



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY TIME**  
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.

### 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* Why do we think people were surprised at how much Jesus knew?



+ *Young People/Adults* When have I been surprised by someone's wisdom and insights about God? When has my faith surprised others?

## Jesus at Nazareth

We might think that a visit by Jesus to his home town would be a time of support and security for him. Quite the contrary! The gospel passage for this Sunday is a rather uncomfortable account of Jesus visiting Nazareth with his disciples. He teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath and his words are met with astonishment. However, astonishment quickly turns to rejection and in what must have been a sad moment for him Jesus says, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house."

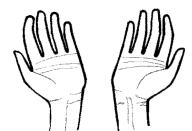
The people of the town wonder at the origin of his wisdom. They had heard of his mighty works. They are on the verge of asking the right question about him. But they make the mistake of imagining that they already have all the answers to their own questions. That attitude is fatal to faith. Faith requires an open mind and an open heart.

Jesus can work no miracle where he is rejected or where people do not have faith in him. I wonder what kind of welcome do we provide for Jesus and his word? Prophets are never comfortable people to have around. Are we open to God who speaks to us through people, perhaps especially the very people we are quick to ignore or reject?

**Father Michael.**

### 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.*



*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.*

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, *Lottie Charlotte Wills*, and *Hugo Zachary Rutter*, who were recently baptised at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, and *John Piotr Aucamp*, who was baptised on Saturday, 4 July, at St. Joseph's Church.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** We offer our prayers and congratulations to *Cathy Fuller and Steven Gosling* who were married on Friday, 26 June, 2009, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, and *Carla Dennett and Michael Whitty*, for their wedding on Friday, 10 July, 2009, at St. Edward the Confessor Church.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP:** There will be a gathering of members of the Catholic Disability Fellowship on Saturday, 11 July, 2009, from 2pm to 5pm in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. The Annual Catholic Disability Fellowship Mass will be celebrated by Father Peter Hollins at 3pm.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Mark 6:7-13 Amos 7:12-15. Psalm 84. Ephesians 1:3-14.

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2009: St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches:**

First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, 19 July, 2009, at both churches.

Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

## ❖ 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*.



## ❖ Safeguarding Training

**Safeguarding Training:** It is now obligatory for Ministers of Communion and all involved with children and/or vulnerable adults to receive training. The next training sessions are on Tuesday, 14 July, 2009, from 7pm-9pm, Child Protection Training, and on Wednesday, 15 July, 2009, from 7pm-9pm, Vulnerable Adults Training. Both training sessions will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. SO53 2DU. If you would like to book for any of the sessions or you require further details, please contact your Child Protection Representative, John Neill on 023 8025 5853, or Clare Lasker on 023 8025 2138, (*St. Edward's*), Pauline Bartlett on 01794 511619, (*St. Joseph's and St. Andrews*), Michael Cummings on 023 8027 1093, or Nick Reith on 023 8065 2309, (*Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells*), and Rita Newman on 01489 877204, (*Our Lady Queen of Apostles*).

## ❖ Wisdom House



**A Day of Reflection** at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL, particularly for members of RCIA Teams - *This Man Jesus ... Who is Jesus for me? How do I share Jesus with others?* Saturday, 11 July, 2009, 10.30am (Coffee at 10am) - 3.30pm. Cost £15 to include refreshments and light lunch. Enquiries please to Eileen Stephenson, Park Place, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835583.

## ❖ 3 Rivers Pilgrimages in 2010

**SIX DAY PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA:**

We are hoping to organise a pilgrimage in October, 2010, to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain, the site of the tomb of St. James, then on to Fatima in Portugal, where Our Lady appeared to three children in 1917.

For further information please contact either Mary or Paul Hollingworth on 01794 524287, or email maholli@lineone.net. The pilgrimage will be on a half board basis.

## ❖ Knights of St. Columba

**A Day of Spiritual and Social Gathering**, arranged by the Knights of St. Columba, will be held on Saturday, 25 July, at Melchett Court, Sherfield English. Visitors for the day will arrive between 10.45am and 11am. There will be a procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady starting at 11.15am. Holy Mass will be celebrated in the School Chapel by Father Tom Meagher, at approximately 11.45am. Please bring a picnic lunch, which we may eat in the grounds, or the School Refectory if it is raining. After lunch there will be stalls, games and side shows until 3.30pm. Then Benediction, to end by 4.00pm. All parishioners will be welcome.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**FLORAL DEMONSTRATION: St. Edward's Church:** Monday, 6 July, at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping to arrange flowers in the church, no experience necessary, do please come along. We urgently need to have more people on the rota.

**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. Meetings will resume after the summer break on Wednesday, 9 September. Enquiries to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**THANK YOU** to all who planned, organised and participated in the celebration of John di Meo's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, making it such a special and memorable event for the Pastoral Area.



## ❖ Outreach

**JAZZ AT PARK PLACE:** The renowned jazz pianist and composer, Frank Campbell, will give a concert of improvisation on the music of Duke Ellington, J.S. Bach, Errol Garner, Chopin and others, on Sunday, 26 July, at 7.30pm. Frank has played and recorded with many of the jazz greats, and the Friends of Park Place are delighted that he has agreed to explore the possibility of Park Place becoming a venue for music performance. Tickets cost £10 to include a glass of wine in the interval. Please contact: Sr. Imma, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, PO17 5HA, Tel: 01329 833043. Monies raised will go towards the fund for renovating and upgrading Park Place Pastoral Centre to meet the required standard.

**SUMMER TEA IN THE CLOISTERS:** Grateful thanks to all who helped and supported this event in any way. £300 was raised and donated to the charity 'Wells for India'.

**CAFOD:** The amount raised from the green pyramid boxes came to £238.43. Thank you for your support.

## ❖ Debt Crusher Work-Shop

**Are you fed up with being fed up**, with loan payments, credit card payments, mortgage payments, etc. etc. etc.? Come and learn a straight forward strategy how virtually anybody, in any kind of debt, can be totally debt-free in five to six years. The Debt Crusher Workshop will be held on Thursday, 16 July, from 7.30pm to 9pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Please phone Sharon on 023 8089 2222, for a free Debt Crusher Information Pack. There is no charge for attending the Workshop, which is open to all in our Pastoral Area..

## ❖ School Matters

St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 023 8026 6210.

**Summer Fayre at the School: Saturday, 11 July, 1pm—3.30pm. Please come and give your support on the day.** Donations of bottles for the tombola and all unwanted gifts will be most welcome (no used items or bric-a-brac, thank you.) Donations of plants and cakes will be gratefully received at the school on the day. Please leave all other donations in the marked collection boxes at the churches on the weekend 4/5 July. Raffle tickets will also be available. Volunteers are also urgently needed on the stalls. Enquiries please to Anna McCormack on 023 8026 6553.

## ❖ Events for Our Young People

The following events are being held this summer at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. **'THE KAIROS EXPERIENCE'** 14-19 July. A chance for young people (18+) to experience a community lifestyle: work, prayer, workshops, exploring the island.

**'SANCTUARY'** Summer Camp, 24-28 July, for teenagers 12-16 years. Time for games, chilling out, prayer, workshops (donation £50). Call Jon 07786952434.

**'SILENT RETREAT'** 31 July-7 August (option to do 31 July -2 August)

For more information please call: Retreat Centre 01983 529554 or Sr. Catherine on 0781 1107046.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 28.06.09.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,186.27, (Loose plate: £187.66, Envelopes: £230.00, & Standing Orders: £768.61). *Peter's Pence:* £159.14. **Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £968.26, (Loose plate: £258.96, Envelopes: £149.30, & Standing Orders: £560.00). *Peter's Pence:* £151.81. **200 CLUB:** No: 58 Mrs. Taylor, £25.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Parish Gift Aid £347. Non Gift Aid £269. *Peter's Pence:* £109. Non Gift Aid £32.

**Next weekend: Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Justin O'Sullivan RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Eileen Parker RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>9.00am (SE) Mary McManus FM</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) Angela and John di Meo</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SJ) Maureen Grant (anniversary)</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Martin Russell</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	9.15am (SE) In thanksgiving for the life of Bridie Peckham 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7</b>	9.15am (SE) Ethel Kate Mason FM 10.00am (HC) Arthur Traynor RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8</b>	9.15am (SE) Augustina Matteucci RIP 10.00am (HC) Justin O'Sullivan RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9</b>	9.15am (SE) The Casey Family's intentions 10.00am (HC) Charles and Maria Cooper FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10</b>	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy</i> <i>Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Father Michael White—Golden Jubilee
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Benedict</i> 3.00pm (SE) Annual Mass—Catholic Disability Fellowship
		( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Tony and Maureen Magee -</b> <b>Golden Wedding Anniversary</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>9.00am (SE) Max and Kate Sykes RIP</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SJ) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Diane Lopez RIP</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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