



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 4.  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

### 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**

*What keeps us from  
experiencing the same  
joy God feels in  
welcoming us back?*

**+ Young People/  
Adults**

*Does the image of God  
running out to meet  
us, like a mother or a  
father reclaiming a lost  
child, appeal to you? Does it differ from  
your customary image of God?*



### *Living Our Faith*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Being a Christian today means listening to God's Word and doing his work as we practice and live our faith. Part and parcel of that, especially during this season of Lent, means living with the reality of day to day sacrifice. All that we undertake for Lent helps us to be better "ambassadors for Christ" and more effective signs of "the goodness of God"; our Lenten observance helps us to focus our priorities on the Lord and towards each other.

Living and giving for others is a predominant feature of Christian stewardship and it has been particularly prominent up and down the length and breadth of the diocese in the *Living Our Faith* campaign. This initiative has touched all our communities from Maidenhead to the Isle of Wight, from Bournemouth to Liphook and from the outskirts of Oxford and Wantage to Jersey.

There have been amazing – and humbling – acts of generous and sacrificial giving from over 3000 families, all of whom have been eager and willing to play their part in building and sustaining the life and future of our diocese. They have readily given new money for the new work that faces us.

Last month in Rome, I was able to share something of all this when I spoke with the Holy Father about the Pastoral Plan and the way in which you were all playing such a major part in its implementation. He raised an eyebrow of delighted surprise when I told him of how generously you had all supported the *Living Our Faith* campaign to the tune of nearly £8 million.

We were able to celebrate success so far in a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral in January. Now that a further 37 parishes are taking up the challenge of the campaign, I look forward to similar celebrations around the diocese in the coming months.

I will invite you all to join me in those celebrations but for now, please join me in prayer for the continuing success of *Living Our Faith* as we seek to complete the campaign throughout the diocese.

With blessings and prayers,

8th March, 2010

Bishop of Portsmouth

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

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

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

**St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:** Children and parents meet at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh, at 6pm, on Monday, 29 March, (the start of Holy Week), to prepare for the Maundy Thursday Mass, which will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, at 8pm, on 1 April, 2010. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251. Please hold all the children in our Pastoral Area in your prayers.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: St. Edward's Church:** More volunteers are needed for this very special ministry. If you would like to help, or find out more, please contact Aine Parker on 023 8026 8284 or after Sunday Mass.

**EARLY MORNING MASS AND FRIDAY EVENING MASS DURING LENT - St. Edward's Church:** **Tuesdays**, Mass at 6.30am, followed by breakfast (donations) in aid of CAFOD, and **Fridays**, Mass at 7pm, preceded by Stations of the Cross. Supper of bread, cheese and home-made soup (£3.50) in aid of CAFOD, will be available for those who wish to stay.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT.** Please see the back page of this newsletter for full details.

**MASS DURING LENT: Holy Cross Church:** Mass will also be celebrated on **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm

**HOLY HOUR IN LENT: St. Edward the Confessor Church:** Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm-8.30pm, with Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 8:1-11. Isaiah 43:16-21. Psalm 125. Philippians 3:8-14.**

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:

Application forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010, in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area, are available in the welcoming area of all our churches. The closing date is 31 March, 2010. Enquiries please to the Co-ordinator, Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

**LENTEN PRAYER: Holy Cross Church:** Lent is a time when we are called to give more time to Prayer which prepares us for the celebration of Easter. On Sunday Evenings at Holy Cross Church, at 6.30pm, there will be a time of quiet prayer and reflection which everyone is very welcome to come to and take part.

**LENTEN PRAYER MEETINGS:** They will be held at the following addresses and all are welcome.

**Wednesday**, 17 March, 7.30pm, at 3 Merdon Court, Merdon Avenue.

**Thursday**, 25 March, 10.30am, at 9 Danebury Gardens, off School Lane.

**EASTER TRIDUUM: St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's Churches:** If anyone would like to sing in the choir on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, please come to rehearsals in St. Andrew's Church, from 7.30pm-8.45pm, on the following Sundays: 14/21/28 March.

**CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2010.** On 12 June, 2010, there will be a special Mass at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2010. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, anniversary this year, or any anniversary over 60 years, please phone the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford, Tuesdays to Fridays, on 023 8027 3882, or let one of the priests know, as soon as possible please. Attendance is by invitation only and numbers are limited.



## ❖ Penitential Services in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area

- 7.30pm Wednesday, 24 March, 2010. St. Andrew's Church  
6.30pm Sunday, 28 March, 2010. St. Edward the Confessor Church  
8.00pm Monday, 29 March, 2010. Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church

## ❖ The Easter Triduum

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - 1 APRIL, 2010, *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- 7.30pm St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. **(Please note change from St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley).**  
8.00pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.  
8.00pm Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.

### GOOD FRIDAY - 2 APRIL, 2010, *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

- 3.00pm St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.  
3.00pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.  
3.00pm Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.  
3.00pm St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

### HOLY SATURDAY—3 APRIL, 2010, *The Easter Vigil*

- 7.30pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham  
8.00pm St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.  
9.00pm St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.



## ❖ School Invitation

**St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford. Tel: 023 8026 6210**, would like to invite all parishioners to a Holy Week Reflection, led by children from Years 3 and 4, on Wednesday, 31 March, at 2pm, in the School Hall. This will be an opportunity for visitors to join with the children in reflecting on the events of Holy Week.

## ❖ Ongoing Formation for All

**'COME AND SEE' Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** Father John, in conjunction with Luciana O'Neill, is running a course on Tuesdays, (please note change of day from Wednesdays), throughout Lent in the Sacristy, gathering for tea/coffee at 7.30pm, starting at 7.45pm, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham. The course is for Catholic adults, baptised, but not yet Confirmed. If you would like to explore our Faith, do please come along, you will be very welcome.

**CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION):** Wednesdays, at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre, Romsey. Please bring a lunch to share while exploring the relevance of the gospels in our daily lives. All welcome. Enquiries to Romsey Parish Office.

**LENT GROUPS: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** On Wednesdays in Lent, please see details in the Welcoming Area.

**LENT STUDY GROUPS:** These will be held throughout Lent at **St. Swithun Wells Church**, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, on Wednesdays, at 7.45pm. Enquiries please to Steve and Trisha Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**Please note: St. Swithun Wells Fellowship meetings are suspended until after Easter.**

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, anyone who wishes to return to the practice of their faith, or anyone who 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, SO53 2DU, will be held on Thursday, 18 March, 2010, from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Enquiries please to: Deacon Paul on 023 8065 8251 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*.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** A Day of Prayer will be led by Canon Daniel Cronin, at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 9DX, on Saturday, 17 April, 2010, from 10.30am-3pm (coffee available from 10am). Please come and pray and reflect upon how we can become more welcoming communities to all who live in our midst, including those who no longer go to Church. There is no charge for the day. Tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring packed lunch. To register, please contact Eileen Stephenson by Tuesday, 13 April, at the Department for Pastoral Formation, on 01329 835583.

## ❖ Outreach

**LENT LUNCH in aid of CAFOD: St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.** This will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, 17 March, 2010. Lunch will be served from 12.30pm-1.30pm, in the Cloister. Adults £3.50. Children free.

**CHRISTIAN AID SPRING SALE:** Saturday, 24 April, 2010, from 10am-1pm, in the United Reformed Church Hall, Romsey. The Catholic Community usually runs the bookstall. If you can help please contact Arthur Roberts on 01794 516593.

**THE WISHING WELL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Beetle Drive:** 24 April, at 7.30pm, in the Resource Centre, behind Holy Cross Church. Tickets £3 each or family ticket (4) for £10. Fun for all! All welcome! Please contact Kath Cunningham on 023 8061 6340.

**The Phil Talbot Golf Tournament** at East Horton Golf Course will this year be on Friday, 9 July.

More details to follow. Please contact Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245, or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.



## ❖ World Youth Day Meetings

**World Youth Day Leaders** evening on Tuesday, 16 March, at St. Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, SO15 2EQ, from 7.30pm-9.00pm. Please see poster in the welcoming area of our churches. Enquiries to David Hill, as below.

**World Youth Day:** Participants meeting on Sunday, 28 March, from 2-4pm, at St. Colman's Church, Cosham, PO6 2JJ..

**World Youth Day - Madrid 2011, August, 9th-23rd.** Age Policy—World Youth Day is aimed at 16-35 year old. You need to be aged 16 or over by 1 August, 2011. Deadline for registration is 31 March, 2010. Please see poster in the welcoming area of all our churches. Further details from David Hill, Advisor for Youth Ministry at Park Place, on 01329 835583.

**Youth Ministry Gathering:** An opportunity for all those interested in the future of young people in the Church. A chance to meet with youth leaders, and to discuss where we are going, on Sunday, 25 April, from 2-5pm, in the Resource Centre behind Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Please see the posters for more information or email Peter McGeady, pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Blog: <http://youngcatholicssouth.blogspot.com>

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 7 March, 2010.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,205.66, (Loose plate: £339.43, Envelopes: £142.50, & Standing Orders: £723.73). *CAFOD Lenten Fast Day—£837.46, of which 70% was gift aided giving a further £165.33. Overall total £1002.79.*

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £981.38, (Loose plate: £302.58, Envelopes: £118.80, & Standing Orders: £560.00). **200 CLUB:** No. 125, E. Gooch, £25.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £429. Non Gift Aid £260.

**Holy Cross and St. Swithun Wells Church:** The new boxes of envelopes, which begin on 11 April, 2010, are available in the welcoming areas of Holy Cross Church and St. Swithun Wells Church. If any new or existing parishioner would like to give by envelope, then please telephone Pat Baggott on 023 8069 4060. Also, if you are a tax-payer, then your giving can be gift-aided. That means that a further 28p in every pound donated by you will be given back by the treasury to the parish with no cost to you. There are gift-aid forms in the welcoming areas of both churches, or please telephone Pat Baggott.

**This weekend there will be a special collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund.**

*The 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church on 14 March, will be Youth led.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Allan Westwood RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Simon Corry (anniversary)</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>9.00am (SE) Patricia Bradley FM</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) Josephine Butler (anniversary)</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SA) David Donnelly RIP</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Rosario and Antonietta Marucci</b> <b>6.30pm (HC) Quiet prayer and reflection</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	9.15am (SE) Mary Uphill FM <i>Of the 4th Week of Lent</i> <b>10.00am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>10.00am (SW) Stations of the Cross followed by</b> <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 7.00pm (SA) <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	6.30am (SE) Special Intention <i>Of the 4th Week of Lent</i> <b>10.00am (HC) Vincent Cassey RIP</b> <b>10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary</b> <b>10.00am (SA) Stations of the cross followed by MASS</b> For Hazel Egan RIP 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	9.15am (SE) Bridie Peckham RIP <i>St. Patrick</i> <b>10.00am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>10.00am (HC) Michael Ede RIP</b> 7.30pm (HC) Frank Kaleta 7.30pm (SE) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	9.15am (SE) Sheila Bennett RIP <i>Of the 4th Week of Lent</i> <b>9.30am (HC) Stations of the Cross</b> <b>10.00am (HC) Westwood, Surman, and Grace Families RIP</b> <b>10.00am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10.00am (HC) Giuseppina Baua</b> <i>St. Joseph</i> <b>10.00am (SA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</b> <i>with Morning Prayer</i> 6.30pm (SE) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by Mass</i> Belated birthday intention for R. Turner 7.00pm (OLQoA) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by MASS</i> 7.00pm (SJ) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by MASS</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</b> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) James Russell RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Michael McDonnell RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Sheila Bennett RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</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 (SE) Deceased Brothers (Catenians)</b> <b>11.00am (SA) Margaret Clifford RIP</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Luis Castro RIP</b> <b>6.30pm (HC) Quiet Prayer and Reflection</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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