



**Pastoral Area  
Newsletter**  
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 2.  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

*Where do you see  
the glory of God  
revealed today?*

**+ Young  
People/Adults**

*Do you allow the  
glory of God to  
shine through  
you?*



### From Pastoral Area to Parish

In Bishop Crispian's Pastoral Letter of Advent 2008, which was concerned with the implementation of the Pastoral Plan for our diocese, he wrote that *"not least among the challenges has been the establishment of 24 Pastoral Areas. Our aim and hope in setting them up is that they will help to make us more effective in deploying and making best use of the resources with which God has gifted us ... I make no secret of the fact that the long term aim of the emphasis on Pastoral Areas in the Pastoral Plan is that each Area should eventually become a parish."*

Having visited our Pastoral Area Leadership Team in April 2009 the Bishop wrote, *"I think that your next challenge is in really understanding what "parish" in the new context really means and how best it can be described."* We need to give some thought to the implications of our Pastoral Area becoming a parish and how this can contribute to our mission as Catholics. We will, no doubt, refer to our four existing parishes as parishes in conversation for a long time to come but the change the Bishop is referring to is recognising Pastoral Areas as parishes in Canon Law with a specific purpose in mind.

The Code of Canon Law describes a parish in this way, *"A parish is a certain community of Christ's faithful stably established within a particular Church, whose pastoral care, under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, is entrusted to a parish priest as its proper pastor."*

Our hope is that there will be more than one priest to minister in our Area in years to come. On this subject the Bishop wrote in his report on completion of his Pastoral Area visits last year that, *"While it is true that the implementation of the Pastoral Plan envisages 24 parishes and therefore, canonically, 24 parish priests, this does not mean a downgrading of all the other priests. Being a parish priest is an "office", whereas priesthood is a vocation of Word and Sacrament. To be relieved of "office", and thereby set free for a fuller and freer ministry among people can, and perhaps should, be seen as a blessing."*

**Father Michael.**

## ❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

**SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.**

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 18-25 JANUARY, 2010.** There will be a Christian Unity Week Service on Sunday, 24 January, at 6.30pm, at Velmore Church, Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10. Psalm 18. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30.**

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.** 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:** 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.

**St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:** The next children's session (parents will also be invited to stay) will be held on Monday, 18 January, from 6.30pm-7.30pm, at the church where the child is to make their First Holy Communion. Masses at St. Edward's Church and Holy Cross Church on Sunday, 24 January, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We welcome into the family of the Church, Julian Wiacek who will be baptised on Sunday, 17 January, 2010, at St. Andrew's Church, North Baddesley.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Application forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010 in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area are available in the welcoming area of all our churches. Enquiries please to the Co-ordinator, Lyn Preston on 023 8090 9329.

**THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** If you are intending to get married within the next 12 months in this Pastoral Area, or are a parishioner wishing to marry in a church outside of our Pastoral Area, or propose getting married in a church in another country and have not yet spoken to one of the priests, please do so as soon as possible.



## ❖ Ongoing Formation

**CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION):** Meetings on Wednesdays, at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre, Romsey. Please bring a lunch to share while exploring the relevance of the gospels in our daily lives. All welcome. Enquiries please to Romsey Parish Office.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, anyone who wishes to return to the practice of their faith, or anyone who 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, SO53 2DU, will be held on Thursday, 21 January, 2010, from 7.30pm to 9pm. Please come along. You will be warmly welcomed. Enquiries please to:

Deacon Paul on 023 8065 8251 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 2009-10:** 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, 27 January, 2010, (please note revised date)** 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 "Practical aspects of Catechesis in our community". For further details please call/text Giles Brady on 07816 569293, or Charles Forrest on 023 8069 4482.

**ST. PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL, 2010,** is now available in the Repository at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, priced at £5.50.

## ❖ Lent Groups 2010

**LENT GROUPS 2010 Spot the Difference** – For the lent house study groups this year the Churches in Chandlers Ford have chosen **Spot the Difference**, a group study course for Lent by Nick Fawcett. If you are willing to lead or host a group for five sessions in Lent, or if you have an existing house group and would like to be included, please put your name on the sheet in the Cloister. Enquiries please to Philip Sheppard on 023 8026 1172.

## ❖ Women's World Day of Prayer

**Bible Study:** Monday, 1 February, at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, from 10am-12 noon. Speaker Martin Waldron. All very welcome.

**Quiet Day:** Thursday, 18 February, at Wisdom House, Abbey Water, Romsey, from 10am-4pm. £15 donation includes light lunch and all drinks. Led by Kathryn Turner. Tickets available or details from Heather New on 023 8026 5616.

**Women's World Day of Prayer Service:** Friday, 5 March, at the United Reformed Church, Kings Road, Chandler's Ford, from 1.45pm-2.45pm. Speaker - Rev. Tim Searle. All welcome.



## ❖ Communications Workshop

**3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP:** Please come to St. Edward the Confessor Church on Saturday, 30 January, 2010, between 10am and 3pm (lunch provided) if you are interested in improving our communications effort both within and outside our Pastoral Area. All will be welcome, but if you are coming please let Pauline in the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford know by **Friday, 22 January**, on 023 8027 3882, for catering purposes. Please call Paul Owen on 023 8065 8251 if you want further information.

## ❖ Supporting each other

**GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA:** "Thank you to everyone for their kind wishes and blessings on our departure from the U.K. We will miss our parish family and will always remember you in our prayers." *Sharon, Mike and Megan Bowden.*

### **EASTLEIGH NORTH AND BOYATT WOOD EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, 18 January, at 8pm, at the home of Maria Taylor, 6 Bridges Close, Eastleigh. Please feel free 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. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 20 January, 2010, and will be a Stewardship Evaluation evening. Please come along. You will be warmly welcomed. Enquiries please to Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416, or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

**SCRIPTURE READING AND SOCIAL MORNING** at the home of Helen Matteucci, 21 Velmore Road, Chandler's Ford, on Friday, 22 January, at 10am. All very welcome.

## ❖ Outreach

### **WONDERFUL NEWS AND THANKS FROM THE WISHING WELL.**

We have over £1,300 banked already this year and our thanks also go to the following:

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| Diary money                                  | ... | ... | £243.00 |
| St. Swithun Wells Church - Coffee            | ... | ... | £36.65  |
| Holy Cross Church Wishing Well               | ... | ... | £35.00  |
| Coffee Stop and raffle                       | ... | ... | £109.34 |
| St. Swithun Wells School Nativity collection | ... | ... | £ 91.50 |
| St. Swithun Wells Carol Service              | ... | ... | £245.20 |
| Gift Aid from BACS                           | ... | ... | £ 31.92 |



## ❖ World Youth Day 2011

The next International Gathering for World Youth Day (WYD) will be held in Madrid during August, 2011.

The Diocese is planning to take a group. If you would like to be part of this group or you want to find out more about WYD, then come along to one of the information evenings. Please see poster in welcoming area for the venues including an Information Evening on **Tuesday, 19 January, 2010, from 7.30pm-9pm**, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. To book a place please contact Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583, or email her at [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) at the Department for Pastoral Formation, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hampshire. PO17 5HA

## ❖ Catechists, Youth Leaders, etc.

**'HOPE'**—To coincide with the launch of the new Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMfED), the "Hope Congress" will be providing fresh inspiration for catechists, youth leaders, etc., on Saturday, 27 February, at Friends Meeting House in Euston, London. Details available in the welcoming area of all our churches. Present during the day will be Bob and Maggie McCarty, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, Abbot Christopher Jamison, David Wells and Archbishop Vincent Nichols. If you would like to attend please contact Deacon Paul Owen on 023 8065 8251, in the first instance for further details, and by no later than Wednesday, 20 January, 2010. It is hoped that transport will be available.

## ❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

Items for inclusion in the 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)

Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

## ❖ Finance

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 10 January, 2010.**

**St. Edward the Confessor:** £1,057.38, (Loose plate: £208.57, Envelopes: £78.00, & Standing Orders: £770.81).

**Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells:** £904.06, (Loose plate: £233.61, Envelopes: £110.45, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

**200 CLUB:** No. 90, A Carter, £25. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** To be advised.

**Our Lady Queen of Apostles:** Gift Aid donations: We have now been advised by the diocese that we have received £2,876 tax rebate from the gift aid donations for the period April to September, 2009. Thanks to all who contribute via this scheme—it brings in a vital element of our parish running expenses. If you are not a member of this scheme please give it some thought. It costs you nothing, donations can be varied at will, is entirely confidential and requires none of your time to administer. Please contact Anthony McEwen on 01489 877448 for details.



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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>16</b> | 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i><br>( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) Maisie and Robert Austin</b><br><b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b><br><b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b><br><b>6.30pm (SE) Deceased family and friends of the Bennett Family RIP</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>17</b> | <b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b><br><b>9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b><br><b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b><br><b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b><br><b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b><br><b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b><br><b>11.00am (HC) Richard and Hilda Marin RIP</b>   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>18</b> | 9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i><br>9.15am (SE) Marchesi and James' Families' intentions<br>10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>19</b> | 9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word followed by the Rosary</i><br>9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM<br>10.00am (HC) Minnie Quilley FM<br>10.00am (SA) MASS or <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i><br>7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i><br>7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>20</b> | 9.15am (SE) Deceased members of the Bonetti and Wilson families <i>followed by the Rosary in the Lady Chapel</i><br>10.00am (HC) Michael Lane RIP<br>9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM<br>10.00am (HC) In thanksgiving<br>6.00pm (SJ) MASS   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>St. Agnes</b><br>9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM<br>10.00am (HC) In thanksgiving<br>6.00pm (SJ) MASS  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>22</b> | 9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i><br>9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM<br>10.00am (HC) Ronald Walter Russ FM<br>10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i><br>11.00am (SJ) Funeral Mass for Margaret Clifford RIP.<br>(Reception into church will be on Thursday, 21 January, at 5.30pm)          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>23</b> | 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i><br>( <i>The First Mass of Sunday</i> ) <b>5.00pm (SW) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area</b><br><b>6.00pm (SJ) MASS</b><br><b>6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS</b><br><b>6.30pm (SE) The intentions of Sean and Anne Connolly</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>24</b> | <b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b><br><b>9.00am (SE) Danny Smith RIP</b><br><b>9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta</b><br><b>9.15am (SA) MASS</b><br><b>9.30am (OLQoA) MASS</b><br><b>11.00am (SA) MASS</b><br><b>11.00am (HC) Mary Teresa Reynolds 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.

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