



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.  
ALL SAINTS**

### 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 you think holiness is? What do you do for the sake of holiness?*

### + *Young People/ Adults*

*For what do you hunger or thirst? How do you try to satisfy your hunger or thirst?*



### SWINE FLU RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, I recommended certain restrictions on the giving and receiving of Holy Communion and the exchange of the greetings of peace in the celebration of Masses throughout the diocese. My thanks go to all parishes and communities for their generous co-operation in implementing these recommendations.

Advice now given me, and with the onset of the vaccination programme, suggests that we can relax these restrictions and return to normal and sensible precautions. I, therefore, ask all parish priests to announce this from next weekend, October 31<sup>st</sup>/November 1<sup>st</sup>. This means reverting to what was previously the normal practice in the diocese, with Holy Communion being offered under both kinds and with the exchange of the greeting of peace by handshake or other suitable ways.

I leave it to each parish priest to make a judgement about re-imposing the restrictions should there be a significant incidence of infection in his parish. In such circumstances, it would be a sensible measure to do so.

The practice of receiving the Sacred Host in the hand has great merit but I do not insist that this has to be the case - Holy Communion may also be received on the tongue. The practice of Ministers of the Sacred Host ensuring that their hands are washed, either with soap and water or with the sanitizers provided, before and after ministering has been a good development and I encourage all Ministers to continue to do this.

Should any parishioners still feel uncomfortable about receiving from the chalice, then they must feel free to make the choice not to do so. It might just be worthwhile reiterating the age-old teaching that the Body and Blood of the Lord are fully present even when received under one kind. However, the Church also teaches that it is a fuller sign when Holy Communion is received under both kinds.

**Crispian Hollis, Bishop of Portsmouth.**

*Items for the next Pastoral Area Newsletter are required 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*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The Parish Office in St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, will be closed on Mondays, remaining open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 9am to 4pm.*

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Sofia Emma Bibbo, and Jack James Noble who will be baptised at Holy Cross Church, and Eva Alice Collings who is being baptised at St. Andrew's Church, on 1 November, 2009.

**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.

**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. This is a Pastoral Area celebration and everyone is very welcome to come and pray for our 21 candidates, their families and all who have supported them and brought them to this day.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 145. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** Parents who wish their child to receive their First Holy Communion are asked to please contact Father John for an Application Form by Sunday, 29 November, 2009. A meeting for parents will be arranged soon after that date. Please note the child must be in Year 3 or older. Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill, on 01389 878760.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches:** Parents who would like their children to receive their First Holy Communion in 2010 are asked to please contact the Parish Office in Romsey before 8 November. If your child is not registered by this date they will have to wait until the following year.

**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, 22 November, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806.

## ❖ 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, 5 November, 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.

**WELCOME GROUP MEETING:** This will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, 2009, at 7.30pm, at St. Andrew's Church.

**A QUIET DAY:** Do you know of someone who has suffered a significant loss or bereavement who would benefit from time and space and, perhaps a listening ear? On Saturday, 7 November, from 10.30pm-4pm, (coffee from 10am) at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 83L, we are offering a day with such a person in mind. We would be grateful if you could help us to let people know that the day is available. Suggested offering of £15 to include a light, home-cooked lunch, refreshments throughout the day and all materials - but please ensure that all who might wish to come know that they are welcome regardless of ability to make an offering at this time. Enquiries/bookings please to Wisdom House on 01794 830206.

**'THE GOSPEL OF LUKE'** - Please note there is a change of speaker. The day will now be led by Father Peter Edmonds, on Tuesday, 17 November, 2009, at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, from 11am - 3pm, (coffee from 10.30am). Cost £15 (tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch). To book a place and make further enquiries please phone 01329 835583.

**STEWARDSHIP DAYS:** Bishop Crispian invites you to 'Give thanks to the Lord for He is God', an opportunity to find out what Stewardship is and why it is so important in the life of our diocese. Please see details in the welcoming areas of all our churches.

## ❖ Ecumenical

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** All are welcome on Saturday, 7 November, 2009, at 8.30am, at the Baptist Church, Wells Place, Eastleigh.

## ❖ 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, 4 November, the meeting will be planning the Liturgies for the Sundays of Advent. Everyone is very welcome to come along and help with the planning.

Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA SKITTLES TOURNAMENT**—organised by the Knights of St. Columba will be held at the Mortimers Arms, Ower, on Thursday, 19 November, at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. Each church is asked to field a team of 6, plus supporters. Team names to be declared on the night. Defending champions—St. Joseph's Church. Enquiries please to Roger Wood on 023 8025 3993.

**ST. JOSEPH AND ST. ANDREW CHURCHES:** The Parish Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, 19 December, 2009, from 10am to 1pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Romsey.

## ❖ 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.

**THE BIG BREW UP TEA PARTY**—held at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church Hall on the 10 October, raised an amazing £694 for SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association) towards their support for our hard pressed Forces and their Families. Very many thanks to everyone who supported the event in any way.

**FAIR TRADE:** If you would like to help represent Fair Trade at St. Edward the Confessor Church, please contact Phyllis McGann on 023 8026 7331, who would be delighted to hear from you and explain what is involved.

**CHRISTMAS DRAW TICKETS:** Now available at St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. Wonderful prizes. Proceeds to The Leonard Cheshire Home, Romsey.

## ❖ Vacancies

**DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH:** A vacancy has arisen for a full-time Fundraising Campaign Administrator to work in the Diocesan Department for Finance & Property which is located at St. Edmund House, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth. For an application form and job description please contact:- Soraya Ciccarone, PA to Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator and Diocesan Financial Secretary, Department for Finance & Property, St. Edmund House, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3QA. Tel: 023 92 825430—email [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
Closing date for applications: Friday, 13 November, 2009. Interview date: Late November, 2009.

**DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH:** A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Education Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools, which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hampshire. The post may suit someone who has recently retired. For more information about this post and salary details please contact: Urszula Topp, Deputy Director, Department for Schools—Tel: 01329 839341—email: [utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
For an application form and job description please contact:- Soraya Ciccarone, Department for Finance and Property, St. Edmund House, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA. email: [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Tel: 023 92 836511  
Closing date for applications: Friday, 20 November, 2009, (4pm). Interview date: Tuesday 1 December, 2009.

Posters advertising the above vacancies are also displayed in all our churches.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 25 OCTOBER, 2009.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,177.40, (Loose plate: £241.56, Envelopes: £120.50, & Standing Orders: £815.34). *APF £231.64.*

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,024.97, (Loose plate: £274.79, Envelopes: £190.18, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

*CAFOD Harvest Day, £650.87 of which £342. was gift aided. APF £158.03 of which £20 was gift aided.*

**200 CLUB:** 11.10.09 Agnes Fenwick £25. 18.10.09. Monica Dunne £25. 25.11.09. Holy Cross £25.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £427. Non Gift Aid £254.. There is a collection for BAMENDA this weekend.

**LIVING OUR FAITH TOTAL: £673,904.17 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 244 PLEDGES. THANK YOU.**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>31</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	<b>5.00pm (SW) The Sullivan Family RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Sr. Cathaldus</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Valerie Kelly RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>9.00am (SE) The Lee Family and Friends</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) Alice and Alf Harcourt (anniversary)</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Antonietta and Rosario Marucci RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	<i>All Souls</i>	9.15am (SE) Holy Souls 10.00am (OLQoA) Holy Souls 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i> 10.00am (SA) Holy Souls 7.00pm (SJ) Holy Souls 7.00pm (HC) Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3</b>	<i>Blessed John Body</i>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (SA) Dan Cleary RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 12noon (SE) Funeral Mass for Kathleen Harvey RIP 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>4</b>	<i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	9.15am (SE) Dan Gallagher RIP 10.00am (HC) Deceased members of the Cowling and Tierney families FM 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5</b>		9.15am (SE) Ted Bennett RIP 10.00am (HC) Mary Webber RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Special Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6</b>		9.15am (SE) Lilian and Anthony de Melo 10.00am (HC) Mick Lane RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 11.30am (SJ) MASS
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <b>5.00pm (SW) Alf Fryer RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Deceased members of the Kelly Family</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8</b>	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area.</b> <b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b> <b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Bill Reynolds FM</b>

The Holy Rosary will be prayed on the first Saturday of every month at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley.

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES:**

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