



Havant Pastoral Area

Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's, Havant and Emsworth

Saturday, 17th - Sunday, 25th July, 2010. 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Holy Communion 2010/2011

If your child is seven by 1st September 2010 and you would like them to make their 1st Holy Communion on 22nd May, 2011, please register immediately. A form is available at the back of the church and at St. Thomas More's Catholic School.

Please note that the form includes a full list of all the dates which indicates the commitment expected from the parents and children and also the dedication of people like Jacky Chong.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, 22nd September. You should also note that Easter is very late next year.

International Refugee Trust Tea Party

There will be a fund-raising tea party at 101 Oaklands Road, Havant on Saturday, 24th July from 2.30pm to 6.00pm to raise funds to buy play equipment for an orphanage in the Sudan. There will be tea, cake, Phoenix Cards, bring-and-buy and a raffle. Everybody is welcome.

Any offers of help, cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully received by Alison McCann. For further information, please telephone (023) 9245 1649.

Prayers Please

Your prayers are requested for Kathleen Devlin, Lawrence Cullen and June Mitchell.

Martha and Mary of 2010

These two famous women belong to a lovely village just over the hill from the Mount of Olives. They are a real delight to visit because Martha is funny with lots of local stories while Mary is rather deep thinking, if a little solemn at times. Martha is the best hostess in the whole land - whatever is in the house is yours for the simple reason you are a visitor. Mary is attentive too but in a radically different way. She is no housekeeper nor domesticated in any way, yet Mary has chosen 'the better part'. What do you think that means?

Yet again we cannot survive without the Martha because 'the better part' for her might be doing the dishes or making the bed. Who are you, a Martha or a Mary?



Special Mass

At a special Mass in the Cathedral on Thursday, 22nd July at 11.00am, a new nine foot statue of St. John the Evangelist will be unveiled by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Cardinal Murphy O'Connor.

The bishop has sent 2 tickets for St. Joseph's Parish. If you would like to attend, please see Fr. Tom.

Welcome

We welcome Agnes Rose Per-yagh, daughter of Martin and Caroline who was baptised in St. Joseph's last Sunday.

We also welcome Theo Miller-Okoro and Casey Martin who were also baptised.

Car Boot Sale

Our next car boot sale is on Monday, 30th August, from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Help is needed in the kitchen and to run the church table - even an hour would be a great help.

If you are able to help, please telephone Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

Many Thanks

Dobbie and her daughter Juliet were most grateful for the "great fuss" everybody made of her on her 100th birthday celebrations last Sunday. Ad multos annos!

Many thanks to Felicity Gibson for her super cake.

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Quiz Night

Saturday, 17th July at Havant Methodist Church. Price £6.50 which includes a ploughman's supper. All proceeds will go towards Vumi who is a cancer patient in Tanzania.

Eucharistic Service

Please note that in place of Mass next Wednesday, there will be a Eucharistic Service. Fr. Tom is celebrating the last Mass of the school year at Oaklands.

Thought for the Day

We sometimes have a pathological fear that if we are not busy doing things then we are somehow failing. Martha and Mary's story reminds us that it is not just what we do that is important but what we are. And if we are to know what we are, then we have to stop and think.

Diary

Monday, 19th - Parish Finance Committee meeting in the presbytery.

Tuesday, 20th - 7.30pm Stewardship Committee meeting in the presbytery.

Wednesday, 21st - 9.15am Oaklands School Mass.

Thursday, 22nd - 11.00am Special Mass at the Cathedral.

Saturday, 24th - 12.30pm Wedding.

Jumble Sale

Our next jumble sale will be on Saturday, 25th September from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Help is needed on Friday, 24th from 10.00am to 2.00pm to set up. Please mark clearly nearly new clothes. Any offers of help to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

Parish Rosary Group Meeting

St Joseph's and Ss. Thomas rosary group's next meeting is on Thursday, 12th August at 3.00pm. For more information contact Rosemary Ryan on (01243) 389191.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

You are invited to attend the ordinations of Phil Harris and James McAuley at The Cathedral on Saturday, 24th July at 11.00am. This is indeed a rare event these days.

Newsletter In August

Please note that there will be no newsletter on August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. If you have items for the newsletter, these should be submitted by 8.30am on Thursday, 29th July.

N.B. There will not be any sermons during the month of August.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 15th August - Feast of the Assumption.

Monday, 30th August - Parish Car Boot Sale.

Saturday/Sunday, 11th/12th September - Stewardship Sunday.

Thursday, 16th - Sunday, 19th September - Pope's visit.

Wednesday, 22nd September - 1st Holy Communion preparation begins.

Friday/Saturday, 24th/25th September - Pastoral Area overnight stay at Park Place.

Saturday, 27th November - Christmas Bazaar.

Sunday, 28th November - 1st Sunday of Advent.

Readings This Weekend

† **First Reading** - Genesis 18: 1-10

† **Psalm** - 14

† **Second Reading** - Colossians 1: 24-28

† **Gospel** - Luke 10: 38-42

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 17th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Keith Tees RIP)

Sun, 18th - 11.00am Mass
(People of the Parish)

Mon, 19th - 9.30am Mass
(Kate & Colin Connelly RIP)

Weds, 21st - 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Sat, 24th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sun, 25th - 11.00am Mass
(Pratt Family RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 18th - 9.00am Mass
(Mary Connelly RIP)

Sun, 18th - 6.00pm Mass
(Kathleen Maguire RIP)

Tues, 20th - 10.00am Mass

Sat, 24th - 10.30am Mass
(George Gregory West RIP)

Sun, 25th - 9.00am Mass
(Martin James Hayes RIP)

Sun, 25th - 6.00pm Mass
(Duncan Boniface RIP)