



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 4.  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
Remembrance Sunday**

### 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 give as  
generously as I  
have received?  
+ Young People/  
Adults*

*Am I conscious  
of the need to be  
generous?  
What does  
generosity mean  
for me?*



### CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

#### Having your say on 'Assisting Suicide'

There is an important consultation now taking place about when cases of 'assisted suicide' will be prosecuted. The law on 'assisting suicide' has not changed but the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has issued 'interim guidelines' about when to prosecute people who do it. We have until 16 December, 2009, to respond.

It is essential that as many people as possible concerned about safeguarding the value of life should respond. The guidelines are defective. If left unchanged, they are likely to encourage attitudes and practices that will greatly increase the pressures on vulnerable people to kill themselves. Suicide is a terrible act and typically the act of a desperate person. Those contemplating suicide should be treated with compassion, but suicide should never be promoted or assisted. Promoting or assisting suicide is a serious offence, not a 'victimless crime'. It leaves someone dead.

#### What are the most important defects in the guidelines?

First, that the guidelines give the impression that a person with a disability (or a serious illness or a history of suicide attempts) has less protection under the law than the rest of us. Second, they may well encourage people in certain categories (spouses and carers) to think they are immune from prosecution for advising or assisting suicide. Sadly, not all spouses and carers are caring people, and vulnerable people need the law's protection here. Third, the guidelines fail to give enough weight to preventing systematic promotion of suicide by pro-suicide and pro-euthanasia groups or individuals.

#### What can we do?

You can respond to the consultation and make your views known. Unfortunately the consultation document produced by the Crown Prosecution Service is confusing and not easy to follow. Advice on how to respond is on the Bishops' Conference website. If you write a response the key point to make in your reply is that the factors "against prosecution" should not include:

1. that the victim had a terminal illness, severe disability or chronic illness, or,
2. that the suspect was a spouse, partner or close relative.

It is right that there should be some discretion for the DPP when there are exceptional circumstances which mean prosecution would not be in the public interest. But including these key categories in guidelines could allow the practice of assisted suicide to quickly become very common.

To make your response go to [www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/as\\_policy.html](http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/as_policy.html) or phone the Crown Prosecution Service (020 7796 8000) and ask for a copy of the consultation document.

Advice on how to respond can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk)

30 October, 2009.

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Jessica Lily Johnston, who will be baptised at Holy Cross Church, on Sunday, 8 November, 2009.

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches:** At our Masses on the 7/8 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.

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

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING: St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches:** Meet at the Parish Centre, Romsey, on Thursday, 12 November, at 7pm.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Daniel 12:1-3. Psalm 15. Hebrews 10:11-14.18. Mark 13:24-32.**

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

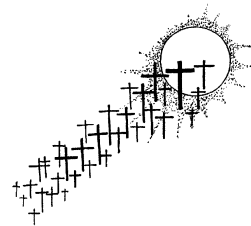
### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:**

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

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.

**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:** Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.



## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**BIBLE STUDIES EVENING:** Tuesdays, (changed from Mondays), 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, 12 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*.

**STEWARDSHIP DAY:** Bishop Crispian invites you to "Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good", an opportunity to find out what Stewardship is and why it is so important in the life of our diocese. The next opportunity will be on Saturday, 14 November, 2009, at St. George School, Southampton, SO16 3DQ. For more details and booking, please contact The Department for Pastoral Formation, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hants. PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835583.

Email: estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**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, 18 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 "A history of the Ministry of the Word in the Church". 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.

## ❖ Climate Change

**THE WAVE come together to stop climate chaos LONDON, 5 DECEMBER, 2009.**

**Time to pray:** Christian worship with Archbishop Rowan Williams and Archbishop Vincent Nichols. Christian Service, followed by a peaceful march to the Thames.

Please wear blue or bring blue banners to join **THE WAVE**.

**11am: Christian Service, Westminster Central Hall, London. SW1H**

**12 noon: Activities for children and young people, Westminster Centre Hall, London SW1H**

**The march: Service and activities lead straight into the march. If you can't make the Service, head straight to Grosvenor Square, W1A from 12noon, march leaves at 1pm.**

The Stop Climate Chaos Coalition is 11 million strong with committed supporters, campaigners, hearts, minds and voices from over 100 organisations. Please see posters available in the welcoming areas of all our churches.

**For more information about the march and transport: [www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave)**

## ❖ Supporting each other

**PERSONAL 'THANK YOU':** Ellen Lane and her family would like to thank everyone who has sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy and support over the past few weeks since the death of her husband, Michael. They have been a great comfort and strength at this difficult time.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH:** Volunteers urgently required to run coffee mornings after the 11am Sunday Mass.

**EASTLEIGH NORTH AND BOYATT WOOD EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP:** The next meeting will take place on Monday, 9 November, at 8pm, at Glenda's home, 'Bellevue', Highbridge Road, Highbridge, Eastleigh. If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Enquiries please to Glenda Hinton on 01962 714626.

**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, 11 November, the meeting will be 'Sharing Time and Talents'. On 18 November, there will be a visit by Ben Mugisha of Kware to update us on the feeding programme and ongoing work. Everyone is very welcome. 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 Neil Hendricks on 023 8026 6324.

**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

**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:** These are now available at St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. Wonderful prizes. Proceeds to The Leonard Cheshire Home, Romsey.

**INDIAN EVENING: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** The evening was a wonderful success thanks to Hamish, his family and the parish for supporting this event. So far Hamish has raised £1,200 which will go to the Goodwill Orphanage in the Tamil Nadu region of Southern India where he hopes to teach for two weeks next summer. Well done Hamish.

## ❖ School Matters

**ST. SWITHUN WELLS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL,** Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 023 8026 6210

The Christmas Fayre will be held at the School on Friday, 27 November, 2009, from 6pm to 8.30pm. Donations welcome of bottles for the tombola, festive jam-jars (filled with gifts, e.g. small pencils, crayons, toys, marbles, balloons, sweets and stickers, or anything that fits, and decorated with something festive), 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 churches, available on the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 November. Raffle tickets will also be available on these weekends. Volunteers are also urgently needed to prepare in advance for the Fayre and on stalls on the day of the Fayre. Please call Anna McCormack if you can help on 023 8026 6553.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 1 November, 2009.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,204.58, (Loose plate: £217.64, Envelopes: £171.60, & Standing Orders: £815.34).

*Bamenda: £378.71*

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,027.10, (Loose plate: £289.50, Envelopes: £177.60, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

*Bamenda: £190.*

**200 CLUB:** Three monthly draw, No. 36 Kath Cole, £150. No. 64, Marjorie O'Mara, £100. No. 85, L. Micalles, £50.

No. 6, D. Higgins, £25.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £424. Non Gift Aid £201. *Bamenda: Gift Aid £176. Non Gift Aid £44.*

**LIVING OUR FAITH TOTAL: £691,543.35 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 256 PLEDGES. THANK YOU.**

*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](mailto:3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

*This newsletter can be sent to you by email service — just email [website@3rivers.org.uk](mailto: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.*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</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>	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	
<b>Remembrance Sunday</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) Montu Lobo (ill)</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Bill Reynolds FM</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	9.15am (SE) Paul Freeman FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>	
<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	9.15am (SE) Deceased members of the Bennett and Alder Families RIP 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (SA) MASS 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS <i>followed by the Rosary</i> 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>11</b>	9.15am (SE) Henry Ryan RIP <i>followed by the Rosary in the Lady Chapel</i> 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS	
<i>St. Martin of Tours</i>			
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	9.15am (SE) Ronald Frederick Cook RIP 10.00am (HC) Mick Lane RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS	
<i>St. Josaphat</i>			
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	9.15am (SE) Henry Ryan RIP 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	<b>5.00pm (SW) Mary Haren</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Rosemary Oxby RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	
		<b>9.00am (SE) Baby Ava Smith 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 (SA) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Bryan Hobbs 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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