



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 1.  
THE FIFTH 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* Is there someone to  
whom you need to be merciful?



+ *Young People/Adults*  
If Jesus invited you to kneel beside him and  
write words of mercy in the dust, what  
would you write?

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are drawing close to the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. Shortly these days of Lent will come to an end and we will celebrate the Easter Triduum.

In Lent we make a special effort. The Ash Wednesday gospel reading reminded us of the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We often give up something as a sacrifice in Lent. We want to feel that we are making an effort to enter into this penitential time.

However, far more important than what we do for God is what God does for us. This is a time simply to reflect on the goodness of God. We have heard of the deeds of God towards the people of Israel throughout Lent and how God led the people from slavery to freedom. At times the peoples' hearts were hardened but God lavished his goodness on the people.

Our hearts can sometimes be hard and stubborn. We want to do our own thing rather than doing the will of God. Sometimes our hearts are hardened against other people. We can at times be resentful, cold and unloving towards others. In some of our churches this Lent we have used the symbol of a stone to help us to be more aware of our hardness of heart. We have used that line from Ezekiel, "I will take from your flesh a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh instead." Ezekiel 36:26.

This is why we need to experience the goodness of God. We need the tender and loving mercy of God to soften the hardness of our hearts. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we experience the forgiveness of God, and we are healed and set free. These final days of Lent give us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness before celebrating the Easter Triduum renewed in mind and heart.

### Penitential Services.

7.30pm Wednesday 24 March at St. Andrew's Church.

6.30pm Sunday 28 March at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

8.00pm Monday 29 March at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church.

**Father Michael.**

*The Parish Office in Chandler's Ford is closed Mondays. Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter for 28 March, are required please by Tuesday, noon, 23 March, by post or phone. Items for Easter Sunday and 11 April, are required please by Monday, 29 March, direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Thomas George Walden, who is being baptised on Saturday, 20 March, at St. Joseph's Church.

### **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:** The next meeting is for children and parents and will be held 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.

**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,

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 21. Philippians 2:6-11.**

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 MEETINGS:** The last session in the Chandler's Ford area will be held on Thursday, 25 March, at 10.30am, at 9 Danebury Gardens, off School Lane, Chandler's Ford. All are welcome.

**CHRISM MASS:** Bishop Crispian will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests and people of our diocese on Tuesday, 30 March, 2010, at 11am, at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:** Sunday, 11 April, 2010, at 3pm, at St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester.

The celebrations will include: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Image, Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments available in the Parish Centre afterwards.



## ❖ Easter Triduum & Easter Sunday Masses

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

7.30pm St. Joseph's Church, Romsey.

8.00pm Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.

8.00pm Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.

*(Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned during the Mass of the Lord's Supper and are asked to make every effort to attend).*

**Ecumenical—Vigil of Prayer, Romsey Abbey, 9pm-Midnight. Come and leave when you want during these hours.**

### **GOOD FRIDAY - 2 APRIL, 2010.**

#### **Children's Way of the Cross**

10.00am St. Edward the Confessor Church.

#### **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.

#### **Walk of Witness—Ecumenical**

**Bishop's Waltham:** Gathering at St. Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham at 10am. The walk will start at 10.30am.

**Eastleigh:** United Service at 10.30am at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Blenheim Road.

United Procession will be at 11.15am from the Railwayman's Statue, Leigh Road, to be followed by Public Worship and distribution of Hot Cross Buns in Wells Place. Lunch in aid of Christian Aid will be at 12 noon at Eastleigh Baptist Church, Wells Place.

**Romsey:** Act of Witness, begins 11.30am, near the Saxon Cross in the Abbey South Garth, then moves from there to the Cornmarket.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

7.00pm St. Joseph's Church, Romsey.

### **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.

### **EASTER SUNDAY of the Lord's Resurrection - 4 APRIL, 2010.**

9.00am St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

9.00am (Polska Msza Święta) Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.

9.15am St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

9.30am Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.

11.00am St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

11.00am Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.



## ❖ Ongoing Formation for All

'COME AND SEE' Father John, in conjunction with Luciana O'Neill, is running a course on Tuesdays, 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. Please do 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, 25 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*.



## ❖ Outreach

**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.

**Car Treasure Hunt:** 16 May, setting of at intervals from 1pm until 2pm from Holy Cross Church Car Park. Have fun with your car 'team', finding the clues that lead you to the 'treasure' and the pub for a well earned time of relaxation. £5 entry per car. All welcome. More details later.

**MINI-MARKET:** Thank you to all who donated cakes and supported the 'LIFE' Group raising £176.72. The money will be used to help with their education programme in schools. Please bring back your tiny flower pots filled with pennies on the Sunday after Easter, 11 April. The 'LIFE' Group would like to thank St. Edward's for their continuing support.

**LENT LUNCH in aid of CAFOD:** Thank you to everyone who supported this event at St. Edward's. £360 approx. was raised.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**St. Edward's Church:** There will be a meeting of St. Edward's Pastoral Areas, on Tuesday 23 March, 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Cloister. All parishioners welcome. Enquiries please to Tony Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

**Knights of St. Columba** invite men of our Pastoral Area (accompanied by their wives) to a reception in St. Peter's Resource Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester, on Tuesday, 23 March, at 7.30pm. A presentation about the work of the Knights of St. Columba will be given and an invitation to join the Order will be offered.

**Passover Meal**, hosted by the young people of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area, will be held on Wednesday, 24 March, at 7.45pm, in the Resource Centre, behind Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Please bring food or drink that you would like to share. Friends and parents are welcome. Enquiries please to Mimi on 023 8052 8511.

**Faith and Light Group** meet for their monthly meeting in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church on Saturday afternoon from 2.30pm - 5pm on 27 March, 2010.

**Holy Cross Church:** The rota lists for the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Mass are now in the Welcome Area. Would any Minister of the Eucharist who wishes to assist please indicate their availability by adding their name in the appropriate spaces.

**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.

**St. Andrew's Church:** Good Friday Passion mime rehearsals will be at St. Andrew's Church, on Mondays, 22/29 March, at 7.30pm, and on Good Friday morning, time to be advised. Choir practices for St. Andrew's Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses will be in the church on Sundays, 21/28 March from 7.30pm-8.45pm.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 14 March, 2010.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,187.55, (Loose plate: £263.94, Envelopes: £192.50, & Standing Orders: £731.11).

*Clergy Assistance Fund:* £237.17. **Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £996.66, (Loose plate: £293.96, Envelopes: £142.70, & Standing Orders: £560.00). *Clergy Assistance Fund:* £191.38. **200 CLUB:** No. 24, Holy Cross, £25. This week there will be a special collection for flowers for the above churches. **Next Sunday**, there will be a collection for Holy Places.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £452. Non Gift Aid £274. *Clergy Assistance Fund: Gift Aid £127. Non Gift Aid £81.*

**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.

<b>Saturday 20</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <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 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 (SA) Margaret Clifford RIP</b> <b>11.00am (SE) Deceased Brothers (Catenians)</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Luis Castro RIP</b> <b>6.30pm (HC) Quiet prayer and reflection</b>
<b>Monday 22</b>	9.15am (SE) Anthony de Melo RIP <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by</i> <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	7.00pm (SA) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i> 6.30am (SE) Sick child 10.00am (HC) Bob Brockway RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS <i>followed by the Rosary</i> 10.00am (SA) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by MASS</i> <i>for Fr. Terry Gilfedder (anniversary)</i> 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i> <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i> 9.15am (SE) Anne McGinn RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (HC) Rachel Gardiner FM 7.30pm (HC) Sick child and special intention 7.30pm (SE) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.30pm (SA) <b>Penitential Service</b>
<b>Thursday 25</b>	9.15am (SE) Kathleen and Bruce Cowling RIP <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> 9.30am (HC) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 10.00am (HC) Frank Kaleta RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Friday 26</b>	6.00pm (SJ) Sarah and Matthew Beestien's intentions <i>Of the 5th Week of Lent</i> 10.00am (HC) Grace Moore FM 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>with Morning Prayer</i> 6.30pm (SE) <i>Stations of the Cross followed by MASS</i> <i>for Daniel Pascoe RIP</i> 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 27</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Catherine O'Donoghue RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Yvonne Walsh RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
<b>Sunday 28</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b> <b>9.00am (SE) Dominic Bonetti 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 (SA) Anthony de Melo RIP</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Thomas Kelly FM</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Lenten Penitential Service</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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