



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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### 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.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.

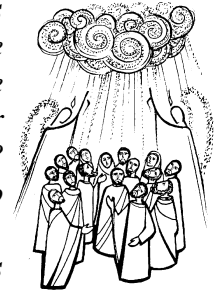
### Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/Families*

*What must it have been like  
for the disciples to see  
Jesus taken from their  
sight into heaven?*

+ *Young People/Adults*

*Why was it necessary for  
Jesus to ascend to heaven when there was  
so much still to be completed in his  
mission? Whom did he commission to carry  
it on? Whom does he commission in our  
own day?*



### Year of the Priest

Pope Benedict has announced that the Church will celebrate a special year for priests beginning on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The year will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. John Vianney, Cure of Ars. During the year the Pope will proclaim St. John Vianney, who he described as "a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock," to be patron saint of all priests.

Pope Benedict emphasised the constant struggle for moral perfection that dwells "in every truly priestly heart." Priests need the constant, prayerful support of the people. There will be an extended period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Edward the Confessor Church to mark the beginning of the year of the priest. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after morning Mass on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and will end with a Holy Hour and Benediction on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

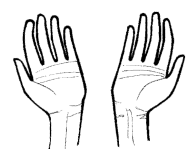
There are lists available in all our churches so that people can sign up to pray for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. Please do try to spend a little time in prayer for priests as we begin this special year.

### Three Rivers Pastoral Area Mass

On Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am, there will be a Mass for all the people of our Pastoral Area in the park in Eastleigh which is located directly in front of Holy Cross Church. There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am, at Holy Cross Church.

### 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.*



Father Michael.

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, *Harry Thomas Rayner*, who will be baptised during the 9am Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and *James Edward French*, who will be baptised at St. Joseph's Church, on Sunday, 24 May, 2009.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** We offer our prayers and good wishes to Hayley Crofts and Anthony Atterbury for their wedding on Saturday, 30 May, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 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:** The next session will be for both children and parents and will take place on Tuesday, 2 June, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, in St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. This session is in preparation for the children's first Holy Communion Day which will take place on the 13/14 June, 2009, the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is most important that children and parents attend this meeting. The rehearsals will be on Monday, 8 June, at both St. Edward the Confessor Church and Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh. 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: Acts 2:1-11. Psalm 103. Galatians 5:16-25. John 20:19-23.**

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

**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:**

**John will be making a solemn profession of faith**, as required prior to ordination, at the 9.15am Mass at St. Andrew's Church and the 11am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May.

**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.

## ❖ 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 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.

## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**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, 28 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.

**'JUST LISTEN!':** This will take place at St. Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 20 June. For details/booking please see poster in the welcoming area of our churches or from Keith Chappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (01329 835583). Cost £20, including a light lunch.

**'DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE CHURCH':** Saturday, 11 July, at St. Bede's, Basingstoke. Please see poster in the welcoming area or phone Keith Chappell kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk on 01329 835583. No charge— please bring a packed lunch.

## ❖ Vacancies

**Advisor for Marriage and Family Life:** Diocese of Portsmouth: Department for Pastoral Formation. 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. Closing date: 24 June, 2009. Please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583, for details and application pack.

**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).

Please contact Canon Paul Townsend by email at canonpaul@stpeterswinchester.org.uk or by telephone on 01962 852804 (Ext. 22). Closing date for applications is 3 July, 2009. Please see posters for the above vacancies in all our churches.

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

**3 RIVERS FAMILY BBQ:** Due to the fact that many people who have expressed an interest in coming to the family BBQ will be attending John Di Meo's ordination, the Pastoral Area Family BBQ at St. Swithun Wells Church has been postponed until Sunday, 6 September, from 12.30pm onwards. Please make a note of this new date in your diary. We hope that many families in the Pastoral Area will be able to come along. More details will follow nearer the date.

**POITIERS PROJECT:** If you have any unwanted furniture you wish to donate to a local charity please contact Pauline in the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882.

## ❖ Pastoral Area Walk

**Bank Holiday Monday:** We'll leave Braishfield Village Hall at 11am on Monday, 25 May, walk for a couple of miles then finish at a local public house for refreshments.

## ❖ 'Life of Christ'

There are only 3 seats left, so if you are interested in the trip to the open air play at Wintershall Estate, near Guildford, on Saturday, 27 June, 2009, please contact Mark Owen on 023 8026 6129, as soon as possible.

## ❖ Outreach

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The next meeting is on Tuesday, 26 May, at 8pm, at the usual venue. Enquiries please to the Parish Office in Romsey.

**WISHING WELL - "Covenant with the Poor"** Thank you for the following donations to the Wishing Well.

*Maundy Thursday collection: £395.62, Donation from "The Mafia" £15, and St. Swithun Wells Church, Coffee after Mass, and the Wishing Well: £60.*

**WISHING WELL: Do you play golf?** The Phil Talbot Golf Classic will take place on Friday, 3 July, 2009, at East Horton Golf Centre. 8am for breakfast. 11 holes of Texas Scramble. Lunch. The main competition is 18 holes of Stapleford. Three course evening meal including prize giving and auction. Cost £70 per golfer. Evening meal only £20.

**Do you have friends in high places?** Items for an auction at this event would be much appreciated. Enquiries please to: Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245 or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.

## ❖ Our Young People of 3 Rivers

**CYCLE RIDE - 20 Km.** Monies raised will be for the young people attending the Summer Camp in the New Forest (17th-21st August, 2009), and the pilgrimage to Taize (9th-17th August, 2009). The cycle ride will leave Holy Cross Church after the 11am Mass on 31 May, (Pentecost Sunday), returning back to Holy Cross Church for a B.B.Q. Anyone wishing to cycle is welcome and everyone who would like to join the B.B.Q. is welcome too. Please bring food to barbeque. Forms for the Summer Camp and Sponsorship forms for the Cycle Ride are available in the welcoming area of all our churches.

## ❖ 'LIFE' Petition

**'LIFE' PETITION :** We are petitioning the Advertising Standards Authority to refuse approval of advertising Abortion on T.V. and Radio. The petition is available for you to sign after Mass today.

## ❖ School Matters

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

**Parent Foundation Governor Vacancy at the School:** For further details please see poster in the welcoming areas of all our churches. Application forms are available from the school office. The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 May, 2009.

**Open Morning at the School:** On Wednesday, 17 June, 2009, from 9.30am - 11.30am. This is a chance to see the school in action. Year 6 pupils will conduct tours of the school.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 17.05.09.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,350.32, (Loose plate: £299.36, Envelopes: £241.50, & Standing Orders: £809.46).

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,056.69, (Loose plate: £255.89, Envelopes: £240.80, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

**200 CLUB:** No. 88, Mrs. E. Lane, £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £410. Non Gift Aid: £227.

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</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 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) Denise Arthur</b> (for recovery from illness) <b>11.00am (HC) Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM</b> 10.00am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	<i>St. Bede the Venerable</i>	10.00am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<i>St. Philip Neri</i>	9.15am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP 10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.15am (SE) Charlie Keane RIP 10.00am (HC) Ossie Carr FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	<i>Of the 7th Week of Easter</i>	9.15am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP 10.00am (HC) Luis Castro RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<i>Of the 7th Week of Easter</i>	9.15am (SE) Anne Wellington - good health 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Alf Fryer RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 7.30pm (SE) <i>Vocations to the Priesthood</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b>	<i>Of the 7th Week of Easter</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <b>5.00pm (SW) Mr. and Mrs. Charleston RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Sheila Walsh RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.00am (SE) Elizabeth Ryan 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) Giovanni Panaggio RIP</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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