



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 1
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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.

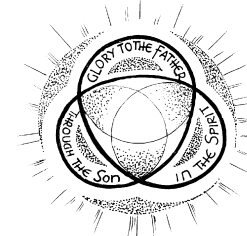
North Baddesley - St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue.

Romsey - St Joseph's, Abbey House Drive.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/Families*

*Is the Sign of the Cross as prayer
an integral part of our home life?*



+ *Young People/Adults*

*How might our reflections on the
Holy Trinity affect our attitude to others?*

Developing A Trinitarian Awareness

With the transfer of two Holy Days in May and June from Thursdays to the nearest Sunday, we now have four solemnities on four consecutive Sundays: Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. Of these, perhaps the most challenging to our understanding, and therefore the least accessible, is Trinity Sunday. Yet the Catechism says, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

It took centuries of discussion, the errors of heresy and several important Councils of the early Church to arrive at and agree an authentic understanding of the Trinity as three Persons in one God from eternity, distinct but not separate. Our belief is encapsulated in the Creed which we profess at every Sunday Mass.

Indeed, it is in the liturgy and pre-eminently in the Mass, that we find an important key to a deepening understanding and awareness of the Trinity. Liturgy is profoundly Trinitarian! The Mass is framed, beginning and end, with the Sign of the Cross. It is "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" that we pray, with words spoken and gesture made, to conform our whole being to the love of God in three Persons. When we sign ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our continuing journey into the divine life which began with our baptism. Let us pray the Sign of the Cross with meaning and awe.

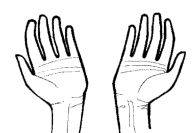
In the Eucharistic Prayer, the summit of the Mass, we are exhorted 'to listen with reverence and in silence'. At its conclusion is the great, climactic prayer of praise and glory; when the Body and Blood of Christ are elevated, the Church is doing what Christ did, offering his One Body to the Father: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever..." What we have professed in the Creed has become real, the event of salvation. Let us give our assent of faith, glorifying and praising God, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, with a very great 'Great Amen'.

We believe not only what God *does* in revelation but who God *is*: a personal God, the Tripersonal God, whose perfect relationship of love, of 'mutual indwelling', is a pattern and model for all our relationships. Relating is personal and the greatest personal relationship we can have is with our God. Let us attune ourselves with a greater awareness to the Holy Trinity - in the Mass and in the Sacraments, in scripture and in prayer - so that we might bring to others, through mission and service, what has been revealed to us by God who is love.

Deacon John.

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, Grace Mary Walton and Charlie Matthew Walton who are being baptised at St. Andrew's Church, on 29 May, and Tilly Gabriella Thom, who is being baptised on Sunday, 30 May, also at St. Andrew's Church. We also welcome, Sienna Olivia Richmond, Sean Munya Maiswa and Ethan Warren Peter Collyer, who will be baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church on Sunday, 30 May, 2010.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and good wishes to Izabela Skorza and Andrew Wawrzyniak for their wedding in Lyndhurst on Sunday 30 May, 2010. We also offer our prayers and good wishes to Mandie Freeman and Tony Holland for their wedding on Saturday, 5 June, 2010, at 12 noon, at Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh. Mandie and Tony would like to say that anyone in the congregation who knows them is most welcome to attend the ceremony.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated in our Pastoral Area on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, 6 June, 2010. Please remember the children, their families, and also our priests, deacons and catechists in your prayers.

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 children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at St. Edward the Confessor Church are asked to attend that church, with their parents, for a rehearsal for the First Holy Communion Mass, on Tuesday, 1 June, 2010, at 6.30pm. The rehearsal for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church has already taken place. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: **Luke 9:11-17. Genesis 14:18-20. Psalm 109. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.**

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

YEAR OF THE PRIEST: There will be a concelebrated Mass by the priests of our Pastoral Area in thanksgiving for their years in the priesthood on Wednesday, 9 June, 2010, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. This will also be a time to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood.

YOUTH MASS: 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. 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

A DAY OF RETREAT: Saturday, 19 June, 2010, at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, with Rev. Ronnie Mitchell, SMM. The day will include a Mass of Healing. Coffee/registration at 9.30am. Please bring a bible and a packed lunch. The day will finish at 4.30pm. All welcome.

YOUTH LED MASS: This will be celebrated on Sunday, 20 June, at 11am, at St. Andrew's Church. Any young people interested in taking part are asked to please contact Maryanne Steele (mary-anne.steele@talk21.com) or Jenny de Sausmarez (jennydes@tiscali.co.uk)

ORDINATION OF PAUL HOLLINGWORTH: On Sunday, 4 July, 2010, at 2.30pm, the ordination of Paul Hollingworth to the Permanent Diaconate will take place at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. If you wish to attend and travel by coach, please put your name on the list, available in the welcoming areas of all our churches, as soon as possible and no later than **Sunday 13 June**, so that we may order the appropriate number of coaches and arrange pick-up points. Please continue to pray for Paul and also for Phillip Harris and James McAuley, who are to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 24 July, 2010.

PENTECOST MASS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH: Thank you to all who brought back the plants to decorate the church and participated, helped and supported at the Pentecost Mass. *From the Liturgy Group and Mimi.*



❖ Youth News

The Diocese is arranging to take a group of young people to World Youth Day - Madrid in 2011 and some places are still available. For more information please contact Dave Hill, Advisor for Youth Ministry. His email address is dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

❖ School Matters

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

The school has a vacancy for a Parent Foundation Governor. Closing Date for applications is 11 June, 2010. Application Forms are available from the Parish Offices in Chandler's Ford, on 023 8027 3882, or Romsey, on 01794 513646, and from the school.

❖ Supporting each other

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: We wish a very happy birthday to Johnnie Fletcher who will be celebrating his 90th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, 5 June. Johnnie is a parishioner of St. Edward the Confessor Church and attends the 9am Sunday Mass.

MONDAY OVER 60'S CLUB: The next meeting in **Holy Cross Resource Centre**, will be held on 7 June, from 2pm-4pm. Do please come along. Refreshments available. Enquiries please to: 023 8069 2682, 023 8090 4390 and 023 8052 8511.

KID'S CLUB: Held fortnightly on a Saturday in the Resource Centre behind Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, at 2.30pm, for children 5-12 years, (children under 5 can come if accompanied by a parent). The next meeting is Saturday, 12 June, 2010. Enquiries please to Mimi on 023 8052 8511, or Jamsy Joji on 023 8062 9191.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WORKSHOP: Saturday, 19 June, from 9.30am-4.30pm. Lunch provided. This workshop is organised by Groundswell, a Christian charity offering unconditional and confidential support for people affected by HIV. To request an application form, with details of venue, or to discuss further, contact Lou or Julie at the Groundswell office on 023 8063 1651.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: Holy Cross Church—Sunday Morning Mass: More volunteers are urgently needed to drive the community bus to Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh, for Sunday Mass. Please contact Ted Dunne on 023 8064 2513, as soon as possible.

❖ Ongoing Formation for All

CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION): Meetings will resume in the Autumn.

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. Please note that the meetings arranged for 2nd/ 9th June have been postponed. The first meeting after the Spring Bank holiday week will be on Wednesday, 16 June. This will be a Fair Trade Evening with tastings of Fair Trade goods and a liturgy. 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, 3 June, 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*.

EVENTS AND COURSES IN THE PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE IN 2010.

A list of events and courses are available in the welcoming areas of all our churches and are regularly updated.

Please look out for them. If you would like to receive a personal copy please phone Park Place Pastoral Centre on 01329 835583.

❖ Outreach

'GOOD COMPANIONS' The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, 1 June, at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield, at 12.30pm. Enquiries please to Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

'FOLK AT PARK PLACE' An open air concert, at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hampshire, PO17 5HA, on Saturday, 5 June, 2010, from 3pm until 8pm. Tickets £8, or family tickets £14, (2 adults and 2 children). Please see posters in all our churches and/or contact Sister Ima, on 01329 833043. Monies raised will be in aid of a Mobile Dispensary in Ethiopia.

SOLENT GARDENERS FAYRE: Sunday, 6 June, from 10am - 5pm, at Wide Lane, Eastleigh, (Opposite Parkway Station). There will be a large selection of plants, children's kite flying with demonstration, face painting, crafts and refreshments. Proceeds in aid of local Rotary Charities and the Knights of St. Columba.

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.

WISHING WELL THANKS: Skittles Evening: What fun we had at the Skittles evening! Congratulations to Ted Dunne, the overall winner! Special thanks to Jennifer, his grand-daughter, who worked hard to re-set the skittles. We raised £116.30. Many thanks to all who made this a great start to the weekend.

CAFOD: Joshua did something amazing He ran and raised money to help some of the world's poorest people!

Join Team CAFOD... in the Mini (age 3-8) & Junior (age 9-15) & Great South Run and see if you can do the same. The race is on Saturday, 23 October, 2010, at Portsmouth. For further details please see CAFOD poster in all our churches/and contact Helen on 020 7095 5333 or email her on hinde@cafod.org.uk



❖ Ecumenical

UNITED EVENING SERVICE in North Baddesley Baptist Church, on Sunday, 30 May, at 6.30pm. The service will be based on 'Journey into Mission' and the sermon is entitled 'Jonah, the reluctant missionary'. All are welcome.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday, 5 June, at 8.30am, at All Saints Church, Desborough Road, Eastleigh. All are very welcome.



❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

The Parish Office in Chandler's Ford will be closed on Monday 31 May and Tuesday/Wednesday, 1/2nd June. Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter for Sunday, 13 June, are required please by Tuesday, 8 June, direct to the Parish Office, email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 023 8027 3882.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 23 MAY, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,102.88, (Loose plate: £233.84, Envelopes: £101.00, & Standing Orders: £768.04).

Papal Visit: £498.05.

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,110.38, (Loose plate: £225.63, Envelopes: £200.75, & Standing Orders: £684.00).

Papal Visit: £332.22) **200 CLUB:** No. 172. T. Hill £25.

St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's: Gift Aid: £358. Non. Gift Aid: £271. *Papal Visit* £209.

Saturday	29	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	5.00pm (SW) Margaret McMahon RIP and Mary Rose Magee RIP
			6.00pm (SJ) Timmy Brennan RIP
			6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
			6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	30		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
			9.00am (SE) Cheryl Downs RIP
			9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
			9.15am (SA) MASS
			9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
			11.00am (SA) Donor's intentions
			11.00am (HC) Luis Castro RIP
Monday	31	10.00am (SE) In thanksgiving to St. Philomena	
<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		10.00am (OLQoA)	MASS
Tuesday	1	9.15am (SE) Private Intention	
<i>St. Justin</i>		10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo FM	
		10.00am (OLQoA)	MASS followed by the Rosary
		10.00am (SA) Dermot Walsh and Family's intentions	
		6.00pm (SJ) Mrs. Morton	
		7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Newton Lane, Romsey</i>	
Wednesday	2	9.15am (SE) Margaret Marshall RIP	
		<i>followed by the Rosary</i>	
		10.00am (HC) Sick child	
		10.00am (OLQoA)	MASS
Thursday	3	9.15am (SE) Special intention of the de Melo Family	
<i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>		10.00am (HC) Joyce Whitlock -Thanksgiving	
		10.00am (OLQoA)	MASS
		6.00pm (SJ) Donor's intentions	
Friday	4	9.15am (SE) Agnes and John Walker FM	
		10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM	
		10.00am (OLQoA)	MASS
		10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>	
		11.30am (SJ)	MASS
		5.00pm (HC) <i>Rosary followed by MASS in Malayalam</i>	
Saturday	5	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
<i>St. Boniface</i>			
(<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)		5.00pm (SW) Sick child	
		6.00pm (SJ) Donor's intentions	
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS	
		6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area	
Sunday	6		CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ)
			9.00am (SE) Jack Marland RIP
			9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
			9.15am (SA) Sarah Beeston's Intention
			9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
			11.00am (SA) MASS
			11.00am (HC) Stevie Malone 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.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES: St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School 023 8026 6210
St George Catholic V.A. College 023 8032 2603
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