



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.
**TWENTY-SECOND 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.

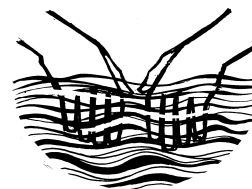
Eastleigh - Holy Cross, Leigh Road.

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* How can we show on the outside the good things God has put in us on the inside?

+ *Young People/Adults* How far is my faith and worship just lip service? How can I deepen them and put them into action in daily life?

THE RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

At St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

16 September, 2009.

- 9.30am Bishop Crispian welcomes the Relics of St. Therese to the Cathedral and leads the Opening Liturgy (involving local Catholic schools).
11.00am Bishop Crispian celebrates a Liturgy involving representatives of all the Catholic schools of the diocese.
2.00pm Bishop Crispian celebrates Mass with Anointing of the Sick (representatives from parishes around the diocese).
7.30pm Bishop Crispian celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving. Preacher, Canon John Udris (Dean of Northampton Cathedral).
10.00pm Celebration of Night Prayer.
All-Night Vigil based on the Stations of the Cross.

17 September, 2009.

- 6.00am 3 Rivers Pastoral Area is especially invited to the 6-6.30am period of the all-night vigil. This half hour will be led by Deacon John di Meo. However, all are welcome to attend at any hour of the day or night.
7.00am First Mass of the day.
10.00am Farewell Mass and Departure of the Relics.

VENERATION AS AN ACT OF FAITH

The Catholic Church has always commended the veneration of relics for two main reasons. Firstly, God shows his approval by granting healings and/or other graces. This is a remarkable feature of the relics of St. Therese.

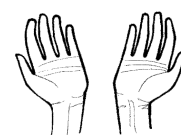
Secondly, relics help us feel close to a holy person, thus making the communion of saints more real and fostering in us a desire for holiness.

An act of veneration takes place when we display special honour and profound respect for someone, in this case a saint.

With relics, there is also an invitation to each person who comes to venerate them to take the next step on their own journey towards God, inspired by the unique humanity of the venerated saints.

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, *Moritz Kiefer*, who is being baptised on Saturday, 29 August, at St. Joseph's Church, *Daniel Joseph Dickson, Anna Sophie Avery and Kara Emily Avery*, who are being baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and *Molly Imogen Campbell*, who is being baptised at Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 30 August, 2009.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA: For parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, the next preparation session for 3 Rivers Pastoral Area will be held on Sunday, 6 September, 2009, from 4.30pm to 6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Application Forms are available from the Parish Offices on 023 8027 3882 or 01794 513646, or the Priests.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING: Kerine Smith and Jonathan Bambridge would like to extend an open invitation to the whole parish to please join them in the celebration of their marriage at Holy Cross Church on 5 September, at 2pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Preparation for Confirmation in 2009 will re-commence on Sunday, 6 September, 2009. The venue and times will be announced in next week's newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact your catechist or the Confirmation Co-ordinator, Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

Application forms for First Holy Communion are now available in all three churches.

In order for your child to be included in the preparation, the forms must be returned by

Friday, 4 September, 2009. The first session will be held for the parents on

Tuesday, 22 September, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Mark 7:31-37. Isaiah 35:4-7. Psalm 145. James 2:1-5

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

FEAST OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS: In celebration of our special feast, please don't forget to write down your memories of belonging to the parish of Holy Cross.

You can place your replies in the tray you'll find in the Welcome Area at Holy Cross

Church or St. Swithun Wells Church. If you need any help please speak to Catherine McElhinney or Maureen Westwood.



❖ St. Andrew's Church

During the refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church, the 9.15am Mass will be transferred to St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. Anyone requiring transport to St. Joseph's Church is requested please to be at St. Andrew's Church Car Park at 8.45am on Sunday. The Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses will be in St. Joseph's Church as usual. The Tuesday 10am Mass will be suspended until St. Andrew's Church re-opens. There is a Mass at St. Joseph's Church every Tuesday at 6pm. Once completion of the refurbishment has been carried out both Sunday morning Masses will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church. If you either need, or can give transport to go to the 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, please write your name and details on the relevant sheet at the front of St. Joseph's Church. The 6pm Saturday evening Mass will remain at St. Joseph's Church.

❖ Ongoing Formation

JOURNEY IN FAITH:

Meetings will resume after the Summer break in September. These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic.

Enquiries please to:

Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806, for *St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches.*

Deacon John on 01794 515688, for *St. Joseph and St. Andrew's Churches.*

Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church.*

THE MISSIONARIES OF THE COMPANY OF MARY:

Invite you to spend time with Father Donald Laselle SMM, their Assistant General, to explore the mission and message of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, their Founder, for the Church and the world today, on Sunday, 11 October, 2009, at 3pm, at St. Joseph's Church, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU.

❖ Outreach

EXHIBITION OF TIM PATRICK'S FLORENCE DRAWINGS: This will be held at Wisdom House, Romsey, from 7th-11th September, from 9.30am-4.30pm.

❖ Stewardship Opportunity

Stewardship is the spirituality that underpins the Pastoral Plan and this approach needs to be explored and developed in our Pastoral Area. We have some space remaining on the 3 Rivers Stewardship Pastoral Area Development Days, an important opportunity to share how we might respond. These will be held on Saturday, 12 September, 2009, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham, and Saturday, 19 September, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, from 10am-3pm. Lunch will be included. If you would like to attend either day, please contact the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford, on 023 8027 3882, or by email on 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Monday, 7 September**, so that arrangements can be finalised.

❖ 3 Rivers Pilgrimage

Pilgrims are invited to attend a final meeting, prior to their departure to the Holy Land, on Friday, 4 September, 2009, from 7.30pm-9pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford.

❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area Walk

Bank Holiday Monday Walk (31 August): Leave "The Bridge Hotel", Shawford, (about 3 miles south of Winchester), at 11am and walk for about 2 miles, ending back at "The Bridge". There is one slight incline and the path may be muddy in places. All are welcome.

❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area B.B.Q.

This will be held in the grounds of St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, weather permitting, on Sunday, 6 September, 2009. The BBQ'S will be lit from 12.30pm onwards. All you are asked to bring is your own food for cooking, drinks, picnic tables and chairs, plates, etc. There is no charge. If you are coming with children, then please bring footballs, rounders' equipment, etc. for them to play with in the field. We hope that many people in the Pastoral Area will come along and enjoy themselves, getting to know new friends and meeting up with old friends. There will be a raffle during the afternoon in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal. If you have any queries, please contact Pat or Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060.

❖ HCPT Southampton—Group 170

The above travelled for their first year to Lourdes this year with five very ill/disabled children, and we had a wonderful time. We are looking to expand the group for the Easter 2010 pilgrimage. The pilgrimage runs over Easter week, from Easter Sunday through to the following Saturday, and involves working with very ill/disabled children. It is a hugely rewarding experience and we have a fantastic team who are raring to add more members to our full of fun and mischief team. Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Roxy Paterson (Group Leader) on 07590312407, or visit our website to find out more at www.group170.org.uk

❖ Malta Day UK 2009

Malta Day U.K. 2009, will be celebrated in London on Saturday, 12 September, 2009. Please see poster giving full details of Traditional Maltese Fair, Holy Mass, and the Gala Dinner Dance, in the welcoming area of all our churches.

❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter must be sent please by Tuesday, noon, by post or phone, direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. This newsletter can be sent to you by email service — just email website@3rivers.org.uk. Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 23.08.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,231.74, (Loose plate: £236.48, Envelopes: £222.15, & Standing Orders: £773.11).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £978.54, (Loose plate: £249.53, Envelopes: £169.01, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 13, Mrs. Mealyer, £25. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £309. Non Gift Aid £218.

Saturday	29	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Betty White RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Aidan St. Ledger RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	30	THE TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Kate and Max Sykes RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) Chris Lavender RIP 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) Sr. Vianney 11.00am (HC) Celia Sweeney RIP
Monday	31	10.00am (SE) Ursula Barltrop RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
Tuesday	1	9.15am (SE) In thanksgiving for return to health of Terry O'Hara Boyce 10.00am (HC) Canon Patrick O'Mahony FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey</i>
Wednesday	2	9.15am (SE) Edward Robertson RIP 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	3	9.15am (SE) Richard Phillips for recovery after accident 10.00am (HC) Teresa Dunne RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Tom Flannigan RIP
Friday	4	9.15am (SE) Lillian and Anthony de Melo 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 11.30am (SJ) MASS
Saturday	5	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) The people of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 6.00pm (SJ) James Campbell RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Jerry McDonnell FM
Sunday	6	THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Skipton Leonard and Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Loreto Antonio Mollicone RIP

The Holy Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, 5 September, and the first Saturday of every month, at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen Family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley, SO52 9EZ. Phone 023 8073 0819. All are welcome.

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.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:

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