



# ST. JOSEPH'S & SS. THOMAS CATHOLIC PARISH OF HAVANT & EMSWORTH NEWSLETTER

Saturday, 20th - Sunday 28th, 2009. 12th Sunday of the Year

## First Holy Communion

The 9.00am Mass next Sunday is the Going Forth Mass for the children who made their First Holy Communion this year. At the end of Mass, they will receive their First Holy Communion Certificates.

Parents, children and their families are all invited to a shared lunch from 12.30pm onwards at St. Joseph's Hall.

## Summer Fair, Saturday, 27th 12 noon to 3.00pm.

Help is needed next Friday, 26th from 10.00am to 2.00pm to set up the stalls and general preparation. Help is also needed on the day from 10.00am. Donations are still needed, including any unwanted gifts and new items for the Grand Draw. We also need items for the bottle stall, tombola, groceries, books, toiletries, jewellery, cakes and cake ingredients, as well as glassware and nearly new clothes.

Offers of help should be made to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

## Welcome

We welcome James Grudnik, son of Richard and Sylvia, who was baptised in St. Joseph's last Sunday.

## Service Of Healing

There will be a healing service on the second Sunday of the month at 10.30am at the United Reformed Church in Havant. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

## Living Faith Booklet

A copy of the 'Living Faith' booklet for the next quarter is now available. Price just £1.

## Wedding Bells

Many congratulations to Michael Duttie and Niamh Broad, who were married in St. Joseph's on Saturday.

## Feast Of Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More , June 22nd

The summer of 1535 was not a good one for England. Henry VIII managed to order the execution of his own Chancellor, Thomas More, and one of his leading bishops, John Fisher of Rochester. Catholics in turn would go on to execute Protestants and in the end no one could claim to have bloodless hands.

Now that the centuries have dulled the rawness of these scandals we have learned that Catholics and Protestants have much more to unite them than to divide. Could it be that the feast of John Fisher and Thomas More might serve as a reminder to Christians of all shades today that if we do not stand up for our faith in modern society, then we all run the risk of being edged out due to apathy? Could it be that the names of Fisher, Latimer, More and Ridley have more to teach us about how to be an effective voice for Christ in the 21st century than they ever would have expected?

They certainly would be the first to tell us that they are martyrs not because they died but because they witnessed to their beliefs in a climate where they were faced with opposition.



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## Things People Have Said

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that he didn't trust me so much. *(Mother Teresa)*

## Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence next weekend, 27th/28th June, which is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

## Saturday Study Days

The next Saturday Study Days at the Catholic Bible School in Nutbourne are:

**27th June** - "Wholeness in Christ". Geoff & Gina Poulter.

**11th July** "Understanding Prophecy". Rev Jim Graham.

Start at 10.00am and finish around 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks are provided. No fees but donations are accepted on the day.

## Diary

**Monday, 22nd** - St. Thomas More and John Fisher.

**Wednesday, 24th** - First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting at 7.30pm.

**Thursday, 25th** - Churches together in Havant and Bedhampton AGM at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

**Friday, 26th** - 2.00pm Funeral Mass for John O'Connell RIP.

**Saturday, 27th** - parish Summer Fair, 12 noon to 3.00pm.

**Sunday, 28th** - 9.00am First Holy Communion 'Going Forth Mass' and 12.30pm shared lunch for the parents, children and families of the 1st Communicants in St. Joseph's Hall.

**Sunday, 28th** - Ss. Peter and Paul.

**Sunday, 28th** - 2.00pm Baptism.

## Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am,  
St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

## A Thought For Today

And God showed me a little thing in the palm of my hand, round like a ball no bigger than a hazelnut. I gazed at it, puzzling at what it might be. And God said to me, "It is all of Creation." I was amazed that it could last and did not suddenly disintegrate and fall into nothingness, for it was so tiny. And again God spoke to me, "It lasts, both now and forever, because I cherish it." And I understood that everything has its being owing to God's care and love. *Julian of Norwich*

## John O'Connell RIP

We offer our sympathy to the O'Connell family on the death of John. He died in the Rowans last Sunday. His funeral Mass will be in St. Joseph's next Friday, at 2.00pm. All welcome. May he rest in peace.

## Christian Aid

Christian Aid Grand Book Sale - 9.30am, Saturday 27th June, International House, Emsworth Square. Donations of books very welcome. Please phone (01243) 374889 or (023) 9247 7959. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

## The Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at Masses over the weekend of June 27th/28th. All donations of materials such as Flash, Cif will be very gratefully received.

Also, the Justice and Peace group will be holding a sponsored walk for CAFOD on the evening of Tuesday 23rd June. It will be 5 miles - Emsworth to Langstone and back. If you would like to take part, contact Nigel Miller on (01243) 373039 for a form. The group will also be asking for your support after Masses this weekend.

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 20th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

*(Bourke, Lillywhite and Willerton Families)*

**Sun, 21st** - 11.00am Mass *(Fr. David Buckley RIP)*

**Mon, 22nd** - 9.30am Mass *(Deceased members of the Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families)*

**Weds, 24th** - 9.30am Mass *(Canon James Daly RIP)*

**Sat, 27th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass *(Frank Adams RIP)*

**Sun, 28th** - 11.00am Mass

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 21st** - 9.00am Mass *(Tony Connelly RIP)*

**Sun, 21st** - 6.00pm Mass *(Bernard and Sally McCabe RIP)*

**Tues, 23rd** - 10.00am Mass

*(Richard and Elizabeth Knapp, Junior and Family RIP)*

**Sat, 27th** - 10.30am Mass

*(Deceased relations of Majoria Rowlands)*

**Sun, 28th** - 9.00am Mass

**Sun, 28th** - 6.00pm Mass *(Lois Cwikla RIP)*

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