



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

Saturday, 11th - Sunday 19th July, 2009. 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Living our Faith'

The latest update on 'Living our Faith' is £297,906 which is just a short step to reaching the £300,000 mark. Many thanks to all those concerned and for the generosity of so many people. 145 people have either given or pledged this amount of money which is astonishing. The parish itself will receive £165,175 of this income. The weekly offertory collection has also gone up so many thanks to those who have become more conscious on what we give in the weekly collection.

The campaign has finished in our parish although the fund remains open. 30 more parishes will take up the campaign in the Autumn.

Newsletter in August

Please note that there will not be a newsletter on 2nd, 9th, 16th or 23rd August. The next newsletter will start again on Saturday/Sunday, 29th/30th August. If you have items for the newsletter that pertain to events in August, then these should be submitted for inclusion within the next two weeks.

Emsworth Museum

To mark the Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas' Church in Emsworth, there will be a collection of Catholic memorabilia at the Emsworth Museum during August. If somebody has a flair for displays, your talent would be much appreciated. The museum is open Saturdays and Bank Holidays, 10.30am to 4.30pm and on Sundays, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. It will also be open on Sunday, 2nd August from 10.00am so that we can go straight from Mass to view.

Ken Taylor RIP

Ken's funeral service will take place in St. Joseph's on Monday, 13th at 10.30am. May he rest in peace.

Ministry Sunday

The second Sunday of the month has become an extremely important feature in our stewardship community during the last 18 months. This Sunday is the turn of one of the best ministries in this and every parish - if church cleaners were to hang up their brooms, we would all notice it very quickly.

Rose Anderson will speak about church cleaning at the Havant Masses and Sharon Gough at Emsworth. Tim Underwood will also be speaking on the Justice and Peace group which operates in the parish.

P.S. Everybody can help with church cleaning by cleaning up after each Mass. Sometimes both churches look as if a bomb had gone off.

CAFOD - Greenbelt Volunteers Wanted

Are you enthusiastic, energetic and free over the August bank holiday weekend, 28th/31st August? Then we want to hear from you! We are looking for active volunteers age 18+ to represent CAFOD at Greenbelt, a Christian music and arts festival. You'll receive a free weekend pass and meal expenses and in turn you'll help staff our stall and promote our Climate Justice campaign. You'll also have time off to relax and enjoy the exciting festival activities. Make your own travel arrangements and bring a tent; we'll do the rest! Email ckelling@cafod.org.uk or call 020 7095 5414.

Ordination to the Diaconite

The Bishop will ordain Philip Harris and James McAuley to the Diaconite in Rome on 12th July.

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP. tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com - (023) 9248 4520

Mail Drop

People living in Redbridge Grove and Milford Close will receive a letter from the parish this week telling them that they are in our prayers.

Diocesan Changes in January 2010

Mgr. Vincent Harvey to St. Edmund's, Southampton.

Canon John O'Shea to St. James', Reading.

Fr. Dominic Golding to St. Bede's, Basingstoke.

Fr. John Dunne has retired from Southbourne and is being replaced by Fr. Gerry Onyejukuna a missionary of St. Paul.

Welcome in the Sacrament of Baptism

Madeline Therese Wright and Declan Joseph Wright, daughter and son of Andrew and Rachel Wright were baptised last Sunday. With them was baptised Hannah Eleanor Bentley, daughter of Gordon and Catherine Bentley. It was a great family occasion for Keith and Veronica who were very proud grandparents.

Diary

Thursday, 16th - 10.30am to 4.30pm School governors' day at Langstone Hotel.

Friday, 17th - 9.15am Oaklands end of year Mass.

Caritas in Veritate

Pope Benedict has issued a new encyclical on the Church's social teaching. It focuses on human development in charity and truth. It is available online at www.catholicchurch.org.uk

Wedding Bells

Many congratulations to David Steadman and Claire Ryan who were married in St. Joseph's on Saturday.

Car Boot Sale

Monday, 31st August, 9.00am to 2.00pm. Help needed in the kitchen and to run the church table, even an hour would be a great help. Contact Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

Soup Lunch

No soup lunch in August. We resume on 2nd September.

The Relics of St. Theresa

A full programme of events for the visit of the relics of St. Theresa is as follows: -

Wednesday, 16th September - St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

11.00am Catholic Schools' Liturgy

2.00pm Mass of Anointing

7.30pm evening Mass.

The Cathedral will be open overnight until the relics depart at 11.00am on Thursday, 17th.

Fanning the Flame Summer Camp

Fanning The Flame aims to discover, bring alive and celebrate the Gospel within the Catholic community of the church, encouraging everyone to grow in and share their faith.

The Hampshire Summer camp is held under canvas in the beautiful surroundings of the New Forest from 17th to 21st August. It is suitable for young people aged 10 to 25 years. There will be a chance to take part in horse riding, bible study, music, walks, meditative prayer, art, Mass, quizzes and adoration.

Book by 17th July at www.ftfcm.com/dk/?action=events

Jumble Sale, 19th September

11.00am to 1.00pm. Help needed on Friday, 19th from 10.00am to 2.00pm to set up and on the day. Please clearly mark nearly new clothes. Offers of help to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 11th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Agnes Rennie RIP*)

Sun, 12th - 11.00am Mass
(*Cole & Kate Connolly RIP*)

Mon, 13th - 10.30am Funeral Service for
Ken Taylor RIP

Weds, 15th - 9.30am Mass
(*Keith Tees RIP*)

Sat, 18th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Nora Ryan RIP*)

Sun, 19th - 11.00am Mass
(*Sally Lane RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 12th - 9.00am Mass
(*Kathleen Kenna RIP*)

Sun, 12th - 6.00pm Mass
(*Eamon Rafferty RIP*)

Tues, 14th - 10.00am Mass
(*Duncan Boniface RIP*)

Sat, 18th - 10.30am Mass
(*Patrick Caly RIP & Mother Helen RIP*)

Sun, 19th - 9.00am Mass
(*Deceased Members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families RIP*)

Sun, 19th - 6.00pm Mass
(*Lawrence Parsons RIP*)

Parish Website: www.rchavant.org.uk or www.rc-havant.org.uk

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