



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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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.

CORPUS CHRISTI

(The Body and Blood of Christ)

Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ **Children/Families**

How can we show that we love Jesus when he is present in a special way at Mass?

+ **Young People/**

Adults *What greater legacy could Jesus have left his disciples than his Body and Blood?*

How can I foster a sense of gratitude for it - and respond to it with similar generosity?



Corpus Christi

A substantial change takes place within the elements of bread and wine at Mass. The term in our tradition for the change that takes place is "transubstantiation." St. Ambrose says of this change, "Be convinced that this is not what nature has formed, but what the blessing has consecrated. The power of the blessing prevails over that of nature, because by the blessing nature itself is changed..."

It is essential that we help our children, when they are receiving Holy Communion for the first time, to appreciate this great gift from God. They will have faith in Christ present in the Eucharist if we have that faith. The Church has insisted from the earliest times that this is the "real presence" of Christ, that is, real in the fullest sense a substantial presence by which Christ, both God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present. CCC 1374

The extended period of Eucharistic adoration on Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th of June at St. Edward the Confessor Church marks the beginning of the Year of the Priest announced by Pope Benedict. It gives us the opportunity to silently adore the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. Please set aside an hour for silent prayer during this time on the lists provided in the churches.

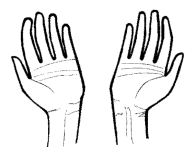
Pastoral Area Mass

I hope that we will have a memorable Pastoral Area Mass in the park in Eastleigh next Sunday, June 21st, at 11.00am. There are more details in this newsletter. Please do try to be there as we gather as Catholics of this area for what will be an act of witness to our Catholic faith.

Father Michael.

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.



❖ Liturgy and Sacraments



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and good wishes to Sophie Pilla and Paul Burgess for their wedding on Saturday, 20 June, at Holy Cross Church, at 12 noon. Sophie and Paul would be delighted for friends and parishioners to join them for the wedding ceremony at the church.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: **Mark 4:35-41. Job 38.1.8-11. Psalm 106. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17.** Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

INVITATION: At the 5pm Mass on Saturday, 27 June, at St. Swithun Wells Church, we shall celebrate the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul by gathering together the Stewardship Themes which we have considered over the past months. Deacon Bob will preach at this Mass and it is also an appropriate occasion on which to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Bob's Ordination to the Diaconate. Bob and Marion would like to invite you to join them for a celebratory drink after Mass.

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.
All are welcome.

❖ Ongoing Formation

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAMME:

An eleven session programme is being launched at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, led by Father John Buckley, with a talk on *St. Paul - Freedom & Grace - Part I*. This will be held on Wednesday, 17 June, at 7.30pm.

The following session - *St. Paul - Freedom & Grace - Part II*, will be held on Thursday, 25 June, at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For full details of the programme, please see www.3rivers.org.uk or call/text Giles Brady on 07816 569293, or Charles Forrest on 023 8069 4482.

❖ 3 Rivers Pilgrimages in 2010

SIX DAY PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND FATIMA:

We are hoping to organise a pilgrimage in October, 2010, to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain, the site of the tomb of St. James, then on to Fatima in Portugal, where Our Lady appeared to three children in 1917.

For further information please contact either Mary or Paul Hollingworth on 01794 524287, or email maholli@lineone.net. The pilgrimage will be on a half board basis.

TWO DAY TRIP TO WALSINGHAM: 7-8 May, 2010.

Come and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, which has been a place of pilgrimage since the medieval times. Walsingham is in Norfolk, so this will be an overnight stay on a half board basis. For further information please contact either Mary or Paul Hollingworth on 01794 524287, or email maholli@lineone.net

❖ Stewardship

St. Edward's Church: More flower arrangers are urgently needed for this beautiful church. Is this a gift that you would like to offer to God? If you are able to help with this special ministry please contact Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617.

❖ 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.

Parent Foundation Governor Vacancy for the School: Application forms and full details can be obtained from the school office. Closing date for receipt of applications is 26 June, 2009. Please also see posters in the welcoming area of all our churches.

Summer Fayre at the School: Saturday, 11 July, 1pm—3.30pm.

Please see posters in the welcoming area of all our churches. More details later.

❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

Please send items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter for Sunday, 28 June, The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, by Tuesday, 23 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

❖ Supporting each other

EASTLEIGH NORTH AND BOYATT WOOD EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP: The next meeting will take place on Monday, 15 June, at Hilda's home, starting at 8pm. If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Enquiries please to Glenda on 01962 714626.

S.V.P. (THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL): The next meeting is on Tuesday, 16 June, at 8pm, at the usual venue. Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office.

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, 17 June, there will be a discussion and reflection on the book of Tobit. 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 CHURCH 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.

NATIONAL FALLERS AWARENESS DAY: Romsey Rehabilitation Team are holding a stall in Romsey Market Place on Tuesday, 23 June, from 9am to 4pm, to make people aware of falls and how to prevent falling.

❖ Outreach

SUMMER TEA: This will be held in the Cloisters of St. Edward the Confessor Church, on Wednesday, 24 June, at 2.30pm. £3.50 per adult, Children free. The proceeds will be going to the charity 'Wells for India' and Tom Holder will kindly give a brief talk on this charity during the afternoon.

Aim: 'Wells for India' works with local organisations in Rajasthan to bring water security to villages and help improve the livelihoods of the poorest people.

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. The Golf Day is held to raise money for the Covenant with the Poor - Wishing Well Appeal, which distributes monies to local charities. Enquiries please to: Ron Clarke on 023 8067 7245, or Brian Forrest on 023 8025 5051.



❖ 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 would like to book for any of the sessions or require further details, please contact your Child Protection Representative, John Neill on 023 8025 5853, or 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, or Nick Reith on 023 8065 2309, (*Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells*), and Rita Newman on 01489 877204, (*Our Lady Queen of Apostles*). Please also see accompanying important letter from Angela McGrory, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, together with additional Safety Training Dates.

❖ 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 have been invited to be present who can give a summary of their views and experience and then field any questions. Enquiries please to Paul Carmody on 023 8061 5373.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 07.06.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,224.22, (Loose plate: £198.66, Envelopes: £216.10, & Standing Orders: £809.46).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £973.00, (Loose plate: £265.00, Envelopes: £148.00 & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No. 73, N. Jennings, £25. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid: £580. Non Gift Aid. £254.

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| Saturday | 13 | 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Jim Russell RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Private Intention 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Barney McGuirk RIP |
| Sunday | 14 | CORPUS CHRISTI 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 (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Antonio Cicu FM |
| Monday | 15 | 9.15am (SE) In thanksgiving to St. Philomena 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i> |
| Tuesday | 16 | 9.15am (SE) Charles and Martha Bennett FM 10.00am (HC) In thanksgiving—Silver Wedding Anniversary for Kathleen and Martyn Cole 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) Lena Tyhurst (anniversary) 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 | 17 | 9.15am (SE) Dorothy Cotton RIP 10.00am (HC) Heinz Sellerich RIP 11.45am (SE) Funeral Mass for Mary Betts RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS <i>There will be a Vigil of Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Edward the Confessor Church, opening with the celebration of Mass at 9.15am on Thursday, 18 June, and closing with an Holy Hour at 7pm, on Friday, 19 June.</i> |
| Thursday | 18 | 9.15am (SE) Freda and Doreen Chitty RIP 10.00am (HC) Francesco Papallo RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS |
| Friday | 19 | 9.15am (SE) John and Phyllis Wood RIP <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Jack and Chris Molloy FM 7.00pm (SE) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| Saturday | 20 | 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Maisie and Robert Austin RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Kate Leicester (ill) 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Francis John Spratt RIP |
| Sunday | 21 | THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Helen Christian FM 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS (11.00am (HC) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area) (This Mass will be celebrated in the Park opposite the church.) |

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.

Romsey Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 17 June, as Rosemary will be attending a day for secretaries and administrators in the diocese. On Tuesday, 16 June and Thursday, 18 June, it will be open as usual.

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