



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**Year (C) Weekdays: Cycle 2. Psalter Week 4.
FOURTH 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 was it that people didn't like in what Jesus had to say?*

+Young People/Adults *How can we make love real in the life of our communities?*



From Pastoral Area to Parish – The Next Steps

I propose that as a Pastoral Area we now take the next step and become a parish as envisaged by Bishop Crispian. I suggest that this should happen soon after Pentecost which is on May 23rd. A formal request needs to be made to the Bishop who will then consult the Council of Priests.

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Area Leadership Team on February 11th at which the formal request to Bishop Crispian to become a parish will be discussed and finalised. The team consists of Charles Forrest, John Marti, David Smith, Kathryn Turner, Deacon Paul Owen, Fr. John, Fr. George and myself. The purpose of the Leadership Team is to provide leadership to the Pastoral Area, to help draw us together as one body of Catholics and encourage the various worshipping communities (churches) to be outward looking, evangelising communities of faith.

There will be an opportunity to tease out the implications of becoming a parish at a meeting of the pastoral groups from each of the churches of our Area on March 6th. Bishop Crispian will meet with the Leadership Team on March 11th. The Bishop will celebrate Sunday Mass at St. Andrew's Church at 9.15am on February 14th, St. Edward the Confessor Church on March 7th, Holy Cross Church on March 14th and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church on March 21st. He will address the subject of becoming a parish at these Masses and hopes to chat with people afterwards over a cup of coffee.

I propose that the new parish will be called the Catholic Parish of St. Swithun Wells. Swithun Wells was born in Brambridge in 1536 so he is very much a saint of this area. He lived a life of fidelity to the faith and of courage in the face of persecution and death. He died in 1591 and was canonised as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales in 1970. He will be a most fitting patron of our newly created parish.

Father Michael.

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

❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome into the family of the Church, **Kacey Jayne Jacobs**, who is being baptised on Sunday, 31 January, 2010, during the 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:-1-8. Psalm 137. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (or as quoted, 15:3-8. 11). Luke 5:1-11.

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 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, 14 February, will particularly involve children. Enquiries please to Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8065 8251.

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.

❖ 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, 4 February, 2010, from 7.30pm to 9pm. That session will also include information on the Rite of Election and people from across the diocese will be joining us for this meeting only. 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*.

LENT STUDY GROUP: There will be Lent Study Groups at St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, on Wednesdays, at 7.45pm, beginning on 24 February, 2010. There will be 5 Sessions entitled "**Spot the difference**" by Nick Fawcett. If you would like to attend please put your name on a sheet on the notice board in St. Swithun Wells Church, or contact Steve and Trisha Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAMME 2009-10: The next session will be held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2010, 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 the Ministry of the Word". This is for everyone. Readers should not miss it. For further details please call/text Giles Brady on 07816 569293, or Charles Forrest on 023 8069 4482.

❖ Ecumenical

Prayer Breakfast: 8.30am on Saturday, 6 February, at Holy Cross Church. All welcome.

Association of Romsey Churches, AGM: Tuesday, 9 February, at 7.30pm, in Romsey Methodist Church. A short meeting followed by a talk on The Hillfield Project, a Christian environmental project in Dorset. All welcome.

Churches Together Lent Groups: This year, the churches have chosen **Spot the Difference**, a group study course for Lent by Nick Fawcett. The course explores five ways in which Christian commitment can manifest itself. In the course participants are challenged to consider how well their lives display love, allegiance to Christ, joy, concern for others and faith. If you wish to join a group, please put your name and phone number on the sheets displayed in St. Edward's by **Sunday, 14 February**.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service in the Bishop's Waltham Area will be held at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church on Friday, 5 March, from 2pm-3pm. The speaker will be Eileen Hughes. If anybody would like to join the choir for this event, come a little earlier for practice or contact Angela Fairweather on 01489 895968. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. Help would be gratefully appreciated.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service in Romsey will be held on Friday, 5 March, at 1.30pm, in Romsey Methodist Church.

Ecumenical Group meetings during Lent in Romsey, on the theme of 'Praying through Life'. Days, times and venues for these are on the boards in St. Andrew's and St. Joseph's churches. Please sign, as per the instructions on the sign up sheets, to indicate which group you would like to attend.

❖ Father Maurice Twomey RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Maurice Twomey. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian on Wednesday, 10 February, 2010, at 12.15pm, at St. Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. May he rest in peace. Amen.



❖ Supporting each other

ST. SWITHUN WELLS FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting at St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, will be held on 3rd February, from 7.45pm-9pm. There will be Evening Prayer based around the theme of 'The Presentation in the Temple' with blessing and presentation of Prayer Candles. Everyone is welcome. During Lent, our fellowship meetings have been suspended to allow people to attend Lenten Study groups. Meetings will resume after Easter. Enquiries please to: Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060, Bob Birtles on 023 8069 2416, or Steve Holmes on 023 8069 3669.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE—2009: There will be an evening gathering at St. Edward the Confessor Church, on Wednesday, 10 February, from 7pm, for pilgrims who visited the Holy Land last year. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be served.

❖ Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches in Bishop's Waltham/Meon Valley Area: These will commence on Friday, 19 February, at Wickham Church Hall. The Bishop's Waltham lunch will be on Wednesday, 3 March, at United Free Church Basingwell Street, from 12.30pm to 2pm. A simple meal of soup, bread and cheese and a drink. Donations to be given to Streetwise, a local charity and the Stove Project in Uganda. Please see poster in the hall with a list of other lunches in the area.

Lent Lunch in aid of CAFOD: St. Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford. This will be held on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, 17 March, 2010. More details later.

Christian Aid Friday Lent Lunches: The Catholic community are responsible for hosting the lunch on Friday, 5 March in the Abbey Church Rooms, Romsey. If you are prepared to help, please contact Arthur Roberts on 01794 516593.

❖ Outreach

THE WISHING WELL QUIZ IS BACK! Come and join us in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, on Saturday, 27 February, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5, to include supper. Bar available. Everyone is welcome - come in teams of 6 or join a table on the night. Enquiries please to Carole Clarke on 023 8067 7245.



❖ Wisdom Centre

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. Please see contact details below.

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 Athirampuza, 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.

❖ Haiti - CAFOD Appeal

Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Thanks to those who attended the 6pm Mass at OLQA and kindly donated over £225 to CAFOD'S work in Haiti. There are some more envelopes to come in so the total from both Masses is likely to exceed £800. Thank you for your generosity. *Anthony McEwen.*

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: CAFOD Haiti Appeal: £1,610.

Holy Cross Church: CAFOD Haiti Appeal: £3,029.99 (including gift aid).

St. Edward the Confessor: Last weekend parishioners donated £3,327.70 for the Haiti appeal and this money was forwarded to CAFOD on Monday. Gift Aid will give a further £466.50, thus making an overall total of £3,794.20. Thank you for the magnificent response.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 24 January, 2010.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,215.67, (Loose plate: £288.36, Envelopes: £153.50, & Standing Orders: £773.81).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £944.15, (Loose plate: £235.40, Envelopes: £148.75, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: Three monthly draw - **No. 188,** Cathy Clarke, £150. **No.19,** D. McDermott, £100. **No. 172,** Pat Hill, £50. **No. 114,** Holy Cross, £25.

St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's: Gift Aid £416. Non Gift Aid. £230.

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



Saturday	30	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	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) Annie Degaetano (anniversary) 11.00am (HC) Mary McMahon FM	
Monday	1	9.15am (SE) John Quinn RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>	
Tuesday	2	9.15am (SE) The good estate of Angela Adams <i>The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</i> 10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS followed by the Rosary 10.00am (SA) Evelyn Toai RIP 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House Newton Lane, Romsey</i>	
Wednesday	3	9.15am (SE) Mary McGinty RIP <i>followed by the Rosary in the Lady Chapel</i> 10.00am (HC) Michael Lane RIP 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS	St. Blaise
Thursday	4	9.15am (SE) Deceased members of the Twyman and Uphill Families FM 10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 6.00pm (SJ) MASS	
Friday	5	9.15am (SE) Special intention of the de Melo Family 10.00am (HC) William and Isabella Regan FM 10.00am (OLQoA) MASS 10.00am (SA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i> 11.30am (SJ) MASS 5.00pm(HC) <i>Holy Rosary followed by MASS at 5.30pm in the Kerala language</i>	St. Agatha
Saturday	6	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	5.00pm (SW) Sick child 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	7	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
		9.00am (SE) Paul Martin Bartlett RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SA) Mary McGreevey RIP 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SA) MASS 11.00am (HC) Kathleen and Bernie Malone RIP	

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.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed on the first Saturday of every month, at 3pm, at the home of the Blishen Family, 20 Brownhill Road, North Baddesley, SO52 9EZ. All are welcome.

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