



**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.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 1.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/Families*

What do we know about St. Peter and St. Paul? Why do we think the Church remembers them with such honour?

+ *Young People/Adults* *Which of these two great apostles am I most drawn to? Why? How does this encourage me in my "apostolate" - my working to build Christ's Kingdom?*



SS Peter and Paul, Apostles

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul this year brings to an end the Year of St. Paul that was announced by Pope Benedict on this feast last year. It has been a year to celebrate the life of the Apostle to the Gentiles on the 2000th anniversary of his birth. We hear from the letters of St. Paul throughout the Church's year.

People sometimes say that they believe that they should have a relationship with Jesus but that they could easily do without the Church. This is not what we find when we read St. Paul. St. Paul and the early Christians could not think about Jesus except in terms of their relationship with the Church. "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts, of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." 1Cor 12:12

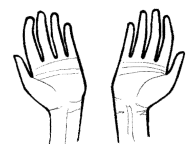
Our gathering as a Pastoral Area for Mass last Sunday emphasised the unity of our belonging to the Body of Christ in this area. Though we are made up of many parts, we are one. Our unity locally unifies us with members of the Body of Christ in our Diocese and throughout the world. There are both privileges and responsibilities that accompany membership of the Body of Christ.

As the year of St. Paul comes to a close this Sunday we hear Paul speaking from prison, reflecting on his suffering and imminent death. He refers to his life as a "libation." It suggests that he sees his death as sacrificial. There is no unity without sacrifice. We know this from our family life. The unity of the Body of Christ requires the members to be prepared to sacrifice themselves for the good of the body.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church the following who were recently baptised at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, *Olivia Catherine Page, Poppy Robin Porteous, and Abigail Freya Porteous*, and those being baptised on Sunday, 28 June, 2009, *Amy Dawn Wilson* and *Jacob Michael Budden*, at St. Edward the Confessor Church and *Freya Osborne*, at St. Joseph's Church.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: We offer our prayers and congratulations to Clemency Williams and Nathaniel Ives, for their wedding at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, 27 June, and Matthew Avery and Suzanne Provins, for their wedding at St. Edward the Confessor Church, at 2pm, on Saturday, 4 July, (*Matthew and Suzanne would be delighted for friends and parishioners to join them at the church for the wedding ceremony*), and Victoria Ansell and Mark Woodman at Holy Cross Church, for their wedding also on Saturday, 4 July, 2009.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: **Ezekiel 2:2-5. Psalm 94. 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10. Mark 6:1-6.**

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

❖ Ongoing Formation



IF YOU WANT ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES, PLEASE COME ALONG TO A 'SEEKERS' EVENING:
*What is Mass all about? Why go to church? How can you become a Catholic?
How do you know there is a God? Who is Jesus? What do you believe in?*

This will be held on Thursday, 2 July, from 7.30pm-9pm, in the Cloisters of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford. Everyone will be made very welcome. Enquiries please to Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806.

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

❖ Wisdom House

A Day of Reflection at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL, particularly for members of RCIA Teams - *This Man Jesus ... Who is Jesus for me? How do I share Jesus with others?*

Saturday, 11 July, 2009, 10.30am (Coffee at 10am) - 3.30pm. Cost £15 to include refreshments and light lunch.

Enquiries please to Eileen Stephenson, Park Place, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835583.

❖ 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.

❖ APF—Mill Hill

The APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) Annual MISSION Masses for 2009, offered for all members by Fr. Frank Thompson MHM will be celebrated at 7.30pm, on the dates below. The Masses will be followed by a short film, 'Malana Papua' which features the work done by the Czech Mission Society in Papua, New Guinea and depicts a broad spectrum of their work, including seminarians and children. Anyone can attend these Masses, whether they have a collection box or not.

Monday, 13 July, at Our Lady of Peace Church, Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading,

Tuesday, 21 July, at St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth,

Thursday, 23 July, at Christ the King Church, Bitterne Road, Southampton.

Friday, 24 July, at St. Joseph and St. Walburga Church, Bournemouth Road, Poole.

APF box holders and promoters are urgently needed in our Pastoral Area. The APF enables its supporters to live out their own missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church of Christ. If you would like to help, please ring Patrick Coughlan on 01794 515851 for *St. Joseph's & St. Andrews*, Helena Bedford on 023 8027 4232 for *St. Edward's*, Alain Hunt on 023 8060 1362 for *St. Swithun Wells and Holy Cross*, and Berry Wareham on 01489 895770 for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles*.

❖ Ecumenical

Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: All are welcome on Saturday, 4 July, 2009, at 8.30am, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford.

❖ 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, 1 July, there will be an 'End of Year' liturgy. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, 9 September. Enquiries to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416 or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

FLORAL DEMONSTRATION: St. Edward's Church: Monday, 6 July, at 7.30pm. If you are interested in helping to arrange flowers in the church, no experience necessary, do please come along. We urgently need to have more people on our rota.

❖ Outreach

WISHING WELL: 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. 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.

BOOKS FOR AFGHANISTAN: A reply has been received from the Chaplain at Camp Bastion thanking us for the books and sweets. He said they were much appreciated. He also apologised for the slowness of his response but explained he had been out on combat patrols and that communications had been difficult because of the number of deaths and injuries.

❖ 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. SO53 2DU.

If you would like to book for any of the sessions or you 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*).

❖ School Matters

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

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

Donations of bottles for the tombola 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 the churches, available on the weekends of 27/28 June and 4/5 July. Raffle tickets will also be available on these weekends. Volunteers are also urgently needed to prepare in advance for the Fayre, and on the stalls. Please phone Anna McCormack, if you can help, on 023 8026 6553.

St. George Catholic Voluntary Aided College, Leaside Way, Southampton, SO16 3DQ. Tel: 023 8032 2603

Summer Fete at the School: Saturday, 4 July, from 12noon-3.30pm. Please see poster in all our churches.

❖ Street Pastors

Please come and support Eastleigh Street Pastors at their Commissioning Service at 7pm on Friday, 3 July, at Eastleigh Baptist Church, next to the Swan Centre. It will be attended by Father Michael, our MP Chris Huhne, Chief Inspector Diana Boyles and 19 Street Pastors who are preparing to take the churches out onto the streets of Eastleigh, on a Friday night. Enquiries please to Eric Hyom on 023 8061 0345.

❖ Jazz at Park Place

The renowned jazz pianist and composer, Frank Campbell, will give a concert of improvisation on the music of Duke Ellington, J.S. Bach, Errol Garner, Chopin and others, on Sunday, 26 July, at 7.30pm. Frank has played and recorded with many of the jazz greats, and the Friends of Park Place are delighted that he has agreed to explore the possibility of Park Place becoming a venue for music performance. Tickets cost £10 to include a glass of wine in the interval. Please contact: Sr. Imma, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, PO17 5HA, tel: 01329 833043.



❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 21.06.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,088.86, (Loose plate: £212.75, Envelopes: £107.50, & Standing Orders: £768.61).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £1,145.51, (Loose plate: £435.76, Envelopes: £149.75, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: 14.06.09. No. 90, A. Carter, £25. **21.06.09.** No. 57, B. Turl, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid: £343. Non Gift Aid £190. **This weekend: Special Collection for Peter's Pence.**

Saturday	27	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Patrick Murphy RIP 6.00pm (SJ) Francis Xavier Fernandez and Philomena Fernandez RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	28	SAINTS PETER AND PAUL 9.00am (SE) Catherine Hinds RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Luis Castro RIP 3.00pm Ordination Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
Monday	29	9.15am (SE) Birthday wishes—Lillian de Melo 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>followed by the Rosary</i> 1.00pm (SJ) Latin Requiem Mass for Josephine Clarke RIP
Tuesday	30	9.15am (SE) Joseph and Mary McGann RIP 10.00am (HC) Father Michael White - Golden Jubilee 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 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>
Wednesday	1	9.15am (SE) John Milles FM 10.00am (HC) Funeral Mass for Eveline Hiron RIP 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
Thursday	2	9.15am (SE) Harry Parker RIP 10.00am (HC) Mary O'Neil 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) Stella Johnston RIP
Friday	3	9.15am (SE) Lillian and Anthony de Melo <i>St. Thomas</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy</i> <i>Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM 11.30am (SJ) MASS
Saturday	4	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>) 5.00pm (SW) Justin O'Sullivan RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	5	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Mary McManus FM 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Martin Russell

The 11am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 5 June, will be Youth led.

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 Pastoral Area Newsletter must be sent please by Tuesday,
noon, by post or phone direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on
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sent to you by email service — just email website@3rivers.org.uk*

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