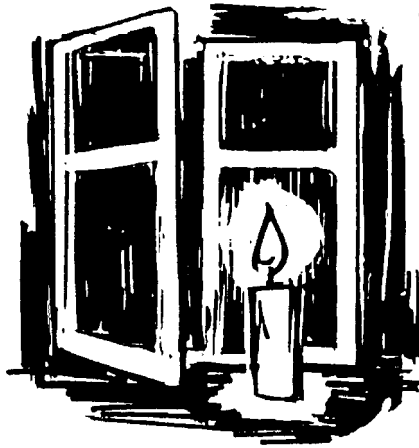




Saturday, 28th - Sunday, 6th December, 2009. 1st Sunday of Advent



The Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas' Church

Everybody is invited to the Mass on Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30pm. The Bishop will be the chief celebrant of the Mass with some of the priests who have served the parish over the years. Others have sent their apologies as health and age are catching up.

Everybody is also invited to refreshments afterwards in St. James' Church of England Church Hall. There are plenty of parking spaces near the Emsworth Hospital and they are free.

Advent 2009

There will be a short prayerful reflection in preparation for Christmas on the 4 Sundays of Advent in St. Joseph's at 4.00pm. The first reflection is on today, Sunday 29th.

University of Chichester Chamber Orchestra Concert

Crispin Ward conducts another programme of orchestral music on Sunday, 6th December at 7.30pm. The music will include Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and Dvorak's 8th symphony.

All proceeds will be donated to "Outreach Moldova" an organisation that is dedicated to providing human rights, medical care and social inclusion for children who have been abandoned or orphaned, children with special needs and children with terminal illnesses in the Republic of Moldova.

www.outreachmoldova.org

Advent Calendar

Attached to the newsletter is an Advent Calendar with the courtesy of Margaret Howells and her prayer group in Farnborough.

Please pray for Margaret who is not well at present.

Christmas Carol Singing

As it was such a popular event last year, you are invited to sing your heart out on Sunday, 13th December at 2.30pm in the Small Hall. See Tim McCann.

'When I Was Sick'

The chaplaincy of Q.A. Hospital are seeking people who are willing to visit the sick in hospital or at home. Training will be given in Spring 2010. If you are willing to help, contact Fr. Andrew on (023) 9228 6408.

Books for Advent

There is a new selection of books at the back of the church for Advent 2009.

Christmas Card

If you bought the parish Christmas card last weekend, because of the error, your cards will be replaced. Please hold on to the envelopes. See the people in the church repository.



Advent Day of Prayer

Wednesday, 9th December, Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, 10.00am to 3.00pm Bring a packed lunch.

Newsletter

Please note that all submissions for the newsletter even those by email, must be in by Thursday at 8.00am at the latest. There is no guarantee that even urgent notices will be included after that time.

Q.A. Hospital Carol Singing

There will be carol singing on Christmas Eve between 6.00 and 8.00pm at the hospital chapel.

Christmas Fayre, St. Michael's

The Fayre is on 5th December at St. Michael's, Leigh Park, commencing at 11.00am and finishing at 2.30pm. Lots of stalls, Father Christmas and face painting and Winnie the Pooh story time for children.

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Havant and Emsworth

Fr. Tom Grufferty. 134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP
E Mail: tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com - Tel: (023) 9248 4520

Music at St. Mary's, Fratton

Candle-lit Christmas spectacular on Saturday, 5th December at 7.30pm. Featuring St. Mary's Church choir, Denmead Brass and Nadina String Quartet. Tickets, £5 from (023) 9229 3020.

Fratton Park Christmas Carols

Monday, 21st December at Fratton Park at 7.00pm, Salvation Army Band. Telephone (023) 9277 6823.

Fr. Des Magennis

Some people have asked for Fr. Des' new address. It is 'Unit 1, 56 Taylor Street, Mooney Ponds, Victoria 3039'. Tel. 0061394677519. Please note that there is a 9-10 hour time difference ahead of us.

'Portsmouth People'

The current edition of the Portsmouth People is available this weekend to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas' Church, Emsworth - the parish focus this month belongs to us. See the two pages at the back.

These photos were taken by Richard Jarczyk and we thank him for his efforts.

Mail Drop

People living in Stanton Road and Western Road will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

Pastoral Letter

There is a pastoral letter from the Bishop this weekend and it is attached to the newsletter.

Advent/Christmas Repository

This is the last Sunday that Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and candles will be on sale at the Emsworth repository.

Also available for purchase are the parish Christmas cards, featuring Ss. Thomas' Nativity Window, other types of Christmas cards, card holders, nativity sets, decorations, new Advent reading material and all the normal items.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be selling Fairtrade goods at all Masses the first weekend of each month in future, starting in December on the weekend 5th / 6th.

Drop-In Christmas Clean – Ss. Thomas' Church, Emsworth

In order for our church to look beautiful for Christmas, a drop-in and clean morning has been arranged for Friday 11th December for willing volunteers to clean the church. Doors will be open from 9-12 noon. Even if you can only spare half an hour to complete one job, this would be very helpful. Coffee, tea and mince pies too!

Diary

Sunday, 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent, 4.00pm Preparation for Christmas in St. Joseph's. Half-an-hour of audio/visual prayer.

Tuesday, 1st - Alpha meeting, 7.00pm in the presbytery. 'How Can I make the Most of the Rest of my Life?'

Tuesday, 1st - parish bible study group. More details from Liam (01243) 379646.

Wednesday, 2nd - Please note that there is no Mass in St. Joseph's this morning.

Wednesday, 2nd - 7.30pm Golden Jubilee Mass at Ss. Thomas' Church, Emsworth. All welcome.

Sunday, 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent, 4.00pm Preparation for Christmas.

Sunday, 6th - 7.30pm Music Concert in St. Joseph's.

Quote of the Week

"Pompey has lost hart".

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 28th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass for the **1st Sunday of Advent** (*Rachel Gray RIP*)

Sun, 29th - 11.00am Mass for the **1st Sunday of Advent** (*Rose Weston RIP*)

Mon, 30th - 9.30am Mass (*John O'Shea*)

Fri, 4th - 7.00pm Mass (*Dominic McSweeney RIP*)

Sat, 5th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass for the **2nd Sunday of Advent** (*Nora Hales RIP*)

Sun, 6th - 11.00am Mass for the **2nd Sunday of Advent** (*John O'Flaherty's Intentions*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 29th - 9.00am Mass for the **1st Sunday of Advent** (*Molly Pendlebury RIP*)

Sun, 29th - 6.00pm Mass for the **1st Sunday of Advent** (*Veronica Kelly RIP*)

Tues, 1st - 10.00am Mass (*Kathleen Kenna RIP*)

Weds, 2nd - 7.30pm Golden Jubilee Mass (*For the People of the Parish*)

Sat, 5th - 10.30am Mass (*Florence Pead's Intentions*)

Sun, 6th - 9.00am Mass for the **2nd Sunday of Advent** (*Private Intention*)

Sun, 6th - 6.00pm Mass for the **2nd Sunday of Advent** (*Tanner Family RIP*)

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