

Father Michael.

*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,
THIS SUNDAY, AND EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 2009.**

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: Confirmation candidates will meet in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, from 6pm, on Sunday, 18 October. The 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. Please remember in your prayers the 21 candidates and their families. Enquiries please to Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.



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 the Parish Office in Romsey to register your child as soon as possible.

NURSING HOME SERVICE: There will be a Liturgy of Readings, Prayers and Hymns, for the residents and staff, on Thursday, 22 October, 2009, at 2.45pm, at Challoner House Nursing Home, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come along and give their support.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9. Psalm 125. Hebrews 5:1-6. Mark 10:46-52.

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. 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, 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, 22 October, 2009, from 7.30pm until 9pm.

All will be warmly welcomed.

Enquiries please to:

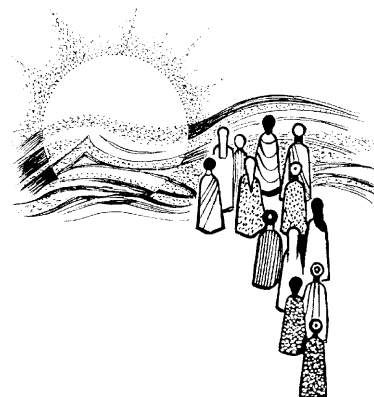
Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806, for *St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches*.

Deacon John on 01794 515688, for *St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's Churches*: Sessions commencing 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.



❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 11 OCTOBER, 2009

Details of the collections will be advised later.

There will be a special collection today on Home Mission Sunday, 18 October, 2009, for the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith).

On the weekend of the 31 October/1 November, there will be a special collection for BAMENDA.

❖ 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, 21 October, is entitled "Share a Christian Book". Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669. There will **not** be a meeting on Wednesday, 28 October, as it is half term.

❖ Outreach

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 Well'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.

BRING AND BUY/CRAFT SALE: The young people of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham, will be holding a Bring and Buy/Craft Sale after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 8 November, to raise funds for 'Fanning the Flame'. Please donate cakes, second-hand books and DVD's, toiletries and unwanted gifts. If you make crafts of any kind please come along to sell, and donate profits to this worthy cause. For further information phone 01489 891802.



❖ Vacancy

Advisor for Marriage and Family Life—Re-advertisement: We are looking for a committed Catholic, passionate about all aspects of Marriage and Family Life, who will continue the work of promoting and supporting the 'Celebrating Family' initiative in the diocese. The Advisor will also have the opportunity to contribute collaboratively to all aspects of the department's work. The post is for two years, and the successful applicant will be a committed Catholic with a degree in Theology, or a closely related subject. The Department is based at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hants.

Salary £18,000 for a 21 hour week. For an application pack, please contact Eileen Stephenson

(estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 01329 835583. Closing date for applications: 30 October, 2009.

Saturday	17	
<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		
Monday	19	9.00am (OLQoA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
9.15am (SE) Peter Hamilton RIP		
10.00am (SW) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary		
Tuesday	20	9.00am (OLQoA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
9.15am (SE) Michael Stevens RIP		
10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		
10.00am (SA) MASS		
6.00pm (SJ) MASS		
7.00pm (HC) Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament		
7.30pm Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey		
Wednesday	21	9.15am (SE) Michael Stevens RIP
10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		
Thursday	22	9.15am (SE) Michael Stevens RIP
10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo RIP		
6.00pm (SJ) MASS		
Friday	23	9.00am (OLQoA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
<i>St. Ethelflaeda</i>		9.15am (SE) Special Intention
10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion		
10.00am (SA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer		
Saturday	24	
<i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i> 5.00pm (SW) Special Intention		
6.00pm (SJ) MASS		
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS		
6.30pm (SE) God's blessing on Kate & George Peck and family		
Sunday	25	THIRTIETH 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) Special Intention		

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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