



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 3  
**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

*Find ways this week to be specially kind to  
your friends and family.*



+ **Young People/Adults**  
*What would you have done?*

### The Good Samaritan

On the whole, lawyers do not get a good press in Luke. Samaritans, on the other hand, are favoured by all the New Testament writers. In fact, in John, many of Jesus' disciples were Samaritans. The well educated lawyer in today's Gospel is out to trick Jesus but ends up with egg on his face. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" he says. I am willing to bet that most of us have mulled over that same question in our own lives.

Jesus' turns the question back – in essence "what do **you** think you have to do?" The lawyer responds by quoting from the Torah, the Jewish book of Law, "Love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself". No Jew would dare to challenge such an answer and Jesus is no exception. "Your answer is correct" Jesus says. The lawyer tries even harder to be a clever devil! "Who then **is** my neighbour?" Jesus' response to this cynical comment is the story of the Good Samaritan. The question put by the lawyer also appears, with slight differences, in Mark (12:28-31) and Matthew (22:35-40), but the Good Samaritan story is only in Luke. It's about a notorious 17 mile desert road with high ground on either side from Jerusalem to Jericho, perfect for an ambush - which is exactly what happens to our unlucky traveller.

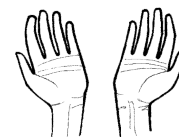
The best stories are told in threes - 'an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman....' In stories of this kind, the third person provides the punch line to clinch the point. Picture the faces of the listeners as Jesus tells his story. You can almost hear them chuckling at the behaviour of the clergy, a modern equivalent might be a priest and a deacon! They are expecting the third person to be an "ordinary" layman. They get a dreadful shock when he turns out to be a despised Samaritan!! Jesus asked the lawyer "Which of these three, in your view, acted as neighbour to the one who had fallen into the muggers' hands?" The lawyer cannot even bring himself to say "the Samaritan" and almost spits out "The one who had mercy on him". His final comeuppance is Jesus' invitation "Go, and do the same yourself". The lawyer's face must have been a picture. Even the thought of following the example of a *Samaritan* made him feel ill.

If you were to re-write the story today, who from our times, would you put in the place of the Samaritan? Who would take the place of the lawyer? Who would be Jesus now?

**Deacon Bob.**

### 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

**SEA SUNDAY - 11 JULY:** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Many people have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers do not have the quality of life on board that every human has the right to. Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The Apostleship of the Sea reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Please give generously today in the second collection and remember seafarers in your prayers.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Luke 10:38-42. Genesis 18:1-10. Psalm 14. Colossians 1:24-28.**

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

## ❖ Knights of St. Columba

**Saturday, 24 July, from 10.30am-4pm,** there will be a day of Spiritual and Social Gathering at Melchett Court, Sherfield English, (on A27 road). A family day organised by the Knights of St. Columba. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.



## ❖ Confirmation in our Pastoral Area

The next session for Confirmation candidates will be held on Sunday, 11 July, 2010, from 6pm-8pm in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. If you require any further information please contact Lyn Preston direct on **023 8090 9329** or email on **confirmation3rivers2009@yahoo.co.uk** This will avoid added burdens on the Parish Office with regard to the Confirmation Programme. Please note that the list is closed for this year's programme.

## ❖ Christian Aid in our Pastoral Area

The annual Christian Aid collection this year was in May, and now that the money has been collected and counted we can report a good year across the Pastoral Area. The reported collections from each church are:

**Holy Cross** - £920, **Our Lady Queen of Apostles** - £2,000 (estimated), **St. Andrew's** - £150, **St. Edward the Confessor** - £1,150 and **St. Joseph's** - £660. Giving a total of nearly £5,000 across the Pastoral Area, so congratulations and a big thank you to all the collectors and co-ordinators for giving their time so generously to help relieve poverty.

## ❖ Journey in Faith in our Pastoral Area

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Meetings will resume after the summer break in September.

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..*

## ❖ Petitions/Mass Offerings for Lourdes

If you have a petition you would like taken to the altar at Lourdes or a Mass offering, please write your request on a piece of paper and put it in one of the special Lourdes envelopes available in our churches and place it in the Lourdes Box provided, by the 15 August. All petitions will be taken to Lourdes at the end of August.

## ❖ Pastoral Area meeting

**MEETING OF 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA COUNCILS/GROUPS:** This will take place in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, on Tuesday, 13 July, at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Enquiries to Deacon Paul on 023 8065 8251.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 4 JULY, 2010.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,061.64, (Loose plate: £272.68, Envelopes: £59.00, & Standing Orders: £729.96).

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,046.00, (Loose plate: £216.20, Envelopes: £145.80, & Standing Orders: £684.00).

**200 CLUB:** No. 89, Holy Cross, £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £438. Non Gift Aid: £242.

**This weekend there is a special collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

## ❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

The Parish Office in Chandler's Ford is closed Mondays. Could items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter please be sent by Tuesdays, direct to the Parish Office, on email [3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or 023 8027 3882.

## ❖ St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches

**JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)** Please pray for Jacus Aucamp and Neil Josey, our candidates, who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Julleanne Sindol Gonzaludo and Kristian Daniel Darroca who are being baptised at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 10 July.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We need new members. Anyone interested in joining please contact the Parish Office in Romsey on 01794 513646, or any Parish Pastoral Council member.

**ARE YOU EVER HUNGRY?** Next time you go shopping buy an extra tin or packet of food to put in the Poitiers Project Box to help those who are hungry. Thanks to those who have already donated so generously.

**ROMSEY SHOW:** Volunteers from all the Romsey churches are required to man the Church Tent at the Show. If you think that you might be able to help, please contact the Parish Office on 01794 513646.

**BABY WEIGHING CLINIC:** From the 19 July, the North Baddesley baby weighing clinic will be using St. Andrew's Church Meeting Room from 10.30am-12.30pm (not 2-4pm as previously stated) every Monday. We need to ensure that the room is left ready, tidy and 'toddler safe' for their use, with all materials, equipment, etc. stored away.

## ❖ Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** We offer our prayers and congratulations to Christine and Nicholas, now Mr. and Mrs. Jury, who were married at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham, on Saturday, 3 July, 2010. The happy couple left the church in a fire engine.

## ❖ St. Swithun Wells Church

**ST. SWITHUN WELLS FELLOWSHIP:** Meetings will resume after the summer break. More details later.

## ❖ Holy Cross Church

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Scarlett Matilda de Kretser, who will be baptised at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, 11 July, 2010.

**KID'S CLUB:** Sessions will resume in September.

**MONDAY OVER 60'S CLUB:** The next meeting in the Resource Centre behind Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh, will be held on 19 July, from 2pm-4pm. Meetings will then resume after the summer break in September. Enquiries please to: 023 8069 2682, 023 8090 4390 and 023 8052 8511.

**THE WISHING WELL - COVENANT WITH THE POOR:**

### Inviting Bids!

If you are involved with a project or group which meets a local need, supporting human dignity, we may be able to help:

### *Apply for a grant from the Holy Cross Wishing Well:*

Tell us about your project, how the monies will be used and give us a contact number.

Old friends are welcome to apply again.

### *Write to:*

The Wishing Well, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants, SO50 5DF.

**Closing Date for bids - 11 September, 2010.**

**Splinterz!** A date for your diary - We've booked this fantastic band to return for you at the Irish Club on 23 October. Have you seen them already? Missed them? Either way come and enjoy a great night out

with music for everyone. Watch out for details.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** The rota expires shortly for the Sunday, 11am Mass, and as usual, any Ministers available to assist during the summer holiday period are asked to please indicate their availability on the lists in the Welcome Area. New rotas will be distributed in early September and any new or returning Ministers will be most welcome. Please phone David Watson on 023 8064 1692 if you would like your name to be added or removed from the present rota as soon as possible.

## ❖ St. Edward the Confessor Church

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Ella Mai Heneghan, who will be baptised on Sunday, 11 July, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** We offer our prayers and good wishes to Lorina Dahay and Mark Bessant for their wedding on Saturday, 17 July, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - to Monica O'Driscoll who will be celebrating her 94th birthday on Tuesday, 13 July. God bless.

## ❖ Outreach

We (Matt, Luke and Peter Davison) are riding over 300 miles over 4 days, between Brussels and Frankfurt in July for **unicef**, and would be honoured if you were to donate whatever you can afford, to help **unicef** in their much needed international work for children. You can donate on-line [www.bmycharity.com/davisonsbikeride](http://www.bmycharity.com/davisonsbikeride), or in person at the remaining Saturday pm/Sunday Masses and in the welcoming area at Holy Cross, with my sign-up sheets. If you can't afford a donation, we'd appreciate your prayers to speed us on our way. *Regards, Pete, Matt and Luke.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i> <b>5.00pm (SW) Sick Child</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) The KIT Ministry</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) God's blessing</b> <b>on Veronica and David Norcross for their wedding</b> <b>at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, 10 July.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</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) Diane Lopez RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 11.30am (SE) Funeral Mass for Ron Lintott RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Deirdre and Roy McCormack - 25th Wedding Anniversary 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14</b>	9.15am (SE) In thanksgiving - Monica O'Driscoll's 94th Birthday 10.00am (HC) Jerry McDonnell RIP 7.30pm (SE) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15</b>	9.15am (SE) Chris McFarlane RIP 10.00am (HC) Finnerty and Molloy Families FM 2.00pm (SJ) Requiem Mass for Josephine Barnwell RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Ken Camm RIP 10.00am (HC) Ann Clayton-Smith FM 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Bonaventure</i> <i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i> <b>5.00pm (SW) Gerald Hunt RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Jan Szczetnikowicz RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</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) Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Hall</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.

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