



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 1.
**THIRTY-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*

*How often do
we stay awake
and pray?*

+ *Young
People/Adults*

*Are we ready
for what is to
come?*



Living our Faith - Update

Over the last few months we have invited all members of our parish families, in 5 of the 6 churches of our Pastoral Area involved, to prayerfully consider a commitment to *Living our Faith*. As the local administrator, I have been humbled, as have Father Michael and Father George, by the sacrificial response of so many people. The support has been absolutely magnificent.

The current total amount pledged has reached £693,752.95 from 259 pledges. In addition to the amount raised for the Diocesan priorities of clergy and laity formation, the amount to be returned to our 5 churches now exceeds £399,000! This is to be allocated according to our local priorities which include provision of a youth worker, improving the effectiveness of our communications and enhancement of our churches.

Any campaign of this nature challenges us. But our Christian faith calls us to sacrifice, and it is good for us sometimes to have to consider a response which takes us out of our comfort zone. Thank you to all of you who have made a sacrificial response. One of the benefits to come out of the campaign has been the opportunity to visit many of our parishioners in their own homes and many have appreciated this.

Having doubled our original target of £310,000, all monies now raised come to our Pastoral Area. We are aware of a considerable number of people who have said either that they would pledge or have not yet made a decision. This is your last opportunity! While the average pledge is just over £2,700, any contribution, no matter how small, would be very gratefully received.

Members of the *Living our Faith* leadership team with pledge forms will be available after Mass for anyone who would like to support the appeal and has not yet done so.

Thank you again!

Deacon Paul.

Items for the next Pastoral Area Newsletter are required 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

PLEASE NOTE: *The Parish Office in St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, will be closed on Mondays, remaining open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 9am to 4pm.*

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

PRISONS WEEK 15-21 NOVEMBER: The theme for this year's Prison Week is *Hold Fast to Hope* and prayers are asked each day for victims, prisoners, families, prison staff, the community and the Justice System, all who need hope to work through the challenges they face.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Ivan Neil Patrick Grimes, who will be baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and Thomas Owen Sheath, who will be baptised at St. Joseph's Church, on Sunday, 15 November.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: For parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area there will be a Baptism Preparation Course on Sunday, 6 December, 2009, from 4.30pm-6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Application forms are available from the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford, on 023 8027 3882, or Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14. Psalm 92. Apocalypse 1:5-8. John 18:33-37.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: St. Andrew's Church: It is vital that our children receive a firm grounding in their faith and, to help give this, Children's Liturgy is provided. More help is needed at the 11am Mass. Please, if you can help, contact the Parish Office in Romsey on 01794 513646.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

The next children's sessions will be held on Monday, 16 November, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, at the church where the child is to make their First Holy Communion. The Masses at St. Edward's Church and Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 22 November, will particularly involve children.

Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church: Parents who wish their child to receive their First Holy Communion are asked to please contact Father John for an Application Form by Sunday, 29 November, 2009. A meeting for parents will be arranged soon after that date. Please note the child must be in Year 3 or older. Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill, on 01389 878760.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches: Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.



❖ Ongoing Formation

BIBLE STUDIES EVENING: Tuesdays, (changed from Mondays), 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, 18 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 "A history of the Ministry of the Word in the Church". This session will be of particular interest to Readers, 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, 19 November, 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*.

Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church*.

❖ Climate Change

'BE THE CHANGE' A SYMPOSIUM: On Sunday, 29 November, 2009, from 2pm-6pm, in the new extension of Holy Family Church, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, Hants. SO16 4PL. The afternoon will help people to come to a deeper understanding of where we are as a society, how we got here, and what we can and must do if we want to see: an ecologically sustainable, socially just, spiritually fulfilling, human presence on the Planet. Short films and video clips will be used to highlight the message of "Be the Change". Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided. All welcome. Please see poster in the welcoming area of all our churches. Enquiries please to 023 8077 5199 or email: louis.mcdermott@btopenworld.com

THE WAVE come together to stop climate chaos LONDON, 5 DECEMBER, 2009.

Time to pray: Christian worship with Archbishop Rowan Williams and Archbishop Vincent Nichols. Christian Service, followed by a peaceful march to the Thames.

Please wear blue or bring blue banners to join **THE WAVE**.

11am: Christian Service, Westminster Central Hall, London. SW1H

12 noon: Activities for children and young people, Westminster Centre Hall, London SW1H

The march: Service and activities lead straight into the march. If you can't make the Service, head straight to Grosvenor Square, W1A from 12noon, march leaves at 1pm.

The Stop Climate Chaos Coalition is 11 million strong with committed supporters, campaigners, hearts, minds and voices from over 100 organisations. Please see posters available in the welcoming areas of all our churches.

For more information about the march and transport: www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave

❖ Supporting each other

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH: Volunteers urgently required to run coffee mornings after the 11am Sunday Mass.

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, 18 November, there will be a visit by Ben Mugisha of Kware to update us on the feeding programme and ongoing work. Everyone is very welcome. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. ANDREW CHURCHES: The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, 19 December, 2009, from 10am to 1pm, in the United Reformed Church Hall, Romsey.

Unused items are needed for the following stalls: Tombola, bottles, toiletries, jewellery, Christmas goods and crafts. Jumble is not required. Enquiries please to the Parish Office in Romsey on 01794 513646.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: St. Edward the Confessor Church: To enable your rotas to be emailed to you, please contact Tony Wilson 023 8026 6617, or email: tonypaulwil@uwclub.net

❖ Outreach

MINI-MARKET IN AID OF 'LIFE': St. Edward the Confessor Church: This will be held before and after Mass on Saturday/Sunday, 21/22 November, 2009. Christmas gifts, including cakes, mince-pies, flowers, plants etc. will be on sale, plus raffle. Donations will be very gratefully received before Mass on the day. If you would like to help with the work of 'LIFE' or find out more, please phone Maureen McFarlane on 023 8025 3329.

CAFOD: St. Edward's: The green boxes will be emptied next weekend, 21/22 November, at St. Edward the Confessor Church. New boxes will be available. **CAFOD** can make use of foreign coins so they too will be welcome next Saturday and Sunday, but please keep them separate.

'GOOD COMPANIONS' The next lunch is on Tuesday, 1 December, at 12.30pm, at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield. The group meets for lunch every two months and was set up for those who live alone. Please contact Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617, by Thursday, 26 November, if you would like to reserve your lunch.

CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS: These are now available at St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. Wonderful prizes. Proceeds to The Leonard Cheshire Home, Romsey.

❖ Having your say on 'Assisting suicide'

If you wish to make your views known on the consultation on 'assisting suicide' (please see the front page of last week's newsletter and displayed in the welcoming area of all our churches) you can also obtain copies of the consultation document and a form for giving comments from:

Assisted Suicide Policy Team,

Crown Prosecution Service Headquarters, 6th Floor, 50 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7EX.

Email address: assistedsuicide.consultation:cps.gov.uk

❖ School Matters

ST. SWITHUN WELLS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. The Christmas Fayre will be held at the School on Friday, 27 November, 2009, from 6pm to 8.30pm. Donations welcome of bottles for the tombola, festive jam-jars (filled with gifts, e.g. small pencils, crayons, toys, marbles, balloons, sweets and stickers, or anything that fits, and decorated with something festive), and all **unwanted gifts** will be most welcome (no used items or bric-a-brac, thank you). Donations of plants and cakes will be gratefully received at the school on the day. Please leave all other donations in the marked collection boxes at churches, available this weekend and 21/22 November. Raffle tickets will also be available on these weekends. Volunteers are also urgently needed to prepare in advance for the Fayre and on stalls on the day of the Fayre. Please call Anna McCormack if you can help on 023 8026 6553.

❖ Travelling Nativity



HOLY CROSS CHURCH: Would your children like to offer hospitality to "Mary, Joseph and donkey" on their journey to Christmas? As part of our Advent Season/Christmas preparations we have a Mary, Joseph and donkey we would like the children to look after for one or two days, and pass on to the next family, until they reach Holy Cross Church on Christmas Eve. If your family would like to take part, please let Val Talbot on 023 8062 0425, or Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022 know before 23 November, 2009.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 8 November, 2009.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,130.10, (Loose plate: £217.26, Envelopes: £139.50, & Standing Orders: £773.34).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £936.86, (Loose plate: £273.16, Envelopes: £103.70, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No. 129, T. Dunne, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid: £374. Non Gift Aid: £286.

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| Saturday | 14 | 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Mary Haren 6.00pm (SJ) Raymonde Autreau - anniversary 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Rosemary Oxby RIP |
| Sunday | 15 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Baby Ava Smith RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) Luke Blishen 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) Philip Thompson - anniversary 11.00am (HC) Bryan Hobbs RIP |
| Monday | 16 | 9.15am (SE) Kathleen Harvey RIP <i>St. Edmund of Abingdon</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion <i>followed by the Rosary</i> |
| Tuesday | 17 | 9.15am (SE) Constance Brixey FM 10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 10.00am (SA) MASS 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 7.00pm (HC) Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament <i>7.30pm Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey</i> |
| Wednesday | 18 | <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul</i> 9.15am (SE) Deceased members of the Layzell & Moyse Family followed by the Rosary in the Lady Chapel 10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 7.30pm (SE) Annual Mass for deceased brothers of the Southampton Catenian Association |
| Thursday | 19 | 9.15am (SE) Kathleen Harvey RIP 10.00am (HC) Danny Connolly RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS |
| Friday | 20 | 9.15am (SE) Nell Crowley 10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer |
| Saturday | 21 | 10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Maureen Blackford RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Charles and Mary Rose Magee RIP |
| Sunday | 22 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 9.00am (SE) Deceased members of the Moriarty and Flannery Families 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Antonio and Carmella Iampietro |

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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