

Saturday 8 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
(The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) Sick Child**
6.00pm (SJ) John Lapage (anniversary)
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
6.30pm (SE) Francis John Spratt RIP
(25th Anniversary)

Sunday 9 **SIXTH 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) Teresa McCourt (ill)
11.00am (HC) Ossie Carr FM

Monday 10 9.15am (SE) Special Intention
Of the 6th Week of Easter 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
10.00am (SW) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
followed by the Rosary

Tuesday 11 9.15am (SE) John Joe Hogan RIP
Of the 6th Week of Easter 9.30am (HC) *Holy Rosary*
10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS *followed by the Rosary*
10.00am (SA) Philomena Fernandez (anniversary)
6.00pm (SJ) MASS
7.30pm *Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey*
7.30pm (HC) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday 12 9.15am (SE) Richard Carr RIP *followed by the Rosary*
Of the 6th Week of Easter 9.30am (HC) *Holy Rosary*
10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS

Thursday 13 9.15am (SE) Special intention -William and Eleanor on
Our Lady of Fatima their wedding anniversary
9.30am (HC) *Holy Rosary*
10.00am (HC) Sheila Starrs FM
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS *followed by the Rosary*
2.30pm MASS at St. Swithun Wells School
6.00pm (SJ) MASS

Friday 14 9.15am (SE) Vic Filleau RIP
St. Matthias *followed by Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*
9.30am (HC) *Holy Rosary*
10.00am (HC) Constance Lucy Whitlock FM
10.00am (OLQoA) MASS *followed by the Rosary*
10.00am (SA) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
with Morning Prayer
7.30pm (HC) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*
7.30pm (SA) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday 15 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
Of the 6th Week of Easter **5.00pm (SW) Joan Long RIP**
6.00pm (SJ) Hugh Peters (anniversary)
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
6.30pm (SE) Phyllis and George Roman FM

Sunday 16 **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
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) Hilda and Richard Marin 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.

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Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 2
SIXTH 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 ever pray for Christ's gift of peace?



+ Young People/Adults
*Are you conscious of praying to the Holy Spirit
that you might be taught everything and
reminded of all that Jesus said?*

Year of the Priest

Let the history books of the Diocese of Portsmouth record that in the small village of North Baddesley, Hampshire, over 480 people prayed on their knees for their priests in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Fathers John, Michael and myself were deeply moved and encouraged by the response to the 40 hour Vigil of Prayer at St. Andrew's Church.

We are at a critical point in the life of the Church. Here and there commentators are beginning to compare it to the magnitude of the crisis of the Reformation. This is not the place to raise these cosmic issues but I do believe it is the place to raise the question every priest must confront. "Why be a priest today? The answer can only be found in the call of Jesus to lay down everything and follow him. Priests are needed today more than ever. They stand on the front line. They meet the angry or confused or troubled people in their parishes. They try to answer questions about the fundamental meaning of life. They are there when their parishioners hearts are broken and in anguish. They are there to pray for and with their people whom they serve. Sometimes they stay up all night in hospital with the distraught family whose daughter lies close to death following a car accident.

Priests dare to believe in a God of love, forgiveness and providence. They dare to believe that through all the confusion and uncertainty of our present time "that all shall be well in the manner of all things that all shall be well." *Julian of Norwich*. They dare to believe that they are loved and supported by the people they serve.

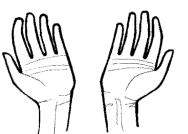
However, a stark truth remains that unless a priest prays and is prayed for by his people he is nothing but an empty shell. With his own prayers and the prayers of his people miracles can happen and do happen. Through our Festival of Prayer a fundamental truth has been etched on the very bricks of St. Andrew's Church, that Christ is present. He blesses us, he renews us, he protects us, he grants us his peace which this world cannot give and he answers our prayers.

A big 'thank you' to all those who prayed for us during this Festival of Prayer. May the Lord reward you for your kindness to your priests.

Father George.

**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 POLICE SERVICE asks for your prayers as they celebrate the National Day of Prayer for the Police Service on 13 May, 2010.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Babies/children who have recently been baptised back home (in their parents' country of origin) are welcome for a Blessing on Sunday 16 May, at Holy Cross Church, during the 11am Mass. Enquiries please to Mimi on 023 8052 8511.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church: One child is making its First Holy Communion on Sunday, 6 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and the second child on Sunday 20 June. Please pray for them and all the children making their First Holy Communion this year in our Pastoral Area. Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill, on 01489 878760.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches: Eleven children are making their First Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 6 June, 2010. They will then have a Thanksgiving Mass on 13 June. 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 Tuesday, 18 May, at 6.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Saturday, 22 May, at 11am at Holy Cross Church and 12 noon at St. Edward the Confessor Church. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church: **Tot's Praise (for children up to 7 years)** This is held during the 9.30am Sunday Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month during term time. Dates for this term are 16 May, 20 June and 4/18 July. Please note a parent or carer needs to accompany children attending. For children 7 years plus, **Children's Liturgy** is held every Sunday during the 9.30am Mass, excluding the school summer holidays.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Luke 24:46-53. Acts. 1:1-11. Psalm 46. Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23.

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

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: **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 Church after Mass on **Tuesdays and Fridays** during May.

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 or playing an instrument. Please contact Mimi, email, mimip-@hotmail.com or phone 023 8052 8511, as soon as possible.

YOUTH MASS: Youth often complain that the Mass is boring. There will be an opportunity for children and young people to run and actively participate in a Youth Mass on Sunday, 13 June, at 6pm, in Holy Cross Church. If you are musical and wish to play or sing in a Youth Choir, please come for a practice on Sunday, 9 May, at 2pm in Holy Cross Church. Anyone who wants to get involved, help and participate in the Youth Mass can do so. If you would like to participate by reading, welcoming, bringing forward the offertory, serving at the altar, or acting as a Eucharistic Minister for this Mass, you are asked to please contact Mimi on 023 8052 8511, or email her on mimip@hotmail.com

❖ Ecumenical

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.

Christian Aid: 'Quiet City' - an evening of classical music, on Friday, 14 May, at 7.30pm, in St. Michael's Church, Below Bar, Southampton. No tickets or set entry fee—donations in aid of Christian Aid.

❖ Supporting each other

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.



❖ 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. At the meeting on Wednesday, 12 May, at 7.45pm, we shall be preparing Liturgies for the Ascension and Pentecost. Please come along. You will be most welcome. 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, 13 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

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.

CAR TREASURE HUNT: 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: Thanks: To the children who gave back their Smartie tubes filled with money. You raised £19.29. If any children haven't returned theirs yet - it's not too late. Holy Thursday collection—£231.44. Gift Aid from monthly contributions, £31.92, and Holy Cross Wishing Well, £59.00. The well is emptied regularly so keep adding to it please!

WISHING WELL: Skittle Evening: We will be holding a Skittle evening on Friday, 21 May, at 7.30pm, at the Eastleigh Irish Club in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal. Tickets are £5 each, including a light supper. You do not have to be a team, everyone can have a go. Why not join us for a fun, relaxed evening. Tickets available from Val Talbot on 023 8062 0423, or any member of the Covenant with the Poor Team.

WISHING WELL: The Phil Talbot Golf Tournament Friday, 9 July, at East Horton Golf Course, in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal. Please contact Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245, or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051. If you can't come—please consider donating a raffle prize—it would be greatly appreciated.



❖ Wisdom Centre

Wisdom Centre, Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL. 01794 830206. Email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk
Wednesday, 12 May and Thursday 20 May, 10am-4pm, Gardeners' Retreat Days. Planting and helping to create a haven of peace and beauty in the gardens. (Free— includes times for reflection and prayer, refreshments through the day and lunch).
Saturday, 22 May—Jung and Prayer, 10am-4pm. A repeat of the popular day led by Mary Dunn. £15 includes light lunch.
Thursday 17 June, at 7.30pm, Living Under Occupation: Witnessing Reality: An evening event with Miranda Pinch who spent 3 months in the Occupied Territories working as an ecumenical accompanier. Free event, but donations to the work of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel will be most welcome. Bookings/details of the above and all forthcoming events at Wisdom House may be sent to you direct by post or email. Please see contact details as above.

❖ School Matters

St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 023 8026 6210.

Ascension Day: The School is celebrating the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, 13 May, with Mass, at 2.30pm. All parishioners are very welcome to join the school community on this day.

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.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 2 MAY, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,352.12, (Loose plate: £323.08, Envelopes: £234.00, & Standing Orders: £795.04).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,109.55, (Loose plate: £289.80, Envelopes: £135.75, & Standing Orders: £684.00).

200 CLUB: No. 6, Derek Higgins, £25.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £1,270. Non Gift Aid £196. *Clergy Training Fund:* Gift Aid £244. Non Gift Aid: £87.

Papal Visit: On Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, 2010, there will be a special collection to raise funds for the Papal Visit.

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.