



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 1.
**TWENTY-FIFTH 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*

*What is the true
meaning of
greatness?*

+ *Young People/
Adults*

*Am I willing to
be a servant?*



3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA – LIVING OUR FAITH

Over the past weekends we have been updating you on **Living Our Faith** in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area, and the involvement of volunteers in the leadership team for this historic endeavour. We are delighted to share even more good news about the effort in 3 Rivers.

We continue to gain momentum as we reach out to the entire parish families of the participating churches. Having raised £436,120 to date, **Living Our Faith** has surpassed our initial financial goal of £390,000. This tremendous response is the result of pledge commitments from just 103 families, with an average gift of £4,234. We are both heartened and humbled by the support from our generous parishioners. Over £100,000 will be coming back to the Pastoral Area which will help us to provide for a youth worker, address maintenance and improvement issues around the participating churches, for example, improving the 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.

Living our Faith embodies Christian stewardship, asking us all to contribute our time, talent and treasure to our parish, diocese and Church. We respectfully ask everyone to consider their participation in the **Living Our Faith** campaign. A heartfelt 'thank you' to the 15 parishioners who are volunteering their time to assist the Pastoral Area in this most important project. They are helping us share the impact and significance of **Living our Faith** and how you can participate. When a volunteer calls on you, please listen to their presentation and prayerfully consider your support for this extraordinary opportunity. The success of **Living Our Faith** depends on the unprecedented support from all the faithful in the Diocese of Portsmouth who share this vision and are willing to help. We will conclude **Living Our Faith** in the 5 churches currently participating in the campaign at 3 Rivers on the 27 September, 2009.

Please pray for the continued success of **Living Our Faith**.

Father George.

Father Michael.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, **Kate Victoria and James Daniel Ellis (twins)** who are being baptised on Saturday, 19 September, and **Jayden Lewis Shankly** who is being baptised on Sunday 20 September, at St. Joseph's Church, Romsey, and **Harrison David Young, Amani Murigi Moore and Tomas James Woodward**, who are being baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, also on Sunday, 20 September.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: Meeting on Sunday, 20 September, from 6pm-7.30pm, at Holy Cross Resource Centre, Eastleigh. Candidates please remember to bring your folders and completed forms as requested.

Forthcoming Event - Reconciliation Day, Saturday, 26 September, from 2pm-6pm at Wisdom House/St. Joseph's Church, Romsey.

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. It is most important that parents attend this first meeting. The children's sessions will be held on Monday, 28 September, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, at the church where the child is to make their First Holy Communion, but children attending St. Swithun Wells Church are asked to please join the children at Holy Cross Church for all children's sessions. The Masses at St. Swithun Wells Church on Saturday, 3 October, at 5pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church at 9am and at Holy Cross Church at 11am, on Sunday, 4 October, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mark 9:38-43.45.47-48. Numbers 11:25-29. Psalm 17. James 5:1-6. Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

❖ St. Andrew's Church

Starting on Sunday, 27 September, the 9.15am and 11am Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the newly refurbished St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

The 6pm Masses on Saturdays will still be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Romsey.

The Masses on Tuesdays, at 10am, will return to St. Andrew's Church, commencing on Tuesday, 29 September.

The Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service, with Morning Prayer, will return to St. Andrew's Church on Fridays, commencing on Friday, 2 October, at 10am.

❖ Ongoing Formation

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's & St. Andrew's.* Sessions will commence at Romsey on Monday, 19 October.

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.

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, 30 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 *'Introduction to and history of the Bible'* This session will be of particular interest to Readers, 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.

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

CARJ CONFERENCE: Planned for Saturday, 10 October, 2009, at St. George Catholic College, regrettably has been cancelled.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 13.09.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,175.47, (Loose plate: £279.59, Envelopes: £144.00, & Standing Orders: £751.88).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,056.03, (Loose plate: £313.78, Envelopes: £182.25, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 189, Holy Cross, £25. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £477. Non Gift Aid £243.

Next weekend: 26/27 September, 2009, there will be a special collection for the Cathedral.

APF Mission Holders at St. Edward the Confessor Church—please collect your 'Missio' Autumn Magazines from the Cloister.

❖ Safeguarding Training

SAFEGUARDING - IMPORTANT NOTICE: To all involved in Children's Liturgy (including First Communion and Confirmation, Eucharistic Ministers, Volunteer Drivers, Parish Visitors and Senior Altar Servers, aged 18+):-

1. **CRB Checks.** If you have not yet had a CRB Check, it is now a matter of urgency. Checks have to be completed by the end of October, 2009. Failure to do so means you will be asked to relinquish your volunteer role.
2. **Safeguarding Training.** There are further sessions being offered on Saturday, 31 October, 2009, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU.
10.00am—12.30pm - Child Protection
1.30pm— 4.00pm - Vulnerable Adults

This training is open to the whole Pastoral Area. If you have been unable to attend previous sessions then these are especially for you. Places are limited, so please contact one of the following by 30 September, 2009, Clare Lasker on 023 8025 2138, or Nick Reith on 023 8065 2309, or Michael Cummins on 023 8027 1093.

❖ Supporting each other

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, 23 September, there will be a talk on Stewardship. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

❖ Outreach

COFFEE MORNING/BRING & BUY/RAFFLE: This will be held on 24 September, from 10am-12 noon, at the home of Shirley Dunsire, 58 Peverells Wood Avenue, Chandler's Ford, in aid of Woman's World Day of Prayer. All welcome.

COFFEE AND CAKES MORNING: On Thursday, 1 October, 2009, from 10.30am-12.30pm at Romsey Parish Centre, in aid of Macmillan Nurses. No set charge, but donations requested.

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.

WISHING WELL - COVENANT WITH THE POOR:

The Presentation of cheques will be held on 25 October, after the 11am Mass at Holy Cross Church, in the Resource Centre.



❖ School Matters

CATHOLIC TEACHERS/EDUCATORS' MASS: Mass will be celebrated at 4.15pm on Wednesday, 23 September, at St. Anne's Catholic School, Carlton Road, Southampton. Reception to follow. All Catholic teachers and auxiliary staff are welcome to attend, irrespective of whether they teach or not in a Catholic School.

ST. SWITHUN WELLS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford. 023 8026 6210
www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk There will be an Open Evening at the school on Tuesday, 29 September, 2009, from 7pm-8pm for all parents whose children are due to start school in September, 2010.

The school is holding a Garden Open Day on Thursday, 15 October, from 2-5pm. The children, teachers and parents have all worked hard to develop the garden and contribute to the Pukka Pumpkin Challenge to grow the biggest pumpkin. The school has been supported by some funds from B and Q. Some practical help in terms of hard graft has been provided by employees from IBM and Dragonfly Gardens Ltd., and also by the Community Payback Scheme, operated by the Probation Service. All the school would like to invite parishioners and members of the local community to come and see how the garden is shaping up and to see the entrants for the school's Family Scarecrow Competition. There will be light refreshments, including a bowl of homemade soup and a roll for all our visitors. We look forward to welcoming you (and please bring along any gardening tips!).

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE, LEASIDE WAY, SWATHLING, SOUTHAMPTON, SO16 3DQ

Tel: 023 8032 2603. The College is celebrating being top of the Southampton League Table for boys.

It's 63% 5 A* -C including Maths and English makes it the top performing Southampton school. 73% of the boys achieved 5 higher grades and St. George is targeting 80% for 2010. The College is having its Open Evening on Wednesday, 30 September, from 6pm onwards.

Saturday	19	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 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 River Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) Josephine Cutter 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) Val Kennedy (anniversary) 11.00am (HC) Emilia Ostler RIP
Monday	21	9.15am (SE) Special Intention <i>St. Matthew</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	22	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 7.00pm (HC) <i>Sorry, no Holy Hour this Tuesday</i> 7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey</i>
Wednesday	23	9.15am (SE) Kirpal Kaur Sandhu RIP <i>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i> 10.00am (HC) Julie Kearney RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	24	9.15am (SE) Jack O'Donnell RIP (aged 4 years) and his bereaved loving family <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i> 10.00am (HC) In thanksgiving - Tony Goodburn's 80th birthday 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Sr. Mildred
Friday	25	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) James Rice 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	26	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Mary Webber RIP 6.00pm (SJ) John Grant (anniversary) 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Mrs. Susan Edwards RIP
Sunday	27	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 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) Mr. and Mrs. Roche 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.

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