

Anticipated to join the campaign

Living Our Faith requires a collective endeavour and many parishes are anticipated to join the campaign in the days and weeks ahead. Representing over 12,000 Catholic families, the support and involvement of the final (and largest!) wave of parishes is vital to **Living Our Faith's** success. Campaign planning meetings are underway across many of the parishes listed below, with clergy and lay leadership teams finalising their local projects, conducting censuses and generally preparing for their campaigns, most of which will begin in earnest in late February. **Living Our Faith** is an invitation to families and the faithful across all parishes. It's an opportunity to invest in the future of our Church and, together, continue to build God's Kingdom in our midst.

We look forward to your participation and pray for the success of **Living Our Faith** in your parish:

The Annunciation, Netley Abbey	St Anne, Alderney
Christ the King & St Colman, Southampton	St Anne, Brockenhurst
Corpus Christi, Wokingham	St Bernard & St Michael, Waterside
English Martyrs, Didcot	St Boniface, Southampton
Holy Family, Southampton	St David, East Cowes
Holy Ghost, Crowthorne	St Edmund, Abingdon
Holy Ghost Parish at St Bede's, Basingstoke	St Edmund Campion & St Ann, Bournemouth
Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe	St Edward, Windsor
Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst	St Francis, Ascot
Immaculate Conception, Southampton	St Francis of Assisi, Milford-on-the-Sea
Jersey Pastoral Area	St George, Buckland
Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishop's Waltham	St John Bosco, Woodley
Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End	St John the Evangelist, Wallingford
Our Lady of the Assumption & St Edward the Confessor, Lyndhurst	St John Vianney, Wantage
Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington	St Joseph, Basingstoke
Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton	St Joseph, Grayshott
Our Lady of the Rosary, North Hinksey	St Joseph, Newbury
Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi, Reading	St Joseph, Reading
Our Lady & St Dominic, Farnborough	St Joseph & St Margaret Clitherow, Bracknell
Our Lady & the Saints of Guernsey	St Mary, East Hendred
Our Lady Help of Christians, Farnborough	St Mary, Woolhampton
Our Lady Immaculate, Bournemouth	St Michael, Tadley
Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip, Fordingbridge	St Patrick, Hayling Island
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bournemouth	St Patrick, Southampton
Sacred Heart, Bordon	St Swithun, Yateley
Sacred Heart, Bournemouth	St Theresa, Totton
Sacred Heart, Hook	St Thomas More, Hartley Wintney
Sacred Heart, Lambourn	St Thomas More, Twyford
Sacred Heart, Ringwood	St Vincent de Paul, Southampton
	South Wight

"**Living Our Faith** was important for our parish. We raised our goal (and more!) by focusing on the true mission of the Church. It had a positive, galvanising effect on everyone who got involved".

Fr Michael Dennehy
Three Rivers Pastoral Area

Campaign Announcement Living Our Faith Surpasses £7 Million!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On 9 January 2010, at a special Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral, I had the pleasure of officially launching **Living Our Faith**, an historic fund-raising campaign across all parishes, which has raised more than £7 million to date toward our collective goal of £9 million. Whilst we have been planning this campaign for the last few years with the help of clergy and laity across the Diocese, the fundraising itself began in earnest last February. I am heartened by the start we have made and I am very optimistic about what parishes can achieve over the coming weeks and months.

Strengthening Our Community For Generations To Come

The success of our campaign, and the way we are going about it, with parishioners getting more fully involved in the life of the Church, will strengthen our community for generations to come. In addition to providing much needed support for promoting vocations, training seminarians, and investing in the continuing pastoral development of our clergy, **Living Our Faith** will enable us to train lay catechists in parishes across the Diocese, ensuring the ongoing formation of young and old alike. This is a major focus of our Pastoral Plan which I believe will have a very positive effect on liturgy, evangelisation and our service to others in the community.

I am also excited about the special projects that **Living Our Faith** will fund locally, as a large percentage of monies raised will return to parishes to help improve music programmes, renovate parish halls, fix leaky roofs, update heating systems and other local priorities. The Catholic community in Waterlooville is a very good example of what embracing the opportunity that **Living Our Faith** presents. The success, there, coupled with the generosity of others across the Diocese, will fund construction of a new Church for their growing community. This campaign is our opportunity to address immediate needs and put in place a strong foundation for the future.

"We asked people to give prayer and thought to what they could contribute. Parishioners saw the seriousness of the exercise and the response has been tremendous. **Living Our Faith** is an opportunity to do something positive and lasting for our Church."

John Fallon, Campaign Volunteer, Corpus Christi, Boscombe

More than 2,300 families and faithful have supported **Living Our Faith** to date and I anticipate many hundreds more joining the appeal in the days and weeks ahead.

Conducted in small groups over a 16-20 week period to ensure that parishes are fully supported while they are campaigning, the total raised to date reflects the hard work and dedication of 35 priests and hundreds of lay volunteers across the Diocese, who are giving generously of their time, talents and treasure. With more than 60 parishes anticipated to join the initiative in the weeks ahead, **Living Our Faith** is on schedule for completion by May 2010. This is a tremendous testament to the strength and commitment of our people.

An Opportunity For Everyone

As Catholics, we are not called to live in a self-satisfied ghetto, but to be missionary and apostolic. **Living Our Faith** plays an important part in this, strengthening our community today and building for the future. The campaign is about evangelisation and ministering to one another and the wider community with greater confidence. Psalm 149 tells us that "the Lord takes delight in his people". I can say with great feeling that I, as your Bishop, take delight in all of you who have supported so wonderfully the vision that we have for our future in the Lord. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the generous response to **Living Our Faith**. Up until now, the campaign has been in parishes; from today, it is Diocesan-wide. It belongs and is owned by the whole Diocese. It is your opportunity and an opportunity for all who love the Church to invest in its future. I invite you to join me and my priests in this special campaign.

With my blessings and prayers,

Bishop Crispian Hollis



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Living Our Faith
The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



The response to date has been very encouraging:

Goal - £9,000,000
Raised - £7,006,130
Percent of goal - 78%
Weeks remaining - 19
Number of gifts - 2,343
7 out of 10 donors are maximising the impact of their gift via Gift Aid
Most donors are spreading their commitment over a five-year period
8 out of 10 donors are making their gift via Direct Debit

Building God's Kingdom Across All Parishes

Completed

Fourteen parishes and pastoral areas representing some 3,000 families and individuals have now completed *Living Our Faith*. Over 140 parish volunteers and their priests met weekly, enabling many to finish the initiative within 16 weeks.

Raising 221% of their combined £2.1 million goal, parishioners challenged themselves within their means. Gifts at all levels were gratefully received. To date, £4.75 million has been pledged from 2,000 gifts with £2.89 million returning to parishes to address local needs. A few examples include:

St Michael & All Angels in Leigh Park retiring its long-standing parish debt and moving ahead with repairs to its parish hall; **Hampshire Downs Parish** building a new pastoral centre and funding improvements at each of its worshipping sites; **St Mary's in Alton** addressing much needed roof repairs; **Three Rivers Pastoral Area** establishing resources for a Pastoral Youth Officer as well as minor refurbishments in each worshipping site.

Thank you for all you have done to make *Living Our Faith* a great success and congratulations on your efforts.

Cathedral, Portsmouth	Canon David Hopgood
Christ the King, Reading	Rev Bruce Barnes
Corpus Christi, Boscombe	Rev Denis Blackledge, SJ
Corpus Christi with St Joseph, Portsmouth	Rev Simon Thomson
Hampshire Downs Parish	Canon Paul Townsend
Sacred Heart, Waterlooville	Rev Kevin Bidgood
St Edmund, Horndean	Canon Tim Healy
St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead	Rev Paul Mooney, MHM
St John the Baptist, Andover	Rev Peter Codd
St Joseph, Havant	Rev Tom Grufferty
St Joseph, Maidenhead	Mgr Tom McGrath
St Mary, Alton	Rev Peter Hart
St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park	Rev Joe Gruszkiewicz
Three Rivers Pastoral Area	Rev Michael Dennehy & Rev George Lyons

Underway

Building on the success of the initial wave of parishes, 20 more parishes began *Living Our Faith* in the Autumn. Having raised £1.15 million to date towards goals totalling £2.2 million these parishes are on track for a successful completion by late February. Priests and lay leadership teams are continuing the very personal approach to *Living Our Faith* with tremendous results. In the last three weeks alone, more than 50 volunteers have joined the campaign, giving witness to the long-term needs of the Church as well as immediate local priorities. *Living Our Faith* is enabling:

St Joseph and St Edmund in Southampton to secure funding for its Youth Development Leader; **Lee-on-the-Solent with Stubbington** to improve accessibility to its parish sites for people with disabilities and refurbish its car park; success at **Immaculate Conception and St Joseph in Christchurch** to fund its new parish hall.

Best wishes to all parishes for the ongoing success of your hard work.

Catholic Church in Fareham & Portchester
 Catholic Church in Gosport
 Catholic Parish in Aldershot
 English Martyrs, Reading
 Immaculate Conception, Liphook
 Immaculate Conception & St Joseph, Christchurch
 Lee-on-the-Solent with Stubbington
 Our Lady of Lourdes with St Swithun, Portsmouth
 Our Lady of the Assumption, Thatcham
 Our Lady with Holy Trinity, Fleet
 St Colman with St Paul, Portsmouth
 St Francis de Sales, Wash Common
 St James & St William of York, Reading
 St Joseph & St Edmund, Southampton
 St Laurence, Petersfield
 St Margaret Mary, Park Gate
 St Mary, Ryde
 St Thomas More, Bournemouth
 St Thomas and St Saviour, Newport and Totland Bay
 St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes

Rev Joe McNerney
 Rev Peter Glas
 Canon David Mahy
 Rev Mgr John Nelson
 Canon Cyril Murtagh
 Rev John Lee
 Rev John Humphreys
 Rev Peter Hollins
 Rev Ignatius Maddineni
 Rev Michael Stanier
 Rev Sean Tobin
 Rev Eamon Walsh
 Rev Dominic Golding
 Canon John O'Shea
 Canon Gerard Hetherington
 Rev John Cooke
 Rev Anthony Glaysher
 Rev Shaun Budden
 Rev Gerard Flynn
 Rev Michael Purbrick

