



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 3
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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*

*How might you
witness to the hope
and power of the
risen Lord in your
home?*

+ *Young People/
Adults*

*What service might you perform as
an act of praising God?*



The Feast of the Ascension – A Time between Times

The feast of the Ascension is a kind of threshold moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, when we have left one place on a journey but not yet arrived at the next. It is a turning point in the life of the Church. Christ ascends in glory and we await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Today we rejoice in his triumphant ascension. Soon we will celebrate the coming of his Spirit.

Jesus began his public ministry when at his baptism he received power and authority from the Father through the Holy Spirit. When the disciples receive the Spirit at Pentecost they, like Jesus, are empowered to minister to others and to exercise a new authority. This is the beginning of the Church.

Christ who ascends into heaven in his body, carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the Church. That same Spirit which made the beginning of the Church empowers us as the community of believers today. Each of us is a part of the Church; each of us has a different role to play in the power of the same Spirit.

As he was taken up, the disciples were told by Jesus to return to the city and wait to be clothed with power from on high. So, as we celebrate the Ascension and await the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, let us also rejoice and pray continually during this time between times. Let us pray for the Spirit to come on us and empower us anew.

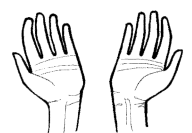
The Church has been going through a difficult time. Whatever the causes, we are all members of the universal Church. It's at times of difficulty that we need to face up to our role of ministry more than ever and to call on the power of the Holy Spirit to help and guide us, so that we can defend what we believe in, and play our part in living out these words from the prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Deacon Paul.

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

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 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's Church. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: A preparation course will take place on Sunday, 23 May, from 4.30pm-6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Eastleigh. Application forms are available from the Parish Offices on 023 8027 3882 or 01794 513646.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 14:15-16. 23-26. Acts. 2:1-11. Psalm 103. Romans 8:8-17.

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: **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 to the Mass. 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.

MISSIO—The A.P.F. (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) and Mill Hill Missionaries Annual Reunion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 6 June, 2010, at 2.30pm, at St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. All APF members, their families and friends are warmly invited. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

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. 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 The next **Youth Club** is on Wednesday, 19 May, at 7pm, in the Resource Centre behind Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Enquiries please to Mimi on 023 8052 8511.

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.

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.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 9/10 October, 2010, Saturday, 9am-9pm and Sunday, 9.30am-5.30pm, at St. Mary's College, Bitterne Park, Southampton. Please see poster giving full details in all our churches, or contact Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

❖ School Matters

St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 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 is in the welcoming areas of our churches for donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses in our churches.

❖ Ecumenical

Christian Aid Service: Sunday, 16 May, at 6.30pm, at the United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Chandler's Ford. All welcome.

Churches Together in Eastleigh Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 May, at 7.30pm, at the Salvation Army, Blenheim Road, Eastleigh. All parishioners are welcome. As in previous years, a meal costing £4 per person, is provided during which the business of the meeting will be conducted, including election of officers for the forthcoming year. For further information please consult the notices in the entrances to the churches or ring John McGhee on 023 8061 1868.

❖ Supporting each other

EASTLEIGH North and Boyatt Wood East Neighbourhood Group: The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 17 May, at 8pm, at Marie's home, 7 The Quadrangle, Eastleigh. Please feel free to join us. Enquiries please to Glenda Hinton on 01962 714626.

MONDAY OVER 60'S CLUB: The next meeting in **Holy Cross Resource Centre**, will be held on 24 May, from 2pm-4pm.

Do please come along. Refreshments available. Enquiries please to: 023 8069 2682, 023 8090 4390 and 023 8052 8511.

GHOST WALK AROUND SOUTHAMPTON: Tuesday, 22 June, starting at 7pm. Cost £2.50 per person. Maximum number allowed is 25, so please contact Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646, as soon as possible, to get your name on the list.

FANNING THE FLAME - Summer Camp will be at St. Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms, Lymington from 16-20 August, 2010.

Ages 10-25+. Anyone wishing to go to Summer Camp are asked to please let Mimi know by Friday, 28 May, 2010. Potential Young Leaders are invited to join the Fanning the Flame Young Leaders team and to attend a training weekend. Please phone Mimi for details on 023 8052 8511, or email her on mimip-@hotmail.com

❖ Ongoing Formation for All

S.V.P. (St. Vincent de Paul): Tuesday, 18 May, at 8pm, at the usual venue, details from Romsey Parish Office.

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, 19 May, at 7.45pm, the Fellowship Meeting will be *'Come Holy Spirit'*. This is an evening celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Please bring along your favourite Prayers, Hymns and Readings relating to the Holy Spirit. The meetings are open to all in the Pastoral Area and a warm welcome awaits you. Next week, 26 May, we shall be continuing our Bible Study Course by Nick Fawcett on *Women of Faith*. We shall be looking at *Esther—voice of the persecuted*. These studies are very thought provoking for us in modern times and encourage discussion. Each Study stands alone so you are welcome to come to one or all of them. We will be studying two women each half-term, so please look out for future dates. 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, 20 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*.

'WHO AM I, WHO ARE YOU?' A weekend of prayer and formation for young adults aged 18-38, helping you to discover your full potential, Friday, 28 (evening) - Sunday, 30 May, 2010. Venue, Abbotswick House of Prayer, near Brentwood, Essex. Suggested donation, £105 waged, £80 students,. For further details please phone 01277 373959/848.

❖ Pilgrimages

MEDJUGORJE: Are you familiar with Our Lady's message of peace when she appears on both 2nd and 25th of each month in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina? There is a small group of us interested in going on the pilgrimage to Medjugorje (with the Marian Pilgrimages) currently advertised in each Church. If anyone is interested in coming along, please contact Carol Turner or Eleanor de Melo on 023 8046 0146 or 023 8027 5645.

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

❖ Outreach

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: 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.

CHRISTIAN AID CYCLE RIDE: Jane Hough, a parishioner of St. Swithun Wells Church, is hoping to ride well over 1,000 kms around all the 8 countries which have frontiers with Austria leaving 20 May, 2010, for two weeks. Please see details on www.justgiving.com/Jane-Hough3

EVENTS AT PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hampshire, PO17 5HA

Saturday, 22 May, 2010, at 7pm, *Vox Angelica* will be giving a concert *'Veni Sancte Spiritus'*, featuring the music of Hildegard of Bingen. Tickets are £10 each at the door, or in advance from Sister Ima on 01329 833043.

Saturday, 5 June, 2010, from 3pm until 8pm, there will be an open air concert, entitled *'Folk at Park Place'*. 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 at both events will be in aid of a Mobile Dispensary in Ethiopia.



❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 9 MAY, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,115.71, (Loose plate: £226.67, Envelopes: £121.00, & Standing Orders: £768.04).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,110.06, (Loose plate: £275.96, Envelopes: £150.10, & Standing Orders: £684.00).

200 CLUB: No. 108, R. Speight £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £447. Non Gift Aid £269.

THIS WEEKEND there is a special collection for World Communications.

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.

Saturday	15	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	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	
Monday	17	9.15am (SE) Jack Marland RIP Of the 7th Week of Easter	10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	18	9.15am (SE) Sean Blunney RIP Of the 7th Week of Easter	9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) <i>MASS followed by the Rosary</i> 10.00am (SA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 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>
Wednesday	19	9.15am (SE) Jack Marland RIP followed by the Rosary Dedication of the Cathedral of St. John, Portsmouth.	9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am (HC) Sick child 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) Funeral Service for Bill Dornan RIP
Thursday	20	9.15am (SE) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> Of the 7th Week of Easter	9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am (HC) Bryan Hobbs FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	21	9.15am (SE) Jack Marland RIP Of the 7th Week of Easter	<i>followed by Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9.30am (HC) <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10.00am (HC) Sick child and Special intention 10.00am (OLQoA) <i>MASS followed by the Rosary</i> 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>with Morning Prayer</i> 7.30pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.30pm (SA) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Saturday	22	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> Of the 7th Week of Easter	(<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Safe return of Fred Bell from Afghanistan 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	23	PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.00am (SE) Tina and Luciano Matteucci RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM	

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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