



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 1  
FIFTH 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.

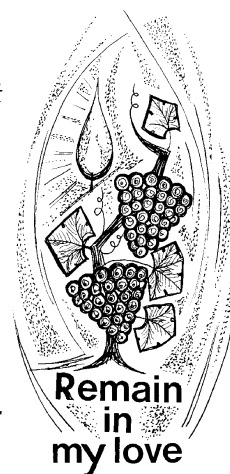
**Romsey** - St Joseph's, Abbey House Drive.

**Taking Today's Gospel Home  
+ Children/  
Families**

*Does the Commandment  
of Jesus to love one  
another make a  
difference to your life?*

**+ Young People/  
Adults**

*How conscious are you  
of the commandment of  
Jesus to love one another  
in everyday situations?*



**40 Hour Vigil of Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The Vigil of Prayer for this Year of the Priest will commence after the 10.00am Mass at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and conclude with Benediction at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. You are invited to pray for an hour. Put your name on the list at your church so that this will be a time of continuous prayer with a number of people in the church at all times. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday, 4th May at 11am and 8pm, and on Wednesday, 5th May at 11am .

Priests need your prayers. They need to feel the power and support of your prayers. We pray that in the Year of the Priest many priests will be renewed in the priestly ministry. Please let us join in prayer at this special time.

**Time for Deep Prayer of Reparation and Atonement**

In their recent statement on the subject of child abuse, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales stated, "Now, we believe, is a time for deep prayer of reparation and atonement. We invite Catholics in England and Wales to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer. Even when we are lost for words, we can place ourselves in silent prayer. We invite Catholics on these days to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray to God for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. We pray for all who have suffered abuse; for those who mishandled these matters and added to the suffering of those affected. From this prayer we do not exclude those who have committed these sins of abuse. They have a journey of repentance and atonement to make. We pray also for Pope Benedict, whose wise and courageous leadership is so important for the Church at this time."

**Prayer on the Four Fridays of May**

**St. Edward the Confessor Church** – 9.15am Mass followed by Holy Hour and the church will remain open until 5.00pm.

**Holy Cross Church** – 10.00am Mass, church open for prayer all day and Holy Hour from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

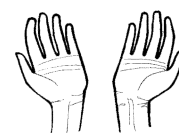
**St. Andrew's Church** – 10.00am Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer and Holy Hour from 7.30 to 8.30pm.

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church** - 10.00am Mass followed by the Holy Rosary.

**Father Michael.**

**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.*



## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Noah George John Stangroom, who will be baptised during the 9am Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church, on Sunday, 2 May, 2010.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** John 14:23-29. Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Psalm 66. Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22.23.

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 HOLY ROSARY IN MAY:** In addition to the usual times, please see back page of the newsletter, the Holy Rosary will be prayed during May as follows: **Wednesday**, 5 May, at 7.30pm, at 3 Merdon Court, Merdon Avenue, Chandler's Ford, **Friday**, 14 May, at 10.00am, at 21 Velmore Road, Chandler's Ford, **Thursday**, 20 May, at 10.30am, at 4 Woodlands Close, Chandler's Ford and **Tuesday**, 25 May, at 10.30am, at 11 Alexandra Road, Chandler's Ford. Also, at Holy Cross Church, a book is available on the front bench of the church for anyone who would like to lead the Rosary at 9.30am, on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**.

The Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady Queen of Apostles after Mass on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** during May.

**HOLY HOUR:** So that we may join in prayer at the 40 Hour Vigil of Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, 4th and Wednesday, 5th May, Holy Hour will be cancelled for these two evenings at Holy Cross Church and St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** We will celebrate Pentecost on 23 May, at 11am at Holy Cross church. Please wear your national costume on that day and bring back the flower plants to the church on Saturday, 15 May or Sunday, 16 May, (these were given out on Easter Sunday). Children and Young People are welcome to take part at Mass on that day, i.e. drama, bidding prayers, singing, playing an instrument. Please contact Mimi, email, mimip-@hotmail.com or phone 023 8052 8511, as soon as possible.

**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.

## ❖ 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

**Christian Aid Spring Concert:** Friday, 7 May, at 7.30pm, in Romsey United Reformed Church. Tickets £5 each, obtainable from Arthur Roberts on 01794 516593. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

**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, Ann Heslop for North Baddesley, on 023 8073 4429, or Arthur Roberts for Romsey area, on 01794 516593.

**Christian Aid Walk—9 May, 2010:** What better way of spending a Sunday afternoon in Springtime than enjoying a walk in our lovely Hampshire countryside to support a worthwhile cause! Each year Bishop's Waltham Deanery leads a 10 mile and 5 mile sponsored walk—come and join them at 2pm on Sunday, 9 May starting from Waltham Chase Village Hall. Contact Gil Overton for a sponsorship form on 01489 893412. If you are willing and able to help with this year's house collection in Bishop's Waltham, please ring Sheila on 01489 894590.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**THANK YOU St. Edward the Confessor Church:** Jo and Wayne Culver would like to thank all those involved with the preparations at their wedding and at the reception afterwards.

**PASTORAL CARE: St. Edward the Confessor Church:** Please see the form (coloured green), 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.

**MONDAY OVER 60'S CLUB:** The next meeting in **Holy Cross Resource Centre**, will be held on 10 May, from 2pm-4pm, when Father Clement Marshall has been invited to talk about his life as a Montfort Priest. Do please come along. Refreshments available. Enquiries please to: 023 8069 2682, 023 8090 4390 and 023 8052 8511.

## ❖ 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, email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 023 8027 3882 .

## ❖ Ongoing Formation for All

**S.V.P. (St. Vincent De Paul Society):** Tuesday, 4 May, at 8pm, at the usual venue, details from the Parish Office Romsey.  
**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, 5 May, at 7.45pm, *Women of Faith and what they teach us - 'Ruth: Voice of the Outsider'*, the first of six sessions to be held over the next few months following a new bible study course by Nick Fawcett. Each evening stands on its own, so people can come to all, or just to the one that interests them most. 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, 6 May, 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

**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.  
**CALL MY BLUFF:** Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church: The evening raised just over £400 and a great time was had by all.  
**CAKE SALE:** Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church: This weekend 1/2 May. Please give your support.  
**MAY TEA:** St. Edward the Confessor Church: Scantabout and Fryern Area are hosting a 'May Tea' at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 12 May, in the Cloister of St. Edward's, in aid of our local Faith and Light community. All are welcome to come and join us for just £3.50 at the door. We would be delighted to receive donations of cakes and/or raffle prizes.  
**WISHING WELL:** Sunday, 16 May. Have fun and an afternoon out with family and friends following the clues to the 'treasure' and a pub (within the Pastoral Area) for well-earned relaxation and a meal if you wish. All are welcome. Cars leave Holy Cross Car Park, Eastleigh, at intervals from 1.00pm until 2.00pm. £5 entry per car in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal. For further information, or to let us know you are bringing a car, contact Peter and Ann Schefer on 023 8025 3220.  
**WISHING WELL:** Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent Beetle Drive in aid of The Wishing Well. Great fun was had by all and we succeeded in raising £200 - a marvellous achievement. Thank to all those who helped in any way.  
**CAFOD:** St. Edward's Church. The pyramid boxes will be emptied next weekend, 8/9 May, and new boxes will be available.

## ❖ 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.**  
**St. Swithun Wells Kisiizi Lent Project:** The children raised £1,935.99 for Louise Mellish, an ex pupil of the school, who is currently training to be a Doctor, to take to Kisiizi, Uganda. Louise's family are parishioners at St. Edward's. The children were challenged to use their entrepreneurial skills during Lent to 'grow' £1 which was given to them by Fr. Michael. We would like to thank all parishioners who supported the children during this project.  
**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 is 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 25 APRIL, 2010.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,119.26, (Loose plate: £227.22, Envelopes: £97.00, & Standing Orders: £795.04).

*Clergy Training Fund: £217.21.*

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,041.09, (Loose plate: £203.00, Envelopes: £154.09, & Standing Orders: £.684.00).

*Clergy Training Fund: £215.49.*

**200 CLUB:** No. 177, Mrs. Beryl Russell, £25.

**St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £447. Non Gift Aid £290.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	<b>5.00pm (SW) In thanksgiving</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Maureen Grant (anniversary)</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Sean Blunney RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</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) Charles and Christine Blishen</b> (wedding anniversary) <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Michael Lane RIP and</b> <b>Derek Hadley RIP</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	10.00am (SE) Helen Christian FM	
<i>Ss. Philip &amp; James</i>		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b>	9.15am (SE) For our Priests	
<i>The English Martyrs</i>		9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i>	
<i>(1535-1680)</i>		10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM	
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary	
		10.00am (SA) MASS	
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS	
		7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b>	9.15am (SE) Special Intention followed by the Rosary	
<i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i>		9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i>	
		10.00am (HC) B.M. Crockford FM	
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS	
		7.00pm (SA) <i>Benediction</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b>	9.15am (SE) Florence Bohan FM	
<i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i>		9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i>	
		10.00am (HC) Mary Webber RIP	
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS	
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b>	9.15am (SE) Special intention of the de Melo Family	
<i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i>		followed by Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament	
		9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary followed by Liturgy of the</i>	
		<i>Word and Holy Communion</i>	
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary	
		10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
		with Morning Prayer	
		11.30am (SJ) MASS	
		5.00p (HC) <i>Rosary followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the Malayalam (Syro-Malabar Rite)</i>	
		7.30pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		7.30pm (SA) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
<i>Of the 5th Week of Easter</i>			
<i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i>		<b>5.00pm (SW) Sick child</b>	
		<b>6.00pm (SJ) John Lapage (anniversary)</b>	
		<b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b>	
		<b>6.30pm (SE) Francis John Spratt RIP</b>	
		(25 anniversary)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</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) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Ossie Carr FM</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.

*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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