



Saturday, 20th - Sunday, 28th February, 2010. 1st Sunday of Lent

Lent in the Pastoral Area 2010

The Stewardship Committee of St. Joseph's parish has organised the following Lenten programme for the whole pastoral area. Everybody is invited to take part and the more people who visit other parishes, the better.

Wednesday, 24th February - 7.00pm, 'The Centrality of Sunday Mass' at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth.

Wednesday, 3rd March - 7.00pm, 'The Larger Pastoral Area' at St. Edmund's, Horndean.

Tuesday, 9th March - 7.00pm, 'Liturgy and the Sacraments' at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.

Thursday, 18th - 7.00pm, 'Ongoing Formation' at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Wednesday, 24th - 7.00pm, 'The Mission of the Church'. (Details of venue to follow).

Lent 2010

As in former years, there will be a spiritual preparation for Easter at 4.00pm on each Sunday of Lent in St. Joseph's Church, starting this Sunday, 21st February.

'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer

Palm Sunday at 6.30pm in St. Faith's Church, Havant. Featuring combined choirs of St. Faith's and St. John's, Westbourne.

Easter Gardens and Bonnets

All the children are invited to make Easter gardens or Easter bonnets for Easter Sunday this year. Both must contain some aspect of the Easter story. Three prizes for each category will be given at the 9.00am Mass at Emsworth and the 11.00am Mass in Havant.

Lenten Readings

There is a new selection of books for sale at the back of St. Joseph's for your spiritual reading during Lent. Many of these are short and to the point but enough for each day.

Coffee/Soup Lunch

There will be no coffee or soup lunch on Wednesday, 3rd March.

'Come to the Feast'

We are all invited to the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 3rd April at 6.30pm where we shall start in St. Joseph's Hall. The Easter Vigil is the final part of the Triduum and it stands at the heart of the liturgical year. Missing the Easter Vigil is like reading a great book right up to the last chapter and then putting the book back on the shelf.

The time to make the invitation is now because it is the goal and summit of everything we do for the next forty days. Throughout Lent the signposts point us in the direction of our baptism in Jesus. It is a great journey with our baptismal calling beckoning us onwards and upwards. All the scripture readings for Lent point us in the same direction. Bear in mind too, that we have St. Luke's Gospel for four of the five Sundays. For Luke, Jesus too, is on a great journey from Galilee to Jerusalem - to his suffering, death and resurrection.

Put 3rd April in your diary now.

Lent Groups 2010

As in former years, there will be Lent house groups doing the 'York Course' booklet at the following places and times:-

Mondays - 10.00am, St. Joseph's presbytery and 8.00pm at 6, Queen Anne's Drive, Bedhampton.

Wednesdays - 2.00pm at 10, Brockhampton Road and 7.30pm at The Rectory, Meadowlands.

If you would like to join a group, please sign the form in St. Joseph's porch. Everybody is very welcome.

Lent Calendar

The calendar attached to the newsletter comes partly from Margaret Howells in Cove, Farnborough and partly from our own parish. There are daily items and recommendations, particularly to the community. Children and adults can easily use the daily chart.

Welcome

We welcome Arthur and Margaret Wells who have moved into the parish. They live in Emsworth. Well worth a visit is a website organised by Arthur www.vatican2voice.org

St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, Saturday, 20th March

7.30pm - 9.30pm, St. Joseph's Hall. Music by St. Joseph's band and featuring the Boyle O'Dowda School of Irish Dancing. Tickets £2.50 adults, £7.50 for families. Bring your own nibbles and drink.

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Havant and Emsworth

Fr. Tom Grufferty, St. Joseph's Church, 134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP

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Walk Through the Old Testament

A day seminar on a walk through the Old Testament on Saturday, 20th March from 9.30am - 5.00pm in the Parish Hall, Church Path, Emsworth. £14, payable before the day. Please contact Peter Agius on (023) 9247 6868 or peter@agius.biz if you wish to attend.

Suggestions for Lent

Fast from a wide range of luxuries.

Attend Mass at least one extra day during the week.

Spend one hour at Eucharistic Adoration.

Read a chapter of St. Luke each day.

Say grace both before and after meals.

Consider giving somebody a lift to Mass on Sunday.

Speak to somebody in the parish that you have not spoken to before.

Talk to God before Mass and to each other afterwards.

Buy less and eat less.

Give something up and take something up.

Laugh at something each day.

Wednesday, 3rd March

Please note that there will be Mass at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church as usual.

Mail Drop

People living in Record Road and Stellard Close will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that they are in our prayers.

St. Joseph's Parish Quiz Night

Our annual parish Quiz Night is on Saturday, 6th March at 7.30pm in the church hall. This should be a fun, family evening. If you are fed up with shouting the answers at a T.V. screen, why not make a team, as big as you like, and come along and see how well you can do. There will also be a raffle. Please bring your own food and drink.

"Give it Up" for CAFOD this Lent

Could you give up wine so CAFOD could turn the money you save into water? Could you give up biscuits so CAFOD could turn the money you save into bicycles? Could you give up sweets so CAFOD could turn the money you save into honey? Whatever sacrifice you can make will transform the lives of families across the world.

Family Fast Day, 26th February, 6.30pm St Joseph's

In celebration of 50 years of Family Fast day, CAFOD is calling everyone to make a special effort to make this the best Fast Day ever. We will have a reflection evening for CAFOD, to pray and find out more about the CAFOD campaign. We hope all members of the family will come and that adults will come hungry and together perhaps we can encourage each other in our fast.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

A simple meal in return for a donation at Emsworth Pastoral Centre, Emsworth Square, from 12 noon on Wednesdays, starting on 24th February and ending on 31st March. Please come along and support Christian Aid.

Reconciliation for Children

During Lent, there are opportunities for reconciliation for children and young adults at St. Thomas More's School and at Oaklands.

As a parish, we would like to offer an opportunity for children's confessions on Saturday, 20th March at 3.00pm at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth. We have invited all children who have made their 1st Holy Communion in the last three years.

Diary

Sunday, 21st - 'Preparation for Easter', 4.00pm at St. Joseph's.

Monday, 22nd - Lenten House group, 10.00am in the presbytery.

Monday, 22nd - Emsworth special ministers' meeting at 7.30pm.

Tuesday, 23rd - 9.00am Bishop Crispian visits the Pastoral Area, St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Tuesday, 23rd - 7.00pm Alpha meeting.

Wednesday, 24th - 7.00pm 'The Centrality of the Eucharist', Ss. Thomas', Emsworth.

Thursday, 25th - 9.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Thomas More's School.

Thursday 25th - parish bible study group. For more information or if would like to attend, please contact Liam on (01243) 379646.

Sunday, 28th - 4.00pm Preparation for Easter.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 20th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Fr. Maurice Twomey RIP)

Sun, 21st - 11.00am Mass
(Ken Martin RIP)

Mon, 22nd - 9.30am Mass (Ayles Family RIP)

Weds, 24th - 9.30am Mass
(Connie McCarthy RIP)

Sat, 27th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Kathleen Maguire RIP)

Sun, 28th - 11.00am Mass
(People of the Parish)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 21st - 9.00am Mass
(Brendan O'Dowda RIP)

Sun, 21st - 6.00pm Mass
(Elizabeth Mary Brien RIP)

Tues, 23rd - 10.00am Mass
(Ken Martin RIP)

Sat, 27th - 10.30am Mass

Sun, 28th - 9.00am Mass
(Clara Barnes RIP)

Sun, 28th - 6.00pm Mass
(Sheila Mailes' Intention)

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