



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 3.
THIRD 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 What do you
think of Jesus' first homily?



+Young People/Adults Have you
known someone who is passionate?
How can that passion be brought to
living our faith?

From Pastoral Area to Parish (2)

So what does 'parish' in the new context really mean and how best can it be described? There is no doubt that parish means different things to different people.

The word parish may be tied up with the words 'territory' and 'boundaries' and the word used in an organisational and administrative sense. It is sometimes said that this form of parish is breaking down today. People are more mobile than they once were and the place where they worship may not be the place where they live.

Pope John Paul II once said that the parish is 'not principally a structure, a territory, or a building, but rather the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit, a familial and welcoming home'. This invites us to see parish primarily as people.

The Pastoral Plan uses the term 'worshipping communities' which puts the focus firmly on people and community more than territorial or administrative considerations. Church – ekklesia – for the early Christians meant the followers of Jesus, gathered in a particular place, to break bread together in memory of him.

Relationships are at the heart of what it is to be part of the Church. The change from Pastoral Area to parish needs to maintain a balance in these relationships. Individual worshipping communities need to be as active and vibrant as possible but without seeing themselves as being independent or cut off from the other communities in the pastoral unit.

A larger pastoral unit called parish would create unity amongst the constituent worshipping communities while allowing for diversity. It would allow for greater sharing of gifts, experience and resources as has been the experience since the setting up of the Pastoral Areas.

Perhaps the key consideration for us is putting a structure in place that best prepares the Catholic communities of this Area for the future. The truth is that this Area is likely to be served by two priests rather than three in the not too distant future. **Father Michael.**

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICES To bring to a close the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be a Christian Unity Service at both Velmore Church, Falkland Road, Chandler's Ford and Romsey Abbey, on Sunday, 24 January, 2010, at 6.30pm. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19. Psalm 70. 1 Corinthians 13:4-13. Luke 4:21-30.

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: Parents wishing their child to make their First Holy Communion are asked to meet Lucy O'Neill after Mass on Sunday, 24 January, to arrange the programme.

Enquiries please to Lucy O'Neill, on 01489 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 parent's sessions will be held on Tuesday, 2 February, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. The next children's session will be held on Monday, 8 February, 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 and 14 February, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: A Baptism Preparation Session for 3 Rivers Pastoral Area will be held on Sunday, 7 February, 2010, from 4.30pm to 6pm, for parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child. This will be held in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. Application forms are available from the Parish Office in Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882 and Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

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.

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.

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, 28 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.*

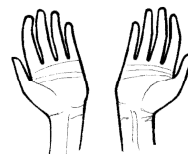
ST. PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL, 2010, is now available in the Repository at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, priced at £5.50.

❖ 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: (Service prepared by Christian Women of Cameroon) 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, Chandler's Ford know by **Tuesday, 26 January,** on 023 8027 3882, for catering purposes. Please call Paul Owen on 023 8065 8251 if you want further information.

❖ Supporting each other

S.V.P. (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY): The next meeting is at 8pm, on Tuesday, 26 January, at the usual venue. Details from Romsey Parish Office on 01794 513646.

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, 27 January, 2010, and will be a Lenten Liturgy Preparation. 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.

CAR PARKING: St. Andrew's Church: Please do not park down the centre of the car park, so ensuring that emergency access and exit is possible at all times.

❖ Outreach

GOOD COMPANIONS: The next lunch is on Tuesday, 2 February, at 12.30pm, at 'Keats' Restaurant, Ampfield. The group meets for lunch every two months and was set up for those who live alone. Please contact Pauline Wilson on 023 8026 6617, by Thursday, 28 January, 2010, if you would like to reserve your lunch.

❖ Wisdom House

JUNG AND PRAYER - Tuesday, 9 February, 2010. The day runs from 10am-4pm. Suggested offering £15 to include refreshments throughout the day and simple lunch.

UNDERSTANDING ICONS AND HOW TO PRAY USING THEM: Saturday, 13 March, 2010.

The day runs from 10am-4pm. Suggested offering £15 to include simple lunch.

For more information or to book, please contact Wisdom Centre, Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL.

Tel: 01794 830206, or see posters in the welcoming areas of all our churches.

❖ Malayalam (Kerala Language)

MALAYALAM RETREAT (KERALA LANGUAGE): There will be a retreat from 3pm to 8pm on Thursday and Friday, 4th and 5th February, 2010, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. This has been organised by parishioners of Holy Cross Church from Kerala. For more details please contact Joji Joseph, Jose Athirampuzha, Sibi on 07876653859/07877728236/07872315685.

HOLY MASS IN MALAYALAM (SYRO-MALABAR RITE) Every first Friday of the Month, commencing on Friday, 5 February, 2010, at Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, starting with the Rosary at 5pm, followed by the Mass at 5.30pm. Please contact Joji at 023 8064 7643 or Sibi at 07872315685 for more details.

❖ 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. This newsletter can be sent to you by email service — just email website@3rivers.org.uk. Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

❖ Haiti - CAFOD Appeal

CAFOD HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Collections will be taken at Masses this weekend in our Pastoral Area for the people of Haiti. Monies raised will be forwarded to CAFOD as quickly as possible.

Please remember in your prayers the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and those who have gone to their aid.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles: The extraordinary collection for Haiti which took place after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 17 January, raised £540.75. This magnificent sum, for which we know the people of Haiti will be grateful, will go direct to CAFOD. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously. Those who attend the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 23 January, will be given the chance to contribute after the Mass that day.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 17 January, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,233.11, (Loose plate: £319.80, Envelopes: £139.50, & Standing Orders: £773.81).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £ 1,005.55, (Loose plate: £225.85, Envelopes: £219.70, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No.105, Mrs. E. McGeown, £25. Collection at the crib: £159.01.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £552. Non Gift Aid £267.

Next week: There will be a collection for the Catholic Education Service.



Saturday 23 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
(The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area**
6.00pm (SJ) Special Intention
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
6.30pm (SE) The intentions of Anne and Sean Connolly

Sunday 24 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9.00am (SE) Danny Smith RIP
9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
9.15am (SA) Bill Smewing—anniversary
9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
11.00am (SA) MASS
11.00am (HC) Mary Teresa Reynolds FM

Monday 25 9.15am (SE) Peter Ashcroft RIP
The Conversion of St. Paul 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
 10.00am (SW) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary*

Tuesday 26 9.15am (SE) Helen Christian FM
Ss. Timothy & Titus 10.00am (HC) Michael Lane RIP
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary
 10.00am (SA) Eileen and Maurice McNamara - anniversary

7.00pm (HC) *Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament*

7.30pm *Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey*

Wednesday 27 9.15am (SE) The good estate of Mary McGinty
followed by the Rosary in the Lady Chapel

10.00am (HC) Mary Smyth FM
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS

Thursday 28 9.15am (SE) Bruce and Kathleen Cowling RIP
St. Thomas Aquinas 10.00am (HC) Sylvester McMahon FM

10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
 6.00pm (SJ) MASS

Friday 29 9.15am (SE) Special intention of the de Melo Family
 10.00am (HC) Arthur Mason FM
 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS
 10.00am (SA) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer*

Saturday 30 10.00am (HC) *Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion*
(The First Mass of Sunday) **5.00pm (SW) Sick Child**

6.00pm (SJ) Patricia Twohig RIP
6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS
6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area

Sunday 31 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9.00am (SE) Emanuel and Pawla Polidano RIP
9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta
9.15am (SA) MASS
9.30am (OLQoA) MASS
11.00am (SA) MASS
11.00am (HC) Mary McMahon FM

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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