



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.
**TWENTY-SIXTH 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 do you serve Christ in others?

+ *Young*

People/Adults

*Are you
conscious that
you are
serving the
needs of
the poor?*



LIVING OUR FAITH – COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend brings the Living Our Faith campaign to a conclusion. While people can continue to pledge in the coming weeks and months, the campaign itself will end this weekend in five of the six churches of our Pastoral Area.

Our Pastoral Area total is now £509,000 and we have surpassed our initial goal of £390,000. We are both heartened and humbled by the support from our generous parishioners. In excess of £200,000 will be coming back to the Pastoral Area to help with our local needs, such as providing for a Pastoral Area Youth Worker and improving the various forms of communication within the Pastoral Area. Specific projects to benefit the churches include improving pedestrian access and enhancing 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.

During Masses this weekend we invite all who have not yet been contacted to join us in participating in the Living Our Faith campaign. We ask you to consider a sacrificial gift – one that is right for you. We express a heartfelt 'thank you' to those who have given so generously of their time to assist in this most important project over the past few months. This campaign has received strong support in the parishes of the Diocese where it has been undertaken. It gives us great confidence for the future. Our Diocese will be in a position to train students for the priesthood and to support priests, to offer formation to lay people in the faith and to offer support to parishes. Thank you to all who have given to make our campaign a success. Your gift to the Living Our Faith campaign at any level is greatly appreciated.

Fr. George

Fr. Michael.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, ROMSEY AND ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NORTH BADDESLEY:

The Sunday Masses at 9.15am and 11am, will now be celebrated in the beautifully refurbished St. Andrew's Church.

The first Mass of Sunday will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, as usual, at 6pm on Saturday evenings.

Tuesday morning Masses will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, commencing on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10am.

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service, with Morning Prayer, will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church on Friday mornings at 10am, starting on Friday, 2 October, 2009.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, *Anthony George John Edgecock*, who was baptised at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, on Sunday, 20 September. We also welcome this Sunday, 27 September, 2009, *Henry Paul Christopher Ward*, who is being baptised at Holy Cross Church, *Daniel Peter Wheble*, who is being baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church and *Rosalind Anne Brennan*, who is being baptised at St. Andrew's Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

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. The Masses at St. Edward the Confessor Church and Holy Cross Church, 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: Genesis 2:18-24. Psalm 127. Hebrews 2:9-11. Mark 10:2-16 (or 10:2-12)

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

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and best wishes to Hanna Jane Gravestock and Donald Obina Iro, who were married at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church on Saturday, 19 September, and Charina Delarosa and Christopher Bass for their wedding at Holy Cross Church on Saturday, 3 October, 2009.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST: All are welcome on Saturday, 3 October, 2009, at 8.30am, at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Blenheim Road, Eastleigh.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: The next session will be held on Sunday, 4 October, 2009, from 6pm-7.30pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. **(Please note there is not a session on Sunday, 27 September).** Enquiries please to Lyn Preston on 023 8085 7328.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: On Monday, 5 October, 2009, at 7pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, Nicky Stevens, Head of the Department for Pastoral Formation, at Park Place Pastoral Centre, has been asked to speak to our Pastoral Area regarding Children's Liturgy. If you are involved in Children's Liturgy, or would like to know more, you are most welcome to come to this meeting which is open to all in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area.

❖ Ongoing Formation

BIBLE STUDIES: 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. Please bring with you the readings for the following Sunday (as given with your weekly Pastoral Area Newsletter). 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.

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 next session at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, will be held on Thursday, 1 October, 2009, from 7.30pm until 9pm. All will be warmly welcomed.

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*.

DAY FOR READERS: Please note that the day for Readers arranged for 3 October, has been postponed.

DAY AWAY FOR CARERS: The Catholic Disability Fellowship has organised a 'Day for Carers' at Wisdom House, Romsey, on Saturday, 17 October, from 10am to 4pm. The aim of the day is to give those who have the responsibility of caring for a sick or disabled child, parent, friend or partner, to have a day just for themselves, for quiet reflection, gentle walks, prayer and the opportunity to be listened to. Enquiries please to Paula Medd on 023 92 369183. **Bookings please by Friday, 9 October, 2009, at the latest.**

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 20.09.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,166.21, (Loose plate: £235.33, Envelopes: £179.00, & Standing Orders: £751.88).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £947.34, (Loose plate: £224.35, Envelopes: £162.99, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 116, Mrs. Pat Freemantle. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £509. Non Gift Aid £240.

On 26/27 September, 2009, there will be a special collection for the Cathedral. **Next weekend: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**

❖ 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

SCRIPTURE READING AND SOCIAL MORNING: This will be held at the home of Irene James, 10 Sir Lancelot Close, (Off Skys Wood Road), Chandler's Ford, on Monday, 28 September, at 10am. All are welcome.

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. At the next meeting on Wednesday, 30 September, there will be a discussion on the role of the Laity written by Pope John Paul II in 1988. How far have we journeyed over the last 40 years? What are the key challenges today? Please come along and join us in this discussion. Everyone is most welcome and refreshments will be served during the evening. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

'GOOD COMPANIONS': The next luncheon will be held at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, on Tuesday, 6 October, at 12.30pm. Reservations please to Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617, by Thursday, 1 October, 2009.

❖ Outreach

NSPCC: "London to Paris—Following Matt and my successful charity ride (320 miles in 4 days), we now need to complete the collection of your generous sponsorships. I will be at the morning Masses at St. Edwards and Holy Cross on both 27 September/4 October, in a vivid green NSPCC 'T' Shirt. Please find your way to me, and if you have not sponsored us before, it's not too late to make a donation ... Thanks, Peter Davison".



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

ST. SWITHUN WELLS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford. 023 8026 6210
www.st-swithunwells.hants.sch.uk **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.

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZE: If you know Lisa Humby, could you please ask her to contact St. Swithun Wells School, on 023 8026 6210, to claim her prize, following the raffle held at the school's Summer Fayre.

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

Tel: 023 8032 2603. Open Evening, at the College, on Wednesday, 30 September, from 6pm onwards.

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Carlton Road, Southampton, SO15 2WZ. Tel: 023 8032 8200.

Open Evening on Thursday, 1 October, from 5.30pm-8pm. Parents and girls are invited to meet the teaching staff and tour the school and hear about admission for entry into Year 7 for September, 2010. **Open Evening on Tuesday, 6 October, 2009, from 6pm to 8pm.** Parents and girls and boys are invited to hear about admission for entry into Lower Sixth in September, 2010.

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) Sr. Michelle 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) The Donellan Family 11.00am (HC) Michael McCarthy RIP
Monday	28	9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	29	9.15am (SE) The Layzell grandchildren <i>The Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i> 10.00am (HC) Betty and George White RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) Special intentions for Donald Slee’s family 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	30	<i>St. Jerome</i> 9.15am (SE) Neil Campbell RIP 10.00am (HC) Robert Levey FM 6.00pm (OLQoA) In thanksgiving for all Eucharistic Ministers and Helpers
Thursday	1	9.15am (SE) Florence Bohan FM <i>St. Teresa of the Child Jesus</i> 10.00am (HC) Austin Smyth FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Dermot Walsh (anniversary)
Friday	2	9.15am (SE) Lillian and Anthony de Melo <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> 10.00am (HC) Antonio Cicu FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS <u>(Autumn Fast Day)</u> 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 11.30am (SJ) MASS 12 noon (HC) Funeral Mass for Zygmunt Juszczyński RIP
Saturday	3	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) In thanksgiving—Tony Goodburn 6.00pm (SJ) Peter and Paulette Coldham 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Kirpal Kaur Sandhu RIP
Sunday	4	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) The living and deceased members of the Murphy and Lucas Families FM 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) Kevin Botting (anniversary) 9.30am (OLQoA) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 11.00am (SA) Alexander Pollock RIP 11.00am (HC) Maureen Binden, Sadie Guilder & the Boyer Family

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.

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
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Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

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