



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

*Do you believe that Christ is calling you
by name?*



+ **Young People/Adults**

*Christ calls us. Do you listen? To what might
he be calling you today?*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. That is why it is the day chosen as World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

This World Day of Prayer for Vocations is celebrated during the Year for Priests. We are all encouraged, throughout this year in particular, to pray for priests. Priests depend on the prayerful support of the people in their efforts to be faithful to the priestly ministry. Priests pray for the people they serve every day in the celebration of Mass and the Divine Office. Please remember priests in your prayers.

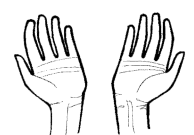
If we are to have men continuing to come forward for the priesthood we need to pray with great fervour for vocations. While the number of active priests in our Diocese continues to decline we are grateful to God that two of our students, Phillip Harris and James McAuley, are due for ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 24th July. Five other students continue their studies. We also have two men who will be at the Selection Conference for the priesthood this weekend. Several other young men are striving to discern their vocation from God.

It was also announced at the Chrism Mass that Fr. Mark Hogan is to be the Vocations Promoter in the Diocese working alongside Fr. Gerard Flynn, the Vocations Director. The costs are to be met from the 'Living our Faith' funds, which are already bearing fruit.

The forthcoming Vigil of Prayer on May 4th and 5th at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, gives us all a wonderful opportunity to pray for priests and to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Please put your name on the list in your church and commit yourself to pray for one hour. Let us unite in prayer for priests in this special year and let us pray that more men and women will hear the call to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

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, Isabelle Kate Fretton, who will be baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and Reece Thomas Liddle, who will be baptised at Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 25 April, 2010.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 13:31-35. Acts 14:21-27. Psalm 144. Apocalypse 21:1-5.

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.



❖ Recently died

The Daughters of Wisdom announce the death of Sister Mary Joseph (Anne Wragg). She died at our community in Horseshoe Drive on 19 April. She was in the Abbey House Community from 1953. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 26 April, at 11am, at St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. The chief celebrant will be Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

❖ Youth Ministry

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 McGeedy, pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Blog: <http://youngcatholicssouth.blogspot.com>

Can you play a musical instrument? If so, there will be a unique opportunity for you to explore and use your talents in a Youth Choir for a Sunday evening Mass on June 13th. If you want to find out more please contact Fr. Michael on mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

❖ Ecumenical

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.

Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: This will be held on Saturday, 1 May, 2010, at 8.30am, at the Methodist Church, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke. All welcome.

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.

❖ Supporting each other

THE MONDAY OVER 60'S CLUB (incorporating 'The Ladies Group'): This will be held in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Meetings are held fortnightly and the next meeting, which will be a tea party, with home-made cakes ... all for £1, will be on 26 April, 2010, from 2pm-4pm. The primary aim of this club is to offer companionship and is open to both men and women. Enquiries please to 023 8069 2682, 023 8090 4390 and 023 8052 8511.

PASTORAL CARE: St. Edward the Confessor Church Please see the notices (green) which were available with the newsletter last week and are still available in the Cloister, for you to nominate a person you consider suitable for the new Pastoral Care Group. Names must be submitted and placed in the box provided by 8 May, 2010. A meeting will be held for you to learn more about the Group on Wednesday, 28 April, at 7.30pm in the Cloister area of the church.

❖ 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

❖ Ongoing Formation for All

CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION): 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. On Wednesday, 28 April, 2010, at 7.45pm, we will have an Eastertime Songs of Praise evening with refreshments. Everyone is most welcome. It would be great to see some new faces. Please come along. 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, 29 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*.

'EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW' - A weekend for young adults aged 18-38, inviting them to consider the beauty of a call to the religious life in the 21st century. Friday 14th (eve) - Sunday, 16 May, 2010, in the Essex countryside with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details visit <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/events.html> or call Sr. Camilla on 01277 373848.



❖ 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.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE CHARITY GARDEN FAIR: Sunday, 2nd May, 2010, from 10am-4pm, in Bishop's Waltham Palace Grounds. Entrance £3.50 (Free parking). Children under 14 free. *Ask the expert: Andy McIndoe; Children's corner with face painting; Home-made refreshments; and Cuf Billett's New Europa Jazz Band.* Please come along and enjoy the day.

❖ Lourdes Pilgrimage

Details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are available from the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882.

❖ School Matters

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

Gardening Club at the School. Thanks to various grants and lots of practical support from Hampshire County Council, B & Q, IBM, Dragonfly Gardens, and the Probation Service, we now have a thriving gardening club at the school. This year we are planting potatoes, carrots, salad vegetables and herbs, as well as flowers to decorate the school foyer and prayer areas. The Gardening Club meets 3.30-4.30pm at the school on Friday afternoons during the summer term. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the club—experienced gardeners and complete beginners all equally welcome. Endless cups of tea and coffee on offer to all participants. The school would also be pleased to receive any donations of plants, especially unwanted Camellias and Azaleas for our new Ericaceous garden. Please contact Alison Gooch for more information on 07895399935.

Silver Surfers' Day—Friday, 21 May, 2010, between 2-3pm. The school invites you to become a 'Silver Surfer'! We are taking part in Hampshire's Silver Surfer Week, by opening our ICT Suite to grandparents and older members of the parish who wish to learn about using the internet. Our children will be acting as expert personal guides, so come along and find out what it is all about? To book a place, please contact the school on 023 8026 6210.

School May Fayre will be held at the school on Saturday, 22 May, 2010, from 1pm-3.30pm. 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.

The 3 Rivers Pastoral Area - St. Swithun Wells School Minibus: The Pastoral Area and School have joined forces to lease a minibus which will be used to benefit the parishioners and children of our local pastoral area. The minibus will be used by the school during the week and every Sunday will be used to bring elderly parishioners to Mass at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh. After school and during the holidays the minibus will be available for other Pastoral Area Groups to use. Please contact Deacon Paul on 023 8065 8251 about the arrangements.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 18 APRIL, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,344.59, (Loose plate: £236.55, Envelopes: £313.00, & Standing Orders: £795.04).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,078.96, (Loose plate: £268.46, Envelopes: £126.50, & Standing Orders: £684.00).

200 CLUB: Three monthly draw: **No. 57,** Barry Turl, £150. **No. 88,** Mrs. Lane, £100. **No. 124,** Mrs. J. Catt, £50.

No. 80, Eric Hyom, £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** To be advised.

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

Saturday 24 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
(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 Oxby 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

Monday 26 9.15am (SE) Special Intention
Of the 4th Week of Easter 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
10.00am (SW) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
followed by the Rosary

11.00am (SJ) Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Joseph RIP
Tuesday 27 9.15am (SE) In thanksgiving
Of the 4th Week of Easter 10.00am (HC) Catherine Lyons
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS *followed by the Rosary*
10.00am (SA) MASS
6.00pm (SJ) MASS
7.00pm (HC) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*

7.30pm *Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey*

Wednesday 28 9.15am (SE) Special Intention
St. Louis Grignon 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
de Montfort 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS

Thursday 29 9.15am (SE) Special Intention
St. Catherine of Siena 10.00am (HC) Mrs. Earwaker's deceased relatives RIP
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
6.00pm (SJ) MASS

Friday 30 9.15am (SE) Special Intention
Of the 4th Week of Easter 10.00am (HC) The Hadley Family
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
10.00am (SA) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
with Morning Prayer

Saturday 1 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
St. Joseph the Worker
(The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) In thanksgiving**
6.00pm (SJ) MASS
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
6.30pm (SE) Sean Blunney RIP

Sunday 2 **FIFTH 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) Michael Lane RIP and
Derek Hadley 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.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed on the first Saturday of every month, at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen Family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley, SO52 9EZ. All are welcome.

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