



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 1.
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
RESURRECTION**

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 difference does the fact that Jesus rose
from the dead actually make?*



+ Young People/Adults

*Does belief in the resurrection give me such joy
that I want to share the news? If not, why not?*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

It was at the first sign of dawn, on the first day of the week, when the women went to the tomb. Luke's gospel goes on to tell us that the women found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb and that the body of Jesus was not there. Their grief and sense of loss must have turned to confusion. It was then that they heard those unforgettable words, "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen." They went to tell the disciples what must have seemed like news that was too good to believe.

As Christian people we have a most wonderful story to tell. Christian faith has everything to offer a world where people feel lost and in the dark, and in need of the light that only belief in Christ can give. The world urgently needs faithful Christian witness to shed its light in dark places. This is the task to which we are all called as people who have been baptised with the flame of faith alive in our hearts.

The light of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil is a symbol of Christ, the light of the world. In lighting our own individual candles we recall the moment when we were baptised and when we took on the life of Christ. Enlightened by Christ, we were to walk from that day onwards as "children of the light." In renewing our baptismal promises we recommit ourselves to a way of life and to an identity as members of the Body of Christ.

We warmly welcome Wayne who entered into his final preparation for Baptism in Lent. His journey helps us, or perhaps challenges us, to reflect on what it means for us all to have been baptised. We welcome Gemma and Lee, who were previously baptised, and who become initiated into the Catholic Church by confirmation and reception of the Eucharist. Matt and Tom, in being confirmed, are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are richly blessed by these new, full members of our Church.

On behalf of Fr. John, Fr. George and myself I wish you all every blessing as we celebrate Easter. May Easter joy be yours in abundance.

Father Michael.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Felix Roger Ives, who is being baptised on Easter Sunday, 4 April, 2010, at St. Andrew's Church.

A Baptism Preparation Session for 3 Rivers Pastoral Area will be held on Sunday, 23 May, 2010, from 4.30pm to 6pm, for parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child. This will be held 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 and Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

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 on Monday, 19 April, at 6.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251. Please remember the children, their parents and the catechists of our Pastoral Area in your prayers.

HOLY HOUR: St. Edward the Confessor Church: This will continue weekly after Lent, every Wednesday, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, in the Lady Chapel. Please support this continuing opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 20:1-9. Acts. 5:12-16. Psalm 117: 2-4, 22-27. Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19.

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

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.

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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday, 22 October, 2010. Sessions will begin in the near future. Enquiries please to the Co-ordinator, Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH: Please will all those who have volunteered to act as sacristans at St. Andrew's, plus anyone else interested, be at St. Andrew's Church as 10.30am on Sunday, 11 April, so that we can all learn what has to be done.

❖ Ecumenical

Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: This will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, on Saturday, 10 April, at 8.30am. All welcome.

United Reformed Church, Chandler's Ford: The Organ Recital arranged for 14 April, has regrettably now been cancelled.

❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

The Parish Office in Chandler's Ford is closed Mondays. Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter are required please by Tuesdays, noon, 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
Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

❖ Pastoral Area Walk

Easter Monday Walk: This will be at Southampton's Sports Centre, leaving the Sports Centre car park at the top of Hill Lane at 11am. No stiles, but a hill. All welcome.



❖ Ongoing Formation for All

CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION): Meetings will resume after the Easter break on Wednesday, 14 April, 2010, at 12.30pm, in the Parish Centre, Romsey. All welcome.

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. Sessions will resume after the Easter break at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU, on Thursday, 15 April, 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*.

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. Meetings will resume after the Easter break on Wednesday, 21 April, 2010, and this will be a Planning Meeting. Please come along. You will be warmly welcomed. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416, or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

❖ Outreach

'GOOD COMPANIONS' The Luncheon Group meet on Tuesday, 6 April, 2010, at 12.30pm, at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield. Enquiries please to Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

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.

Car Treasure Hunt: 16 May, setting off 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.

The Phil Talbot Golf Tournament Friday, 9 July, at East Horton Golf Course. More details to follow.

Please contact Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245, or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.

SOUNDS OF BRASS: Saturday, 17 April, at 7.30pm, at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church. A concert tribute to Robbie Henderson, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Tickets £5. (*Regret no concessions*) from David Barrett on 023 8025 3723.

FLOWER POTS in aid of the Life Group. Would all those who kindly took a Flower Pot to fill with pennies please bring them back to St. Edward the Confessor Church on the weekend of 10/11 April, 2010.



❖ Youth Ministry

A **BIG 'THANK YOU'** to everyone who came, supported, helped and participated in the Passover Meal, led by young people, to make it a successful and enjoyable evening. It brought people together as a family community.

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 and handouts in all our churches and for further information email Peter McGeady, pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Blog: <http://youngcatholicssouth.blogspot.com>

❖ Easter Offerings

The offerings at our Easter Masses are traditionally your own personal gift to your parish priest and form a major part of his annual income. Please be generous.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 4 APRIL, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,203.33, (Loose plate: £295.72, Envelopes: £176.50, & Standing Orders: £731.11).

Holy Places: £253.99.

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,151.37, (Loose plate: £253.67, Envelopes: £337.70, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No. 40, J. Heffernan, £25. Holy Places, £204.29.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's: Gift Aid: £595. Non Gift Aid £268.

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:

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.

Saturday	3	HOLY SATURDAY
<i>(The Easter Vigil)</i>		7.30pm (OLQoA) MASS
		8.00pm (SA) MASS
		9.00pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	4	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
		9.00am (SE) Wedding anniversary - Carol and Rob Turner
		9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
		9.15am (SA) MASS
		9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
		11.00am (SA) MASS
		11.00am (HC) Maureen Binden and Cyril Gildea RIP
Monday	5	9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
<i>Within Easter Octave</i>		10.00am (SE) Holy Souls
		10.00am (HC) Mary Webber FM
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
Tuesday	6	9.15am (SE) Sean Blunney RIP
<i>Within Easter Octave</i>		10.00am (HC) Leonard and Eveline Hiron RIP
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary
		10.00am (SA) Monica Rea RIP
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
		7.00pm (HC) Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	7	9.15am (SE) Belinda Young RIP
<i>Within Easter Octave</i>		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
		10.00am (HC) Bill Reynolds FM
		7.30pm (SE) Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday	8	9.15am (SE) Birthday intention—Janette Phelan
<i>Within Easter Octave</i>		10.00am (HC) Mary Webber RIP
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
		6.00pm (SJ) Thanksgiving
Friday	9	9.15am (SE) God's blessing on Lisa and Frank for their forthcoming wedding
<i>Within Easter Octave</i>		10.00am (HC) Sick child
		10.00am (SA) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
Saturday	10	10.00am (HC) Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
<i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i>		5.00pm (SW) Intentions of Vera and Joe Kelly
		6.00pm (SJ) Ivor and Kathleen Stroud
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
		6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	11	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of the Divine Mercy
		9.00am (SE) For Priests
		9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
		9.15am (SA) Jim McKay RIP
		9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
		11.00am (SA) John Dunne RIP
		11.00am (HC) Ray Harrison RIP

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.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES: St . Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School 023 8026 6210
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