



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.
THIRTIETH 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* Do I believe in
the healing that Jesus brings?



+ *Young People/Adults* Is there
any sense in which I suffer with
blindness?

“LORD, THAT I MAY SEE”

As Christian people we believe that God is with us constantly. While we may at times feel that we are alone or abandoned, somewhere within us we believe that God is with us. There may be times when we cry out like Bartimaeus, “Master, let me see again” when we are desperate to feel the presence of God or when we need God’s help. Bartimaeus recognised Jesus as “Son of David” before he could physically see, and in recognising Jesus and asking for healing his sight was restored.

St. Ignatius of Loyola suggests that a review of the day, when the day is almost over, is helpful in recognising God in the events of each day. This exercise is a way of recognising God’s beckoning and our response.

1. Be relaxed and pray, ‘Lord, let my whole being be directed to your service and praise.’
2. Let the day play back to you in any order. Look first at those moments you have enjoyed. Relive them, relish them and thank God for them. They are his gift to you. Avoid any self-judgement.
3. Now pray for enlightenment, ‘Lord, that I may see.’ Look at your moods and inner feelings during the day, but without judging them. Moods and inner feelings arise from our desires. Our habitual desires become attitudes. When our desires/attitudes are satisfied, we are content: when they are frustrated, we become irritable. We are praying to know the desires and attitudes which underlie our moods. Are my desires/attitudes directed to his kingdom - am I living to praise, revere and serve God, or are my desires to my personal kingdom - my comfort, my wealth, status, success, honour - wanting creation to praise, revere and serve me?
4. Apologise to God for not responding to him in the events of the day and beg his forgiveness, knowing that he always gives it. Thank him too for the times you have responded.
5. Ask God’s guidance for tomorrow and entrust yourself to his goodness, ‘like a child in its mother’s arms.’ (“Oh God, Why?” by Fr. Gerard Hughes).

FATHER MICHAEL.

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, Henry Zak Cassidy, Oliver Harvey Doughty and Sophia Holly-Marie Doughty, who will be baptised at St. Edward the Confessor Church, and Sereena Tennyson who will be baptised at St. Joseph's Church, on Sunday, 25 October, 2009.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2009: The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian on Friday, 6 November, 2009, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. Please remember in your prayers the 21 candidates and their families. Enquiries please to Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross, & St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

At our Masses on the 31 October and 1 November, we shall remember in prayer those who have died from our communities and whose funerals have taken place in our churches. A candle will be lit in their memory and their names will be read at Mass. This act of remembrance will also take place at St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches on the 7 and 8 November, 2009.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: On Sunday, 1 November, graves will be blessed at 2pm at Bishopstoke Cemetery and 3pm at Eastleigh Cemetery. On Sunday, 8 November, graves will be blessed at Fair Oak Cemetery at 3pm, and Ramalley Cemetery at 3pm.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Matthew 5:1-12. Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14. Psalm: 23. 1 John 3:1-3.

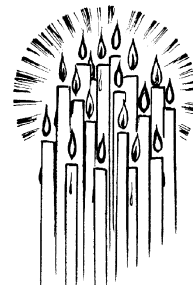
Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

The next parent's session will be held on Tuesday, 10 November, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. The next children's sessions will be held on Monday, 16 November, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, at the church where the child is to make their First Holy Communion. The Masses at St. Edward's Church and Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 25 October and 22 November, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches: Please contact the Parish Office in Romsey to register your child as soon as possible.



❖ Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be prayed on the following days and all are very welcome to join the families in their homes. Monday, 26 October, at 10.00am, at the home of Ana Carter, 3 Taw Drive, Chandler's Ford, SO53 4SL, and on the first Saturday of every month at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley.

❖ Ongoing Formation

BIBLE STUDIES EVENING: Every Monday, at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley, at 7.30pm.

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

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, 29 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 Churches*.

Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church*.

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, 4 November, 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 "Vatican II and Catechesis". 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.

EVENTS AND COURSES IN THE PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE IN 2009/2010. An update of events and courses are available in the welcoming areas of all our churches. Please look out for them. If you would like to receive a copy please phone 01329 835583.

Please note: 'The Gospel of Luke', led by Fr. Denis McBride, on Tuesday, 17 November, 2009, will be at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham. To book a place and make further enquiries please phone 01329 835583.

❖ Finance/Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 18 OCTOBER, 2009.

Details of the collections will be advised in due course.

PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER: Items for the next newsletter are required please by Tuesday, 27 October, 2009, by post or phone, direct to the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford, on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

❖ 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. There will be not be a meeting on 28 October, as it is half term. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

❖ Outreach

TWO SAINTS (ST. DISMAS) AND POITIERS PROJECT: For many years and in many ways parishioners in our communities have generously supported Two Saints Night Shelter, formerly known as St. Dismas, generally by donating cans of soup, men's clothing, both new and used, etc. During the recent recession we have been asked to provide groceries and furniture for families in need locally by the Poitiers Project. The response has been amazing. So that we may continue to support both charities, it has been suggested that a way we may do so is for tins of soup and men's clothing to be donated to Two Saints. Other food and furniture will be donated to the Poitiers Project. If you would like to continue supporting in this way, items may be left in the boxes provided at any of our six churches. Arrangements will be made to bring items to St. Edward the Confessor Church in Chandler's Ford, where they will be sorted and delivered to Two Saints or collected by the Poitiers Project. With your help, we hope to start these new arrangements from the 1 November, 2009. Anyone of course can still continue to take items themselves to Two Saints Night Shelter, their phone number is 023 8022 3443, or contact the Parish Office on 023 8027 3882.

BRING AND BUY/CRAFT SALE: The young people of Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Bishop's Waltham, will be holding a Bring and Buy/Craft Sale after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 8 November, to raise funds for 'Fanning the Flame'. Please donate cakes, second-hand books and DVD'S, toiletries and unwanted gifts. If you make crafts of any kind, please come along to sell, and donate profits to this worthy cause.

For further information please phone 01489 891802.

WISHING WELL—Covenant with the Poor. Presentation of Cheques will be held on 25 October, 2009, after the 11am Mass at Holy Cross Church, in the Resource Centre. £6,000 will be distributed.

Group Bidding

QEII Evening Club

Reason for Bid

Assistance with transport costs for outings for adults with learning difficulties
Attending Friday evening club.

Eastleigh and Romsey
Home Portage

Home visits to families with child with profound learning difficulties -
individual help. Also provide Christmas Party with present.

Open Sight

Club for blind and visually impaired people. Book entertainers at twice monthly
evening meetings.

Carers Centre

Support for carers in Eastleigh—11,000. New Group 'Moving On' has been
set up to support bereaved carers ...

Homestart

Support and friendship for families—Christmas Party.

Access Club

Club for adults with learning difficulties—they meet fortnightly at Crestwood College.

Wyvern Lunch Club

For the elderly. Asking for £300 towards running costs and Christmas lunch.

Eastleigh Faith & Light

Sharing faith group for adults with learning difficulties. Meet monthly at St. Edwards.

Wednesday Bingo Club

Friendship/social group for lonely ...

South Hants Deaf
Children's Society

Christmas Party costs.

Eastleigh Friends

Subsidising trips out for adults with learning difficulties and their families.

Eastleigh Community
Mental Health Team
Drop-in Centre

Meetings held every Tuesday at Holy Cross. Money to help move club forward,
providing stimulus e.g. laptop, etc.

EBS

Professional supervision fees for volunteer counsellors, continuation of training, paid
employment of secretarial assistance, operation costs ...

ECRDS

Rent guarantee scheme to help people in need to access housing.

Saturday	24	<i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i> 5.00pm (SW) Special Intention 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) God's blessing on Kate & George Peck and family
Sunday	25	THIRTIETH 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) Special Intention
Monday	26	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	27	9.15am (SE) Judith Smith RIP 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 10.00am (SA) MASS 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	28	<i>Ss. Simon and Jude</i> 9.15am (SE) Carlina Lara Macdonald RIP 10.00am (HC) Special Intention 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	29	9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Giovanni Mucci RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	30	<i>Blessed Winchester Martyrs</i> 9.15am (SE) Special Intention 10.00am (HC) Gerard Carr FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	31	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>(The First Mass of Sunday)</i> 5.00pm (SW) The Sullivan Family RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Valerie Kelly RIP
Sunday	1	ALL SAINTS 9.00am (SE) The Lee Family and Friends 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Antonietta and Rosario Mucci RIP

Please note that in Romsey and North Baddesley, the 9.15am and 11am Masses on Sundays will now be celebrated in the beautifully refurbished St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley. The first Mass of Sunday will continue to be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Romsey, at 6pm, each Saturday.

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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