



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 4.
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

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.

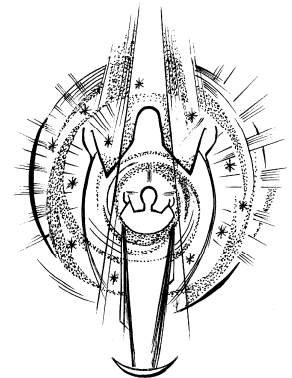
Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/
Families*

*What do we know
about the meeting
between Mary and
Elizabeth? Who was
Elizabeth's baby?*

+ *Young People/
Adults*

*What would my own Magnificat sound like?
How would I want to proclaim God's work
in the world?*



The Assumption of Mary

This feast celebrates a long-held belief of the Church which was not officially defined, however, until recent times. In his apostolic constitution of 1950, Pius XI declared as an article of faith that: "The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death."

What is the meaning of this feast? We believe that Mary's assumption is a unique participation in Christ's resurrection (CCC 966). This doctrine declares that the resurrection we hope for, Mary now enjoys completely. The Mother of God anticipates that which will be our destiny - she has been taken up fully into the life of God which awaits us all. In a sense, this teaching of the Church says that one of us has made it and is therefore a sign for us.

This doctrine is also related to our belief that at the end of Mary's earthly life she did not cease being an intercessor for us (CCC 969). The Second Vatican Council asserted, "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterruptedly from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfilment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation... Therefore, the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix" (Lumen Gentium 62). And yet this role of intercessor and the doctrine of the assumption does not supersede in importance Christ, but flows from the Lord. Thus, the verse and response that concludes the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary begs, "Pray for us, holy Mother of God, that we may become worthy of the promises of Christ."

The Preface for this Mass sums up our belief which we celebrate today, "Father, ... Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. You would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to your Son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the incarnation (Roman Missal, Preface for the Assumption).

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: John 6:60-69. Joshua 24:1-2.15.18. Psalm 33. Ephesians 5:21-32.

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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING: On Wednesday, 9 September, 2009, at 7.30pm, Monika Chmelova, an Advisor for Catechesis and Adult formation, specialising in First Holy Communion preparation, has been invited to speak to our Pastoral Area, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. If you would like to

come to this meeting or be involved as a catechist, or a helper, please contact Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

❖ Stewardship Development Days

3 Rivers Pastoral Area Stewardship Development Days have been organised for:

Saturday, 12 October, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham.

Saturday, 19 October, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford.

Could those invited for these first meetings and have not yet replied, please, as a matter of great urgency, contact the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford, on 023 8027 3882, or by email on 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Monday, 24 August, 2009, so that arrangements can be finalised.

❖ 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. On Fridays, at 10am, the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service with Morning Prayers, normally held at St. Andrew's Church, will instead be at St. Joseph's Church. These arrangements will stay until the work at St. Andrew's has been completed.

Volunteers wanted to operate the Hi Fi system for Sunday 9.15am Masses while these are being celebrated at St. Joseph's Church. This is for recorded hymns as no organist is available. The operation is very simple and you will be shown how to use the system. Enquiries please to Nigel Coleman on 01794 388449.

❖ Ongoing Formation

JOURNEY IN FAITH:

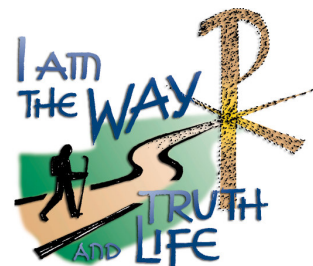
Meetings will resume after the Summer break in September. These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic.

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.*



❖ Holy Land 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, SO53 2DU.

❖ 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.

CAFOD BARBECUE: The 2009 Barbecue was held in the grounds of St. Edward's for the first time and once again was a very enjoyable and successful event raising £944 for St. Edward's Covenant with the Poor Project in Niger. The help given by many people, especially the CAFOD Group, is gratefully acknowledged.

3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA DIARIES: £92.10 was raised at St. Edward's for Clinicare, and a cheque has been forwarded to this nominated charity.

❖ Marriage Care

Marriage Care is looking for Volunteers. Would you like to help improve the most important thing in a couple's life - their relationship? We are looking for Volunteer Relationship Counsellors, who should be good listeners, empathic and non-judgemental. We provide full Diploma Course training, paid for by Marriage Care: and, in return, ask our Counsellors to offer counselling to Marriage Care clients for a minimum of two hours a week. If you are interested, please go to www.marriagecare.org.uk to download our information pack or telephone Tim Guerrier on 01962 882636.

❖ 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.

❖ Events at Douai Abbey

Please see details of events for all ages, and retreats (18-35 year olds) which have been organised by Young Catholic Adults (YCA), between 18-20 September, 2009, at Douai Abbey, in the welcoming area of all our churches.

❖ Supporting each other

INVITATION: Margaret and Henri Kemhadjian will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday, 22 August, 2009, and would like to invite their friends to share in a glass of wine after the 6.30pm Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church that evening. They look forward to seeing as many of you as can come.

❖ 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 09.08.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,198.14, (Loose plate: £246.49, Envelopes: £132.50, & Standing Orders: £819.15).

Xaverian Missionaries: £600.46. **Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,030.74, (Loose plate: £306.04, Envelopes: £164.70, & Standing Orders: £560.00). **200 CLUB Three monthly draw: No: 4,** S. Cunningham, £150. **No. 72,** Mrs. Tuffield, £100.

No. 94, Hazel Jurd, £50. **No. 21,** J. Higgins, £25. **Xaverian Missionaries:** £581.57.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £472. Non Gift Aid £192.



Saturday	15	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)
		5.00pm (SW) Noel, Nora and Patrick Luery RIP
		6.00pm (SJ) Bert Bird (anniversary)
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
		6.30pm (SE) Rita and George Hartley RIP
Sunday	16	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
		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) Father Paul Beaumont FM
Monday	17	9.15am (SE) Doreen Dickens RIP
		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) Helen Christian FM
		10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo RIP
		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	19	9.15am (SE) Sue and Graeme Parfitt
		10.00am (HC) Mena Crawford
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	20	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM
St. Bernard		10.00am (HC) Kathleen Bernadette Reynolds FM
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	21	9.15am (SE) In honour of St. Philomena
St. Pius X		10.00am (HC) Joe Delaney
		10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
		10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and</i> <i>Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	22	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
The Queenship of Mary		(<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)
		5.00pm (SW) Tadeusz Jarnecki RIP
		6.00pm (SJ) MASS
		6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
		6.30pm (SE) Emmanuel and Pawla Polidano RIP
Sunday	23	THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
		9.00am (SE) Bill Lee RIP
		9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
		9.15am (SJ) MASS
		9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
		11.00am (SJ) MASS
		11.00am (HC) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area

*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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