



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 4.**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH 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 good am I at  
living my faith in  
my actions?*

**+ Young People/  
Adults** *Who do I  
say that Jesus is?*



### Living Our Faith

The Living Our Faith campaign continues to gain momentum in our Pastoral Area. The campaign seeks to raise funds and invites each parishioner to respond to the needs that all of us as Catholics face. Funds from the campaign will be used in four important ways:

- 1 Providing for a Pastoral Area Youth Worker and improving the various forms of communication in the Pastoral Area. Specific projects to benefit the communities of each of our churches involving improvement to pedestrian access and enhancement of the sanctuary area at St. Edward the Confessor Church, refurbishment of the Parish Centre in Romsey, refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church, continuing disability access work at St. Swithun Wells Church and provision of audio visual aids to liturgy at Holy Cross Church.
- 2 Clergy - Support and on-going formation for priests, encouraging vocations and training students for the priesthood.
- 3 Lay people - Educating people in the Catholic Faith, training of catechists and enabling our people to hand on the Faith.
- 4 The renewal of parish facilities throughout the Diocese by providing loans or grants.

We have had tremendous success to date. Our total stands at £392,874 from 85 gifts. The average gift is £4,622 spread over five years. This great response is the result of the generosity of parishioners and the hard work of the leadership team of Tricia Ho, Steve Carter, Teresa and Malcolm Rayment, Rosemary Peacock, Stuart Cunningham, Phyllis and Roger McGann, Alina Sutherland, Paul Cadde, Mike Walsh, George Wysocki, Anne and Paul Owen.

We are asking everyone to please consider supporting this vital undertaking. Letters were sent out in the past week and in the coming days a member of the leadership team will be making contact to respectfully ask you to consider supporting Living Our Faith. The campaign concludes at the end of September. Please pray for the success of Living Our Faith. It will have a lasting impact on the mission of the Church in our Diocese.

Fr. George

Fr Michael

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Joseph Michael Patrick Moran, Charlie Eoin James Jones, Jessica Marie Stillwell and Olivia Maria Stillwell, who are being baptised at Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 13 September, 2009.

**DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** We offer our prayers and congratulations to Isabelle and John Godwin, parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:** 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. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:** Nicky Stevens, Head of the Department for Pastoral Formation at Park Place, has been invited to speak to our Pastoral Area on Monday, 14 September, 2009, at 7pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. Anyone who is involved or is interested in Children's Liturgy in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area is most welcome to attend.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mark 9:30-37. Wisdom 2:12.17-20. Psalm 53. James 3:16-4:3.**

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

**THE RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX** will be at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on the 16 September/17 September, 2009. Details of the visit are available in the welcoming area of all our churches. On 17 September, 2009, at 6am, 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.



## ❖ 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. The reasons for moving the 11am Mass to St. Andrew's Church from the end of September are that we have a number of families with young children who have not been offered the facility to bring their children for Children's Liturgy as there is no room available for this at St. Joseph's Church. We also do not have the use of a toilet, which is essential for such young children, not to mention the elderly. Decisions will be reviewed at the end of the year and changes in Mass times may occur.

## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAMME 2009:** A programme of learning, discussion and insight into our Faith, aiming to make Faith the centre of our lives. It will serve to reinforce our understanding of the Scriptures and the meaning of the Sacraments. Finally, it will explain Catechesis and help define our Faith. The next session will be held on Wednesday, 16 September, 2009, from 7.30pm for 7.45pm, ending at 9.00pm, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham. The Theme will be 'A History of Catechesis in the Church'. This session will be of particular interest to Catechists, but all are very welcome to attend and are likely to find it interesting and informative. For further details please call/text Giles Brady on 07816 569293, or Charles Forrest on 023 8069 4482.

**KIT (KEEPING IN TOUCH):** Are you, or do you know, a Catholic who is looking for a way back to the Church? Come to a Social/Information evening in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Romsey, on Tuesday, 22 September, at 7.30pm. For further information please phone Sheila on 01794 518071

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic. The first session at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU, will be held on Thursday, 24 September, 2009, from 7.30pm until 9pm. All are welcome.

**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.*

**SUNDAY READINGS:** Would you like to learn more about the Sunday Readings. Come to a Bible Studies evening in the newly refurbished St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, on Tuesday, 29 September, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION):** Come and share a lunch while exploring the relevance of the Gospels to our everyday lives, on Wednesday, 30 September, from 12.30pm-2pm, in the Parish Centre, Romsey. Please bring a lunch to share. Old and newcomers very welcome.

**DAY FOR READERS:** Please note that the day for Readers in our Pastoral Area for Saturday, 3 October, 2009, has been postponed.

## ❖ School Matters

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton, SO18 4DJ. Tel: 023 8067 1267**  
[www.stmaryscollege.co.uk](http://www.stmaryscollege.co.uk) Open evening at the school on Monday, 28 September, 2009, from 6.30pm—9.00pm.

## ❖ 3 Rivers Pilgrimage

**SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2010:** There will be a meeting on Monday, 14 September, 2009, at 7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF, for anyone who wishes to come, or find out more information about this pilgrimage.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**HOLY CROSS MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** Please collect your new rota lists from the Welcome Area. These are interim lists until Christmas and contain significant changes to the original teams. Please check the dates you are detailed to minister and confirm your attendance to one of the co-ordinators. *David Watson.*

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH:** The seven young people who attended the Fanning the Flame Camping Week had a very enjoyable week and will be giving a Presentation of their experiences after Mass on Sunday, 20 September.

**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. Next week on Wednesday, 16 September, there will be a Harvest Liturgy and everyone is very welcome to join us and bring a tin of food for the Poitiers Project. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**AREA MEETING: St. Edward the Confessor Church.** The next Area Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 September, at 8pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church. If you would like to include an item on the Agenda, please contact Susan Johnston on 023 8026 9049. All parishioners welcome.

## ❖ Outreach

**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 9DF.

**Closing date for bids—end of September, 2009.**

**TWO SAINTS (Formerly St. Dismas) SOUTHAMPTON:** Refurbishment of their property, both inside and out, is due to be completed at the end of September. This has been carried out with the help of lottery funding. Two Saints thank all in our community who have helped and supported them in raising funds, providing soups, etc. and for the lovely handmade blankets donated by Holy Cross parishioners. Please continue with this work which is greatly needed by this local night-shelter.

**WELLS FOR INDIA *Bringing water and dignity to the poorest people of Rajasthan.*** Come and join us for a Supporters Evening on Thursday, 17 September, from 6pm-8pm, at The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RZ. There will be a Presentation by Om Prakash Sharma, Director India Office, entitled 'Waiting for the Desert Monsoon'. Light refreshments served, donations welcome. RSVP 01962 848043, office@wellsforindia.org All welcome.

**CAFOD:** Fun Quiz Evening, on Friday, 2 October, 2009, at 7pm, for 7.30pm start at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Tickets £6 (including supper), will be on sale after the Masses at St. Edward's this weekend, or from Cecily Exworthy, on 023 8026 9591. Numbers are limited so please get your tickets early.

**THE BIG BREW UP TEA PARTY** - Come and join in this nationwide event being held in aid of SSAFA - Forces Help (Soldiers, Sailors, & Airmen's Families Association). To be held locally in the Catholic Church Hall, Martin Street, Off Victoria Road, Bishop's Waltham, on Saturday afternoon, 10 October, from 3pm onwards. Cream Teas and cakes will be served, admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted on the afternoon or by cheque payable to SSAFA Forces Help, sent to Jill Forrest, 3 Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1NP.

**INDIAN CURRY EVENING:** This will be held on Saturday, 24 October, 2009, from 7pm, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church. Hamish Wills, a parishioner, is going to teach English and Maths in a remote village in Southern India during the forthcoming Easter holidays, through Canford School, where he is now in the upper sixth. He wants to fundraise so that the orphanage can buy books and equipment. People can buy tickets (£10 each) by sending a cheque made payable to Hamish Wills and posting it to Black Hedges Farmhouse, Lynch Lane, West Meon, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 1JH.

## ❖ Ecumenical

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN CHRISTIAN UNITY COMMITTEE:** This year's Forum will be held at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke, on Saturday, 17 October, 2009. The day is being led by Msg. Andrew Faley and the theme he will be addressing is "The Search for Christian Unity—an Audit for Today". It is essential to register for this day, which is free of charge, but anyone wishing to attend is requested please to contact Mairead Boyce, who will also supply further details, on 01367 242494, email: boycemairead@aol.com

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 06.09.09.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,224.51, (Loose plate: £278.90, Envelopes: £172.50, & Standing Orders: £773.11).

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £993.59, (Loose plate: £233.74, Envelopes: £199.85, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

**200 CLUB:** No: 171, J. Rees, £25.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £463. Non Gift Aid £339.

*The Mass at 11am on Sunday, 13 September, at St. Joseph's Church will be Youth led.*

**Saturday 12** 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*  
 (The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) Special Intention**  
**6.00pm (SJ) Anita Mutton**  
**6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS**  
**6.30pm (SE) Maria Szczetnikowicz RIP**

**Sunday 13 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area**  
**9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta**  
**9.15am (SJ) Vic Ginevra (anniversary)**  
**9.30am (OLQoA) MASS**  
**11.00am (SJ) MASS**  
**11.00am (HC) John Cassar and Family RIP**

**Monday 14** 9.15am (SE) Special Intention  
*The Triumph of* 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS  
*the Cross* 10.00am (SW) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*  
*followed by the Rosary*

**Tuesday 15** 9.15am (SE) Moira Byrne RIP  
*Our Lady of Sorrows* 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*  
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS  
 6.00pm (SJ) MASS  
 7.00pm (HC) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*  
 7.30pm *Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey*

**Wednesday 16** 9.15am (SE) Mary McGinty - Get well  
*Ss Cornelius & Cyprian* 10.00am (HC) Bernie and Austin Smyth RIP  
 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS

**Thursday 17** 9.15am (SE) Julia Foley RIP  
 10.00am (HC) Fred Bell  
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS  
 6.00pm (SJ) Elizabeth Mitchell

**Friday 18** 9.15am (SE) Special Intention  
 10.00am (HC) Funeral Mass for Jim Murray RIP  
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS  
 10.00am (SJ) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*  
*with Morning Prayer*

**Saturday 19** 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*  
 (The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) Leonard and Eveline Hiron RIP**  
**6.00pm (SJ) Michael McDonnell RIP**  
**6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS**  
**6.30pm (SE) Emmanuel and Pawla Polidano RIP**

**Sunday 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area**  
**9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta**  
**9.15am (SJ) MASS**  
**9.30am (OLQoA) MASS**  
**11.00am (SJ) MASS**  
**11.00am (HC) Emilia Ostler RIP**

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*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.*

*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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