



6th and 7th March ~ Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year C
CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



Mass Centres: St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch
 within the North West Hampshire Pastoral Area with Holy Ghost, Basingstoke ~
 St Joseph, Basingstoke ~ Sacred Heart, Hook ~ St Michael, Tadley.

Co-ordinating Pastor: Reverend Dominic Golding JCL KHS

Priest with responsibility for Andover and Whitchurch: Reverend Peter Codd; Deacon of the Parish: Deacon Michael

As we strive to live out our Church's mission, found within the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, we realise and develop the best of our being. We feel the need to live our Catholic identity in a consistent manner. This presupposes: a deep faith-life which we must constantly nourish in the intimacy of prayer so that there may be harmony in our lives between love of God and love of neighbour, offering ourselves to those in need of the loving presence of Christ, who, through our service, communicates hope and salvation to us all.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (3:1-8, 13-15)
I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm Response

All: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading

(Cor 10:1-6, 10-12)
 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory
 Repent, says the Lord,
 for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
 Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Gospel

(13:1-9)
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE in Andover on
 Thursday March 25th at 7.30pm.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT AT 7.15pm in St. John the Baptist Church on Friday 12th March, 19th March and 26th March. On **Good Friday** there will be Stations of the Cross at 10.00am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN WHITCHURCH each
 Thursday at 9.30am during Lent.**

**There will be evening Prayer with
 Benediction this Sunday at 4.00pm with Rosary at
 3.45pm for those who wish.**

**COME ALONG TO THE RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER
 BREAKFAST this Tuesday 9th March. There will
 be 9.00am Mass followed by Breakfast in the
 Hall, after which there will be Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament for half an hour.**

You may like to note that the **19th March** is the **Solemn Feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.** Please keep a Novena (9 days of prayer) from Wednesday 10th March in preparation. Copies can be obtained from the Mill Hill Missionaries by emailing novena@millhillmissionaries.com or you can obtain b/w copies from the Parish Office.

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. There will be a Ministers' Training Day next **Saturday March 13th** from 10.30am - 3.00pm. (*Packed lunch required*). All present ministers are welcome and encouraged to attend to refresh themselves in their ministry. **If you would like to know more about becoming a Minister of Holy Communion or know someone who would be interested, then please see Father Peter.**

The **Bishops of England and Wales** have issued a new document on social issues of our day with two events in mind. Firstly the forthcoming General Election and secondly the visit of Pope Benedict in the Autumn. The document points out the need for us to live with concern for all people in need, especially as so many people live alone.

There is a reminder, too, of the issues surrounding the sanctity of all human life and the need to foster family life and marriage. The document is much shorter than that issued 15 years ago, entitled 'The Common Good.' This latest document is entitled '**Choosing the Common Good**' and can be downloaded by going to www.catholic-ew.org.uk and clicking on 'downloads'.

REPEAT NOTICE ABOUT CAFOD's 'give it up for Lent 2010!' CAMPAIGN

The CAFOD envelopes were put out on 6th/7th February and an illustrated article was written in the newsletter explaining CAFOD's Fast Day scheme this year and giving the date. On the 13th and 14th February there was also a 'reminder' article and everyone was given an envelope in their newsletter in case they hadn't picked one up already. (There are still plenty left in the porches). Last weekend's collection was a reminder that it was Lent Fast Day, and if you weren't taking part in 'give it up' campaign then you could put a donation in the collection. However, the whole point of CAFOD's campaign this year, is that the money you have saved by giving something up can be passed on to CAFOD by using the envelopes at any time during Lent. **CAFOD Lent 'day' was last Sunday but remember, the envelopes can be given into the Parish at any time during Lent . . . please do not send them directly to CAFOD.**

PLEASE TAKE YOUR NEWSLETTER HOME AND KEEP IT FOR REFERENCE! THANK YOU.

LIGHTHOUSE HOLIDAY CLUB

The next **Lighthouse Club** will be held on **Saturday April 17th from 9.30 - 1.00pm.**

Please collect a booking form from the Church Office, Children's Liturgy or any leader of Children's Liturgy. and returning them, with £2 to the Church Office. There are 32 places - first come first served!

PAPAL VISIT

During the recent Ad Limina Visit, the Holy Father announced his forthcoming trip to the UK, possibly sometime in September 2010. Sadly there is already opposition headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain to this visit. The Secular Society have an online petition which has already attracted over 20,000 signatures and yet a petition supporting the visit only has just over 8,400 signatures. You are asked to visit the following website and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country: www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html

Please support this and spread it to others who may not know, by e-mail, word of mouth etc.

HEARTFELT THANKS

Daphne and Audrey are truly grateful for the wonderful support that Father Peter and the parish family has given to them over the past six weeks.

So many Masses have been celebrated for their intentions, countless prayers offered up; flowers, phone calls, cards and verbal messages of concern and offers of help extended and gratefully accepted.

It was such a relief to be driven to and from to hospital - and a car parking space found! - and it was with genuine gratitude that invitations to accept a meal were accepted.

May God bless you all for your care and kindness. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



Alton Day Of Renewal – Saturday 27th March. 2010

at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL

The theme for this year is 'WALK WITH ME' – Priest and People Together. We start with Rosary at 11.00am – Mass at 11.30am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Prayer for Healing. Shared lunch is at 1.00 pm Praise & Worship starts at 2.00pm with the Main talk at 2.30pm. Our speaker this month is Revd. Deacon John Foley and his subject is 'Into the Tomb'. We finish with tea at approximately 3.45pm and end about 4.00pm. There will be a collection to cover expenses. For more information, ring: Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420 or see poster.

Date of the following meeting – Sat. 24th April 2010. The Theme for 2010 - WALK WITH ME 'Priest and People Together' Speaker: Roy Hendy - 'The Road to Emmaus'

DAY FOR CANTORS

A 'Day for Cantors' led by Paul Inwood at English Martyrs Church 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB Saturday 24th April. 10:30am coffee, 11:00am - 4:00pm.

A day for those who want to start out as leaders of song in their parishes, and a refresher for those who are already carrying out this ministry of music. There will be a nominal £5 charge, payable on the day, to cover cost of materials, etc. Please bring your own lunch, and any music you would like help with. To book: either use a Liturgical Music Event electronic sign-up form at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/liturgy> (put Cantors April 2010 in the first box), e-mail Paul Inwood at pinwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 830945.



Stephanie Bousquie is raising funds for THE ANDOVER FOOD BANK by running in the Castle Combe Half Marathon. Stephanie has sponsorship forms available from the Food Bank.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2010 'SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES' MASS

Bishop Crispian will be celebrating a special Mass at 11.00am on Saturday 12th June at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke for those celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Diamond plus (i.e. above 60th) wedding anniversaries in 2010.

This Mass is not only for Catholics married to Catholics but for all married couples in our diocesan community celebrating one of these anniversaries. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th anniversary during 2010, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited.

For more information please contact Katja Babei at kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel: 01329 835583.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AND SELLING! for 'The Life Of Christ' at Wintershall on Saturday 3rd July.

£15 per adult plus the cost of the coach (£7) making the total cost £22 per person. You will be required to book and pay for the tickets in advance with the Parish Office. These tickets are now on offer to parishioners from all the Churches in Andover - so don't delay! Please don't leave this to the last minute . . . plan ahead!

The Children's Liturgy Group are collecting small eggs to give to the children on Easter Sunday. Collections can be left (labelled) in the porch. If you have any larger eggs, please remember to give them to the Food Bank!

Please remember, the Stitch Across the Ocean Easter Cake Sale will be on Sunday 28th March after the 11.00am Mass.



EASTER AT THE FOOD BANK!

It's egg time again!



Last year the Food Bank distributed nearly 500 chocolate eggs to local children.

This year you can help us to match or exceed this number. **Please buy an extra egg when you visit the supermarket.** Good sized eggs are already selling for £1 and there are 3 for 2 offers and 'buy one get one free' offers. Please leave eggs at the back of the Church or deliver them to the Food Bank by Sunday 21st March.

COME CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S NIGHT ~ WITH A PARISH 'GET-TOGETHER' next Saturday 13th March in the Parish Hall from 7.15pm - 10.30pm

Buffet Supper ~ Silent Raffle ~ Skittles ~ Irish Dancers from St John the Baptist School Tickets £5 each available from Mary and Alan Daws or the Parish Office.

CAFOD RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS

Could you help selling CAFOD raffle tickets this summer, as a great way to raise funds for poor communities? Great prizes, and the chance to win one for your parish. No experience or special skills needed, just a winning smile and the desire to help a good cause. If this sounds like you (and you are 16 or over) please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Crispian invites you to join him on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 20th August to Friday 27th August.

Information from the Pilgrimage Director,
Mgr Vincent Harvey VG, St Edmund's Presbytery,
14 Rockstone Place, Southampton.
vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk

'THE PASSION IN ANDOVER.'

Remember: ALL are invited to a Workshop THIS Sunday March 7th at 3.00pm in St John the Baptist Church Hall where a Drama Teacher will help us with 'crowd re-actions' followed by a full rehearsal at 4.30pm. After that there will be one, possibly two more rehearsals as required using the crowd, with a final walk through in the town on Thursday April 1st at 5.00pm. *Names will be taken on Sunday to ensure we have costumes for you. If you are unable to make Sunday but would like to be involved please let me know so that we can arrange a costume for you.*

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR INTEREST Tel: 324196 or email: sharon.oleary1@btinternet.com

ON GOOD FRIDAY

You are all invited to the Andover Churches Together Service at Andover Baptist Church at 9.45am, followed by the Walk of Witness into town where the passion play will immediately follow. It should last approx. an hour and a quarter.
Sharon.

Safeguarding Training Sessions at St Peter's Church in Winchester on Saturday 13th March.

10.00am-12.30pm: Child Protection Awareness
1.30pm-4.00pm: Vulnerable Adult Awareness.

If you wish to go you must register with the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 02392 816396 or email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**COULD YOU BE A
CAFOD MP CORRESPONDENT?**

Are you passionate about global issues? Could you help make sure that they stay at the top of the political agenda? CAFOD is looking for MP correspondents to contact their MPs regularly (about 3 times a year) via letter/email or face to face. Training and support provided. For more information please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office at: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or telephone 01252 329385.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

from 28th May - 4th June 2010

If you are interested in joining a Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a helper, a sick pilgrim or pilgrim in good health, then please sign the list in the back of the porch (Andover or Whitchurch) to register your interest. Further details will then be given to you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITCHURCH

Services in the Churches during Lent:
10th March 7.30pm at the Baptist Church
17th March 7.30pm at the Methodist Church
24th March 7.30pm at St John Fisher (RC) Church

ANDOVER FOOD BANK ~ Thank you for your help over the last week.

We continue to feed record numbers of local people: in February over 200 people.

Can you help with the following items:

Tinned Rice Pudding, ~ **URGENT**, Long Life Fruit Juice (1ltr) ~ **URGENT**, Pasta Sauce ~ **URGENT**, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Teabags (40s), Long Life Milk (500ml), Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Tomatoes.

Thank you. Trevor Sleath, Project Co-ordinator

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FROM 01st MARCH - 19th MARCH

Congratulations to Peter Munyaradzi Chirenda Kluth who is to be baptised this weekend.

Sat. 6th Andover Mass 6.00pm *Clinton Dickie RIP ~ Anniversary* Confessions from 5.00pm

Sunday 7th March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am *For the People of the Parish*

Farleigh Mass 10.00am ~

Andover Mass 11.00am *Carmen Suanes RIP*

Andover 4.00pm ~ Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon. 8th Andover Mass 10.00am *For Daphne Channing and Audrey Francis*

Tue. 9th Andover Mass 9.00am *Right to Life*

Mass followed by Breakfast in the Hall and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Andover 7.00pm - 7.30pm **Healing Prayers**

Wed. 10th Andover Mass 9.00am *Reverend Maurice Twomey RIP (PACT)(P'mth)*

Andover Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm ~ 4.00pm 

Thur. 11th Andover MASS 9.00am *Kathleen Greene ~ For Recovery*

Whitchurch Stations of the Cross at 9.30am

Whitchurch SOW 10.00am ~

St John the Baptist School ~ Reception, Year 1 and Parish Class Liturgy 11.45am

Fri. 12th Andover Mass 10.00am *Julie Curley RIP ~ Anniversary*

Andover Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm

Andover Ministers of the Eucharist Retreat 10.30pm - 3.00pm

Congratulations to Daniel Denny who is to be baptised this weekend.

Sat. 13th Andover Mass 6.00pm *For the People of the Parish* Confessions from 5.00pm

Sunday 14th March ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Whitchurch Mass 9.00am *James Kelly RIP*


Farleigh Mass 10.00am ~

Andover Mass 11.00am *Elsa Embrey RIP ~ Anniversary*

Andover 4.00pm ~ Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon. 15th Andover Mass 10.00am *Peter Cattini RIP ~ Anniversary*

Tue. 16th Andover Mass 9.00am *Mary Daws ~ In thanksgiving*

Andover 7.00pm - 7.30pm **Healing Prayers** 

Wed. 17th Andover Mass 9.00am *Dominic Clarke RIP ~ Anniversary*

Andover Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm ~ 4.00pm

Thur. 18th Andover SOW 10.00am ~

Whitchurch Stations of the Cross at 9.30am


Whitchurch Mass 10.00am

Friday 19th March ~ Feast of St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

Andover Mass 10.00am *Michael Scicluna RIP ~ Anniversary*

Andover Stations of the Cross at 7.15pm

Andover:
The Rosary
will be said Saturday
morning at 10.00am
and after Mass or
SOW on Wednesdays
and Fridays.

Please pray for Beatrice Bradley, Almuth and Patrick Fisher, Ann Hedley, William Moore, John Connell, Maria Borra, Rita Lane, Paul Lockie, Harriet Crosby, Anne Crozier, Mary Daws, Katherine Montague-Evans, Patrick Pacini, Thérèse Ayres, Margaret Mears, Harry Curley, Andrew Kladko, Daphne Channing, Anne Grey, Patricia Delahay, Kathleen Greene, Felicity Scicluna, Patrick Kane, Hazel Pereira, Des Swan and all those in need of our prayers.  We pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Parker. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen