



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

Saturday, 5th - Sunday 13th September, 2009. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux

The relics of the Little Flower has visited over 40 countries in recent years. The relics are in England from September 16th to October 16th. They start the English trip with a visit to St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. These are the following events for these 2 special days, starting on September 16th:

Wednesday 16th, 9.30am Opening liturgy as the bishop welcomes the relics.

11.00am Catholic schools in the diocese.

2.00pm Mass with the anointing of the sick.

7.30pm Mass of thanksgiving.

10.00pm Night Prayer and all night vigil. (The Cathedral will be open all night)

Thursday 17th, 7.00am 1st Mass of the day.

10.00am - Farewell Mass & departure of the relics.

Get Creative! for CAFOD Portsmouth

The CAFOD Portsmouth office has recently launched a competition to produce a CD of songs and poems from people across the Diocese. Entries are welcome from individuals and/or schools and groups. The topic of the song or poem could be anything from environmental justice to 'livesimply', from worship to social action. Deadline for submissions: 7th, June 2010. Full rules and entry forms can be downloaded from www.cafod.org.uk/portsmouth or contact the office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329285 for more information.

Children's Liturgy, Ss. Thomas Church, Emsworth

The children's liturgy will resume on Sunday, 13th September during the 9.00am Mass, for children of school age. We are still short of one member for our team - training given and the rota is for roughly once every 6 weeks. Please email Catherine Davis on cphdavis@ntlworld.com or phone 01243 430298.

1st Holy Communion 2009-10

If you would like your child to make their 1st Holy Communion next year, please complete the application form opposite.

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.

Please return the application form to the Presbytery as soon as you can, making sure that it is clearly marked 'First Holy Communion'.

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

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.

Thanks

John and Margaret Hall give thanks for all the spiritual and physical support received over John's cancer operation and recovery period. Praise the Lord.

Events at Douai

Saturday, 19th September at 10.00am – Mass (the choir will be the Douai Singers) in the main Abbey Church followed by a Marian Procession around the extensive grounds of the Abbey at 11.00am.

Sunday, 20th September, Mass at 10.15am in the Douai Abbey Parish Church.

All are warmly welcome to attend Masses and the procession. All events are organised by Young Catholic Adults (YCA).

Parish Bible Study Group

The parish bible study group will be having its first post-summer meeting on Wednesday, September 16th. You are most welcome to join us, even if just for one evening. For more details, please contact Liam at the Emsworth 9.00am repository or on (01243) 379646.

Peace Day

An evening for peace on Monday, 21st September from 7.30pm at the Havant United Reformed Church. All are welcome.

Diary

Wednesday, 23rd September - Introduction to Alpha at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

Saturday, 26th September - Wedding.

Wednesday, 30th September - Opening of 3 new classrooms at St. Thomas More's School.

Wednesday, 30th September - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting in the Presbytery.

Thursday, 1st October - Confirmations at St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will recommence on Monday, 7th September at the usual time.

Oaklands School Class of 1980 Reunion

Taking place at 7.30pm at The Hampshire Rose Pub (Function Room) in Widley on Friday, 11th September 2009. For further details please contact Jonathan Shirlaw on 07845 916161 or jon@a1recruitment.net

Soup Lunch

The parish soup lunch will restart again on 9th September.

Car Boot Sale

Many thanks to all who helped at the Car Boot Sale last Monday. £828 was realised for the parish.

Blackpool Illuminations

A group of people from the parish are going to the Blackpool Illuminations on Monday, 26th October for 4 nights. The price is £139 which includes dinners, bed & breakfast as well as the coach from Havant. If anybody else would like to join in, please ring Majestic Tours on (01626) 770246 and book on Coach 7 from Havant.

Your Prayers

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of the following who died since the last Newsletter:

Canon Derek Brown, Hiram Wynne Potts, Josephine Carpenter and Mary Burke. May they all rest In peace.

Mail Drop

People living in Crossway and Longcroft, will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 5th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Pat Horrocks RIP*)

Sun, 6th - 11.00am Mass
(*Michael Thomsett RIP*)

Mon, 7th - 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Weds, 9th - 9.30am Eucharistic Service

Sat, 12th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sun, 13th - 11.00am Mass
(*John William Barwick RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 6th - 9.00am Mass (*Winifred Sutcliffe RIP*)

Sun, 6th - 6.00pm Mass (*Colin Befrage RIP*)

Tues, 8th - 10.00am Eucharistic Service

Sat, 12th - 10.30am Eucharistic Service

Sun, 13th - 9.00am Mass
(*Robert Dempsey RIP*)

Sun, 13th - 6.00pm Mass (*Moira Cassidy RIP*)

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

Newsletter articles to: rchavant@googlemail.com