



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 3
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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 is it like to make a leap of faith?



+ Young People/Adults

*Do you see Jesus standing on the shore of your
life? What is he asking of you?*

40 HOUR VIGIL OF PRAYER AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It is important that we come to understand one vital thing in our lives. That is to reach a place where we can experience love. It is not an effort to be in love. Love happens. You cannot make yourself be in love. Love isn't something that we can make happen. It is something that we discover because it is there, we are there. It can be like opening our eyes and all of a sudden realising that we are in love. It is the same with regard to being in love with God. There is not a strategy with being in love with the Divine. There are not ten easy steps. All we can do is go to a place where we know He is definitely there. When we expose the Blessed Sacrament we are sure that we are in the right place. We may fall in love or renew our love of God.

In this Year of the Priest, I ask that you come to pray with Fathers John, Michael and myself, for one hour at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley. The Vigil of Prayer will commence after the Mass at 10am, on Tuesday, 4 May, and conclude with Benediction at 7pm, on Wednesday, 5 May.

Let us feel the power and support of your prayers. Help us to know that we are not voices crying in the wilderness. Help us to be renewed in our priesthood. Please come and pray during this special time. Put your name on the list and commit yourself to one hour. There is no greater love than to pray for one of Christ's ordained.

Father George.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Ruby Rose Greenslade, and Ruby Mercedes Hillier, who are being baptised on Sunday, 18 April, 2010, at St. Edward the Confessor 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, Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646 and Pat Taylor on 01489 895889.



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 continue to pray for the children, their parents and the catechists of our Pastoral Area..

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: Every Tuesday evening at 8pm, at the home of either Eleanor de Melo, Laurent Heib or Carol Turner. All are very welcome. Enquiries to Eleanor or Carol on 023 8027 5645/023 8046 0146.

YOUTH LED MASSES: The next Youth led Mass will be at St. Andrew's Church on 25 April, at 11am. Any young people interested in participating in Youth led Masses

are asked to please contact Maryanne Steele on 01794 521374 or email her on mary-anne.steele@talk21.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: **John 10:27-30. Acts. 13:14. 43-52. Psalm 99. Apocalypse 7:9.14-17.**

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

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.

❖ The Year of the Priest

40 HOUR VIGIL OF PRAYER AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

The Vigil will be held at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, starting after the 10am Mass on Tuesday, 4 May, concluding with Benediction at 7pm on Wednesday, 5 May. Please sign on the printed sheets in the welcoming area of our churches for the times at which you can watch and pray in the church. We need at least two people for each hour. Please support our priests as the Year of the Priest draws to its close.



❖ Ecumenical

Romsey Christian Aid Spring Sale: Saturday, 24 April, from 10am –1pm, in the United Reformed Church Hall, Romsey. If you can help, please contact Arthur Roberts on 01794 516593. Please do support this venture if you can.

Westminster 2010—Declaration of Christian Conscience - This is a Declaration of Christian conscience directed to all Parliamentary Candidates. Please see the notices in the welcoming area of our churches and please sign the Declaration.

Election Hustings Meeting: Thursday, 29 April, 2010, at 7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, organised by Churches Together in Eastleigh, to which all prospective parliamentary candidates have been invited. Questions must be submitted by 26 April, to Rev. Tony Parkinson, (anthony.parkinson@ukonline.co.uk) tel: 023 8061 2871 or Margaret Moore (margaret.moore@salvationarmy.org.uk) tel: 023 8069 3281.

Everyone is welcome to come and listen.

Christian Aid Week - 9/15 May, 2010: If you are willing and able to help with this year's house collection in the centre of Eastleigh, John Elton would be pleased to receive your call on 023 8061 5220. Please contact Paul Carmody for Chandler's Ford, on 023 8061 5373 and Arthur Roberts for Romsey area, on 01794 516593.

❖ 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, 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.

❖ Ongoing Formation for All

CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION): Meetings on Wednesdays, at 12.30pm, in the Parish Centre, Romsey. All welcome.

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 on Wednesday, 21 April, 2010, at 7.45pm, 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.

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 meeting will be at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU, on Thursday, 22 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*.

❖ Outreach

POITIERS PROJECT—MISSIONARIES OF THE COMPANY OF MARY:

Our Pastoral Area supports the above charity throughout the year with food and furniture as they provide these items locally to families and individuals in crisis. As a result of the recent fire in Southampton, Poitiers Project have asked us to make an additional appeal for clothing, etc. of all types. Boxes are provided in all our churches for you to leave items and for further information please phone the parish office in Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, open from Tuesdays to Fridays.

THE WISHING WELL - Covenant with the Poor

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.



❖ Lourdes Pilgrimage

Details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will be available shortly.

❖ School Matters

St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel No. 023 8026 6210.

The May Fayre will be held at the School on Saturday, 22 May, 2010, from 1pm-3.30pm. It is a fun-filled event with lots of traditional stalls and activities for all the family, including Maypole dancing. Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon and a cream tea! Everyone welcome. The school are always looking for volunteers to help them - can you spare some time on the day or maybe an hour during the weeks leading up to the Fayre to wrap prizes and label tombolas? Please contact Sam Cassar on 07731 962327, or Sarah Alden on 07780 119195, or email PTA@st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk. Donations of unwanted gifts are required please, (no bric-a-brac) for tombola prizes, and old crockery (chipped or cracked) to use on the plate smashing stall. A box will be available from Sunday, 25 April, in the welcoming areas of our churches for donations.

❖ Youth Ministry

Youth Club - Wednesday, 21 April, at 7pm to start at 7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh.

Music Presentation using computer with the special music software (used in the music industry) to show how to create quickly some music, record some vocals, and add effects and mix a song. This will last about an hour to include some participation from the audience. Enquiries please to Mimi on 023 8052 8511.

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>

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 11 APRIL, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,207.93, (Loose plate: £297.89, Envelopes: £115.00, & Standing Orders: £795.04).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £978.07, (Loose plate: £296.27, Envelopes: £121.80, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No. 98, Hazel Jurd, £25.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's: Gift Aid: £350. Non Gift Aid £216.

Next Weekend: There will be a special collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Saturday	17	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) In thanksgiving for prayerful parish communities 6.00pm (SJ) Sue Bettosi 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Maguire and Richmond Families FM
Sunday	18	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Loreto Mollicone RIP
Monday	19	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>Of the 3rd Week of Easter</i> 9.15am (SE) Joe Johnston RIP 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	20	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i> <i>Of the 3rd Week of Easter</i> 9.15am (SE) David Ralph who is gravely ill. 10.00am (HC) Bob Brockway RIP 10.00am (SA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>7.30pm Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i>
Wednesday	21	9.15am (SE) Patrick Slavin RIP <i>Of the 3rd Week of Easter</i> 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM
Thursday	22	9.15am (SE) Nora and Mike Brosnam RIP <i>Of the 3rd Week of Easter</i> 10.00am (HC) Charles Joseph Reynolds FM 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	23	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> St. George 9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM 10.00am (HC) Ossie Carr FM 10.00am (SA) MASS
Saturday	24	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>Of the 3rd Week of Easter</i> (The First Mass of Sunday) 5.00pm (SW) Steven Wright RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Roy Hughes (anniversary) 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Rosemary Oxyb RIP and Bernard McGuirk RIP
Sunday	25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Patrick Sweeney 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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