



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

Saturday, 18th - Sunday 26th July, 2009. 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B, Sundays 17-21

Because there is not enough in St. Mark's Gospel for the whole year, we leave him for the next five Sundays, 26th July to 30th August. Instead we use Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. This is a famous Chapter known as "The Eucharistic Gospel".

Jesus feeds the crowds and the people want more, so much so that Jesus and the disciples slip away to the hills. The people follow and find him at Capernaum. He rebukes them for only looking for bread. In response, the people ask for a sign and Jesus says they have seen the sign but they have not recognised HIM.

Jesus himself is the sign - the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The climax of the Chapter is when the people and the disciples are challenged to stay or leave because of what they have heard.

The best way to understand the Chapter is to read it - it will take a few minutes.

N.B. The smooth running of the cycle is broken by the Feast of the Assumption when the Gospel is Luke 1: 39-56. Confused?!

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 is tomorrow, Monday 20th at 10.30am in St. Joseph's Church. May he rest in peace.

1st Holy Communion 2009-10



If you would like your child to make their 1st Holy Communion next year, please complete the application form below. All those due to receive this special Sacrament should be aged 7 on 1st September, 2009.

The preparation programme involves a series of meetings for parents and for children and this will begin shortly.

St. Joseph's Parish First Holy Communion Programme 2009-10

Child's Name _____
Date of Birth _____/_____/_____
Parents Names _____
Parents Consent _____
Mass Attended _____
Address _____

Post Code _____
E-mail _____

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

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

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

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.

Jumble Sale, 19th September

11.00am to 1.00pm. Help needed on Friday, 18th 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.

Marks & Spencer Voucher

If there is anybody intending to spend £100 online at Marks & Spencer, there is a £10 voucher given into the presbytery. See Fr. Tom.

Mail Drop

People living in Hazelholt Drive, Hooks Farm Way and Wel-low Close will have a letter delivered through their letter box this week stating that we will pray for them this week.

Diary

Monday, 20th - 10.30am Funeral Service for Ken Taylor RIP.

7.30pm Parish Finance meeting.

Tuesday, 21st - 2.00pm Mass in St. Thomas More's School.

Friday, 24th - 2.00pm Wedding of Adam and Michaela.

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will finish at the end of Wednesday, 22nd July and recommence on Monday, 7th September at the usual time. There will be Adoration on Wednesdays only during the Break.

Schools Out

We wish all pupils, teachers and other school workers a wonderful holiday.

Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am

Saturday - St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 18th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

(Nora Ryan RIP & Mother Helen RIP)

Sun, 19th - 11.00am Mass

(Sally Lane RIP)

(Cole & Kate Connolly RIP)

Mon, 20th - 10.30am Funeral Service for

Ken Taylor RIP

Weds, 22nd - 9.30am Mass *(Pratt Family RIP)*

Sat, 25th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

(Mickey Hennessy RIP)

Sun, 26th - 11.00am Mass

(Agnes Rennie RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 19th - 9.00am Mass

(Deceased Members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families RIP)

Sun, 19th - 6.00pm Mass

(Lawrence Parsons RIP)

Tues, 21st - 10.00am Mass

(Peter McWilliams' Intentions)

Sat, 25th - 10.30am Mass

(George Gregory West RIP)

Sun, 26th - 9.00am Mass

Sun, 26th - 6.00pm Mass

(Neill Bone RIP)

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

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