



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.

### 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 can we love one another as Jesus loves us? What does it mean to us to be friends of Jesus?



+ *Young People/Adults* What does Jesus' commission to love mean to me? How do I fulfil it - and where is there room for improvement?

### Appointment to Ministry: Pastoral Area Administrator

Deacon Paul Owen has decided to take early retirement from the Civil Service. He has offered himself to the Pastoral Area and Bishop Crispian has appointed Paul to the position of Pastoral Area Administrator. He will be paid a stipend and he will undertake the administration of the Pastoral Area alongside his ministry as a deacon.

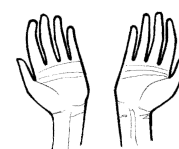
Paul will work with the many people in our Pastoral Area who give so much of their time, talent and treasure to the life of the Church. He will not in any sense be replacing the people who work so hard at the task of administration in each of the communities of our Pastoral Area. Those people have a depth of knowledge and experience that is invaluable and we are grateful to them for all that they do.

The task of administration is continually increasing with all kinds of regulations needing to be fulfilled. Paul needs all our support and prayer as he takes up this task. Administration is a means to an end in the Church. When it happens efficiently then we are all freed to get on with the task of proclaiming and living the message of the Gospel.

Father Michael.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

*Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*  
AMEN.



*Please send items for the next Pastoral Area Newsletter, by noon, Tuesday, by post or phone direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

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## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We remember in prayer and offer our congratulations to the six young people who are being confirmed on Saturday, 16 May, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Phoebe Louise McColl, who will be baptised on Sunday, 17 May, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:** A preparation session for parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area, will be held on Sunday, 17 May, 2009, from 4.30pm to 6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2009:**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill on 01489 878760.

**St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches:**

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

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

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mark 16:15-20. Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 46. Ephesians 4:1-13.**

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

**PENTECOST MASS—SUNDAY, 31 MAY: Holy Cross Church:** We would like to invite anyone who speaks another language to help again with reading the Prayers of Intercession (Bidding Prayers). If you would be able to translate a prayer from English into your chosen language and then read it on the day (Pentecost Sunday, 31 May), then please wait behind after Mass on Sunday, 24 May, so that this can be co-ordinated. We will meet upstairs on the right side of the gallery. *Catherine McElhinney.*

**3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA MASS:** On Sunday 21 June, 2009, at 11am, we will gather as a Pastoral Area for the celebration of Mass in the park opposite Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh. We do not propose to cancel any of the Sunday Masses of our Pastoral Area on that Sunday but it is hoped that as many people as possible will join in the celebration.

### **ORDINATION OF JOHN DI MEO TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

**Transport to the Cathedral:** John will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Crispian on Sunday, 28 June at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, during Mass commencing at 3pm. Coach transport will leave Romsey Bus Station (1.20pm), St. Andrews (1.30pm), St. Edward's (1.20pm), and Holy Cross (1.30pm). All times are approximate - depending on whether we can fill 2 or more coaches. Return fare is £5 per passenger. There will be tea and biscuits in the Cathedral buildings following Mass. We expect to leave at around 5.15pm. Bookings will be taken throughout May. Sign up lists for the coaches are in all the churches.



**NOTICE OF MARRIAGE:** It is the intention of Mabel Brenda Tawodzera to marry Paul Andrew McDonald at St. Faith's C. of E. Church at Lee-On-The-Solent, on 29 August, 2009.

## ❖ The Holy Rosary in May

**Holy Cross Church:** The Rosary will be prayed on Thursday mornings beginning at 9.30am.

There will be a book available on the front bench for anyone who would like to lead the prayers.

**St. Edward the Confessor Church:** The Rosary will be prayed on Tuesday, 19 May, at 7.30pm at Clare and Eric Lasker's home, 3 Merdon Court, Merdon Avenue, Chandler's Ford, and Thursday, 28 May, at 10am, at Helen and Davario Matteucci's home, 21 Velmore Road, Chandler's Ford, and following Mass on Wednesdays in St. Edward the Confessor Church. Please see also further times when the Rosary is prayed on the back page of this newsletter.

## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION):** Sessions have now ceased and will resume later in the year.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Sessions are for those who would like to enquire or know more about the Catholic Faith.

**Romsey:** Enquiries please to John di Meo on 01794 515688. **Bishop's Waltham:** Enquiries to Pat Taylor on 01489 895889.

**Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh and Fair Oak:** The next meeting is on Thursday, 21 May, 2009, from 7.30pm to 9pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. All are welcome. Enquiries please to Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN - for those considering the Religious life: Where:** Broadstairs, Kent.

**When:** 22-24 May, 2009. For more information please see poster or contact Sr. Lynne email [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com)

## ❖ Vacancies

**Youth Development Leader:** Please see poster for details of the vacancy for the parishes of Southampton, 3 Rivers Pastoral Area and Hampshire Downs, in all our churches, or contact Father John O'Shea on 023 8033 3589. Salary Scale: £20,000 to £22,000. This post is full time and carries an initial 3 year contract. Closing date for applications: Noon, 26 June 2009.

**Parish Administrator** required for the Catholic Parish of Hampshire Downs (Alresford, Stockbridge and Winchester).

This will be based at St. Peter's, Winchester. Please contact Canon Paul Townsend by email at [canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk](mailto:canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk) or by telephone on 01962 852804 (Extension 22). Closing date for applications is 3 July, 2009. Also see poster in all our churches.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**INVITATION:** to visit the Eastleigh and District Irish Society at their newly renovated premises. On offer is a range of activities in a friendly environment, social dancing, quiz evenings, darts, line dancing etc. For information please contact 01489 690615 or 079 8088 0602.

**PARKING AND TOILETS:** Please remember that parking is not allowed in Wisdom House or Marie Louise House grounds (unless you have been given a permit) because of health and safety regulations. Also the matron of Marie Louise House requests that parishioners do not ask to use the toilets in the Nursing Home.

**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 20 May, 2009, there will be a Stewardship meeting. Everyone is most welcome. There will not be a meeting on 27 May, as it is half term. On Wednesday, 3 June, there will be a Celebration Evening to mark the 25th Anniversary of Deacon Bob's ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**3 RIVERS FAMILY BBQ:** Sunday, 28 June, from 12.30pm onwards, in the grounds of St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak. Please make a note in your diary. Further details will follow.



## ❖ Ecumenical

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10-16 MAY, 2009.** On Sunday, 17 May, 2009, at 6.30pm, there will be an Ecumenical Service at St. Francis Church, Chandler's Ford, to close the end of Christian Aid week. All are very welcome.

## ❖ Outreach

**MAY TEA IN THE CLOISTER:** Wednesday, 20 May, at 2.30pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church. Home made cakes! A warm welcome to all for a sing-a-long and a raffle in aid of 'Faith and Light'.

**MELCHET COURT, SHERFIELD ENGLISH:** Tuesday, 26 May. Picnic and Open Air Concert (The Salisbury Big Band) in aid of Larry Bartel's London to Paris bike ride for *The Big Issue*. Grounds open at 7.30pm. Bring picnic. Bar. Tickets £7.50 (children free). Contact Larry on 01794 884602, email lbartel@melchetcourt.com

**WISHING WELL:** Phil Talbot Golf Classic will take place on Friday, 3 July, 2009. Details to follow. Enquiries please to Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245 or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.

**N.S.P.C.C. Cycle Ride—London to Paris (9–12 July)** If you are able to sponsor Matt and Peter Davison you can make a "donation" on line via <https://www.bmycharity.com/V2/peterdavison> or Peter will be available at the morning masses at St. Edward's and Holy Cross on the 17 May.

**HANDSHAKE TO KWARE:** Benn Mugisha spoke at the 5pm Mass at St. Swithun Wells Church on the 9 May and told us that the school feeding programme in KWARE now provides for 900 children in two schools. The Church on the Rock School now has 600 pupils and the Fair Oak Nursery School has 300. Currently we are sending £200 per month to KWARE but this is only sufficient to give the children a meal three days a week. In order to provide a meal a day for five days a week we need to increase the amount we send to £350 a month. Thanks to everyone who took a Standing Order form to make a monthly donation. Please let us have completed forms back as soon as possible. Thanks also for a generous response to the retiring collection for KWARE which raised £300. For more details contact Peter Baggott, Steve Holmes or Bob Birtles.

**FORCES BOOKS APPEAL:** Thank you for the very generous response to the appeal for books and sweets. 300 books and 50 packs of sweets will be dispatched to the troops in Afghanistan. Such a response indicated how much the forces are appreciated and valued.

## ❖ A.P.F. (Red Mission Boxes)

The total raised in 2008, by Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church was £1,044. Thank you to box holders and promoters.

## ❖ School Matters

**St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 023 8026 6210.**

**Blessing of Pets at the School:** On Tuesday, 19 May, at 3pm, Father Michael will give a blessing to pets in the school playground. If parishioners would like to bring their pets, dogs must be on a leash, or perhaps a photograph of their pet, they would be most welcome to come along.

**The P.T.A. at the School:** Would like to thank parishioners for their generous support: The mobile phone appeal generated £125 and the Fashion Show raised £530. 3 raffle prizes (pink - 96,34,40) remain unclaimed. Please phone 023 8026 6553.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 10.05.09.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,256.14, (Loose plate: £252.80, Envelopes: £165.50, & Standing Orders: £837.84.).

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £ 999.43, (Loose plate: £287.08, Envelopes: £152.35, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

**200 CLUB: Three monthly draw: No. 60,** M. Walsh, £150. **No. 72,** Mrs. Tuffield, £100. **No. 71,** T. Cicu, £50.

**No. 66,** J. Elton, £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £393. Non Gift Aid: £207.

**Next Weekend:** There will be a special collection for World Communications.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Mark</i>
		( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Kathleen Sullivan RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Private Intention</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>9.00am (SE) Belinda Young RIP</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SJ) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Derek Hadley RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM <i>St. John 1,</i> 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>Service followed by the Rosary</i>
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>19</b>	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM <i>Dedication of the</i> <i>Cathedral of St. John,</i> <i>Portsmouth</i>
		10.00am (HC) Jim Russell RIP 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	9.15am (SE) Andrew Wilson RIP <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter</i>
		10.00am (HC) Bryan Hobbs RM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter,</i> <i>before Ascension</i>
		10.00am (HC) Joyce Whitlock 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Raymonde and Jean Autreau (anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	9.15am (SE) Florence Bohan FM <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter,</i> <i>before Ascension</i>
		10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy</i> <i>Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Maggy Thomas 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>Of the 6th Week of Easter,</i> <i>before Ascension</i>
		( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Jim Russell RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Mrs. Snatchell RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Roy Haslam—for a speedy and</b> <b>healthy recovery</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <b>9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SJ) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM</b>

*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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