



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 2.

### 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** *When we were baptised, we were baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit? What sign do we make most times we pray to remind us of that?*

+ **Young People/Adults** *How conscious am I of the significance of making the Sign of the Cross - in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? How might it help to strengthen my sense of identity as a Catholic Christian?*



### The Most Holy Trinity

“Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.”

*(Athanasian Creed; DS 75, ND16) CCC 266*

### Living our Faith

‘Living our Faith’ is an important fundraising campaign that is happening in our Diocese. The aim of the campaign is to raise money for the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Parishes and Pastoral Areas will benefit too.

### Pastoral Area Mass

I hope that as many people as possible will gather for this special Mass on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the park in Eastleigh.

### Vigil of Prayer

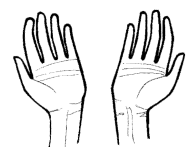
We will begin the Year of the Priest with an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Edward the Confessor Church on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for an hour of prayer on the lists available in the churches of our Pastoral Area.

### St. Therese of Lisieux

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux will be at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

*Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the Spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.*



Father Michael.

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**DEACON BOB BIRTLES:** We offer our prayers and congratulations to Deacon Bob who celebrates the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate this weekend, Saturday, 6 June, 2009, and thank him for his ministry amongst us.

### **ORDINATION OF JOHN DI MEO TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:**

**Sunday, 28 June, 2009, during the celebration of Mass at 3pm, at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.**

The Diocesan Choir Festival will take place at St. Edward the Confessor Church from 10am to 4.30pm, on Saturday, 13 June, 2009, and during the day will be rehearsing some of the music for the Ordination Mass.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2009:**

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church:** First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 7 June, 2009, at 11.30am. Fifteen children will be making their First Holy Communion. On the 14 June, (Corpus Christi), the children will join together with parishioners for the celebration of Mass at 9.30am and a reception for everyone afterwards. Please keep them, and all the children preparing for this special day, in your prayers. Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill on 01489 878760.

**St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches:** The rehearsals for the First Holy Communion Mass (*to be celebrated on Saturday/Sunday 13/14 June*), will be on Monday, 8 June, at 6.30pm, in both St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, and Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, (children and parents are asked to attend).

Enquiries please to Elizabeth on 01962 712022, or Anne on 023 8025 4806. At St. Edward the Confessor Church on Sunday, 14 June, 2009, there will also be additional car parking available at Thornden School. Car parking stewards will be in attendance.

**St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches:** First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 19 July, 2009, at both St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Churches. Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Mark 14:12-16.22-26. Exodus 24:3-8. Psalm 115. Hebrews 9:11-15.**

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

**3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA MASS:** On Sunday 21 June, 2009, at 11am, we will gather as a Pastoral Area for the celebration of Mass in the park opposite Holy Cross Church in Eastleigh. We do not propose to cancel any of the Sunday Masses of our Pastoral Area on that Sunday but it is hoped that as many people as possible will join in the celebration.

**MUSIC FOR 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA MASS:** All singers and musicians are welcome to be involved - we would need to gather by the Bandstand at 10.30am latest, on the day to set up. If you would like to see the proposed list, please see the Pastoral Area Website - any other suggestions are also welcome. Enquiries please to Catherine McElhinney on 023 8061 8658.



## ❖ Vigil of Prayer in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area

**Pope Benedict has decreed 2009 - 2010, as the Year of the Priest.** There will be a Vigil of Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, opening with the celebration of Mass on Thursday, 18 June, at 9.15am, and closing with an Holy Hour and Benediction at 7pm on Friday, 19 June, 2009, (The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). It is hoped that as many of you as possible will be able to share in this Vigil of Prayer for all Priests, and Vocations to the Priesthood. It would be good if at least 2 persons from each of our six churches could be present at any one time. Please add your name to the lists available in the welcoming area of all our churches.

## ❖ Wisdom House

A quiet room is available in Wisdom House Spirituality Centre, Romsey, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. All are welcome to use this room for personal prayer, reflection or meditation.

## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Sessions are for those who would like to enquire or know more about the Catholic Faith.

**Romsey:** Enquiries please to John di Meo on 01794 515688. **Bishop's Waltham:** Enquiries to Pat Taylor on 01489 895889.

**Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh and Fair Oak:** The next meeting is on Thursday, 11 June, 2009, from 7.30pm to 9pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. All are welcome.

Enquiries please to Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806.

**Bible Study Groups:** If you are interested, please come to a meeting on Thursday, 11 June, at 7.30pm, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, North Baddesley.

## ❖ School Matters

**St. Swithun Wells Catholic Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2JP. Tel: 023 8026 6210.**

**Open Morning at the School:** On Wednesday, 17 June, 2009, from 9.30am - 11.30am. This is a chance to see the school in action. Year 6 pupils will conduct tours of the school.

## ❖ 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, 10 June, there will be a Corpus Christi liturgy.

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

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES** is holding a Fun Dance Evening in the church hall on Friday, 19 June, at 7.30pm.

Dance instructors will be teaching jive steps to 50s/60s music. Suitable for all ages—no experience necessary! Finger buffet provided and a bar is available. £8 per person or £25 for a family. Please contact Jane, 01489 896773 or Ann, 01489 891022.

## ❖ Outreach

**CAFOD PYRAMID BOXES:** Please bring your boxes to St. Edward's Church for emptying next weekend 13/14 June and collect a replacement box at the same time.

**SUMMER TEA,** in aid of 'Wells for India' at St. Edward the Confessor Church at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 24 June. £3.50 per adult. Children free. Tom Holder will kindly give a brief talk about this important charity during the afternoon. All welcome.

**WISHING WELL: Do you play golf?** The Phil Talbot Golf Classic will take place on Friday, 3 July, 2009, at East Horton Golf Centre. 8am for breakfast. 11 holes of Texas Scramble. Lunch. The main competition is 18 holes of Stapleford. 3 course evening meal including prize giving and auction. Cost £70 per golfer. Evening meal only £20.

**Do you have friends in high places?** Items for an auction at this event would be much appreciated.

Enquiries please to: Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245 or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.

**CAFOD: Date for your diary:** There will be a Barbecue on Saturday, 8 August, at St. Edward's Church in aid of the CAFOD NIGER Project (Covenant with the Poor). More details later.

**CHRISTIAN AID:** Many thanks to all who helped St. Edward's to raise £784.27 from house to house collections this year.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to 10 year old Brendan Guest and his cousin Tim, aged 12, who recently completed a triathlon raising over £600 (so far) for the Sisters of Nazareth House, supporting their work with AIDS babies in Johannesburg. Many thanks to those who sponsored them. Any further donations gratefully received. Enquiries please to the Parish Office in Romsey.

**POITIERS PROJECT:** If you have any unwanted furniture, or an electric cooker, that you wish to donate to a local charity, please contact Pauline in the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882. Thank you very much to the many who have recently donated so generously.

**"BRAVO** to all cyclists who took part in the 22Km on Sunday. A big thank you to everyone who joined and kindly helped at the Barbeque. Thank you to all who sponsored the cyclists and we'll be at each Mass to collect the sponsorship money." *Mimi & Ruby.*



## ❖ Safeguarding Training

**Safeguarding Training:** It is now obligatory for Ministers of Communion and all involved with children and/or vulnerable adults to receive training. The next training sessions are on Tuesday, 14 July, 2009, from 7pm-9pm, Child Protection Training, and on Wednesday, 15 July, 2009, from 7pm-9pm, Vulnerable Adults Training. Both training sessions will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. If you are unable to attend on the above dates please see list of other dates and venues in the welcoming areas of all our churches. If you would like to book for any of the sessions or you require further details, please contact your Child Protection Representative, Clare Lasker on 023 8025 2138, (*St. Edward's*), Pauline Bartlett on 01794 511619, (*St. Joseph's and St. Andrews*), Michael Cummings on 023 8027 1093 and Nick Reith on 023 8065 2309, (*Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells*), or Rita Newman on 01489 877204, (*Our Lady Queen of Apostles*).

## ❖ Street Pastors

**Churches Together in Chandler's Ford** have arranged an Information Meeting for anyone who would like to know more about the Street Pastors initiative, which is hoped to commence shortly in the Chandler's Ford area. The meeting will take place at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, on Monday, 22 June, at 7.30pm.

Three speakers, listed below, have been invited to be present who can give a summary of their views and experience and then field any questions.

1. Steven Smallwood, Co-ordinator of Eastleigh Street Pastors
2. Eric Hyom, a practising Street Pastor in Fair Oak and now in Eastleigh.
3. Chief Inspector Diana Boyles from Hampshire Constabulary, who spoke to the November CTCF meeting on this topic.

Enquiries please to Paul Carmody on 023 8061 5373.

## ❖ 3 Rivers Pastoral Area Diaries

3 Rivers Pastoral Area Diaries, giving the Church's Liturgical Calendar for 2010, are now available in all our six churches. The suggested donation for each diary, together with the nominated charity, will also be displayed in each church.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 31.05.09.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,449.94, (Loose plate: £396.48, Envelopes: £244.00, & Standing Orders: £809.46).




**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £1,019.39, (Loose plate: £319.00, Envelopes: £140.00, & Standing Orders: £560.00).




**200 CLUB:** No. 91, K. Cunningham, £25. **St. Joseph's & St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £430. Non Gift Aid. £356.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Betty and George White RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Sean Connolly and Ellen Connolly</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</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) Peggy Ingoe RIP</b> <b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>11.30am (OLQoA) First Holy Communion Mass</b> <b>11.00am (SJ) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Bella McDonnell</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Skipton Leonard Haslam RIP 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St. Columba</i>	<b>9</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Jerome Sundram RIP 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM 10.00am (SA) 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	9.15am (SE) Marie Thompson RIP 10.00am (HC) Mary Webber RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <i>St. Barnabas</i>	<b>11</b>	9.15am (SE) In honour of the Blessed Julie Billart FM 10.00am (HC) Jimmy Egan RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 9.15am (SE) Lilian and Anthony de Melo 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Allan Westwood RIP 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>St. Anthony of Padua</i> ( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> )	<b>13</b>	<b>5.00pm (SW) Jim Russell RIP</b> <b>6.00pm (SJ) Private Intention</b> <b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b> <b>6.30pm (SE) Barney McGuirk RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ)</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 (SJ) MASS</b> <b>11.00am (HC) Antonio Cieu FM</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.*

*Items for inclusion in the Newsletters for Sunday, 14 June and Sunday, 21 June, must be sent please by Tuesday, 9 June, 2009, 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*

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