



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

Saturday, 12th - Sunday 20th September, 2009. 24th 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)

## Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

As a parish we will thank God for all the good things of the year on Saturday and Sunday 26th/27th September. You are invited to express your thanks by bringing something to Mass for the Offertory Procession. Please bring your donation up in the offertory so that your offering is focused on the Eucharist which is the ultimate expression of our thanks to God. The food will be distributed to the needy over the following few days.

## Awareness Raising Evening

As part of our efforts to be more aware of the needs and vulnerability of people in our community, our diocese has organised two special awareness raising evenings at St Joseph's on Tuesday, 13th October, 6.30pm – 9pm – Vulnerable Adults and on Thursday, 29th October, 6.30pm – 9pm – Child Protection.

Everyone who is involved with older people, vulnerable adults or with children as part of their ministry of the church, are strongly encouraged to attend one of these evenings. If these dates are not convenient, there are many more organised. Please see the list at the back of the church and book with Soraya Ciccarone. Tel: (023) 9281 6396/825430. e-mail: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

## 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 10.00am to 2.00pm to set up and on the day. Please clearly mark nearly new clothes. Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

## **Peace Day**

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

## **Diary**

**Wednesday, 16th** - parish bible study group, Liam on (01243) 379646.

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

**Saturday, 26th** - Wedding.

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

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

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

## **Catholic Bible School**

Commencing on Tuesday, 29th September [7.45-10.00pm] for six Tuesdays, we have a new course "This Promise is For You" - a DVD facilitated programme to consider and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. Application forms from the back of Church or from the Catholic Bible School (01243) 371766.

## **Children's Liturgy**

We welcome children aged 5-11 to the Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass this week. Children, remember to collect your card and take it upstairs with you. If you haven't got a card, collect a form for your parents to fill in so that you can be registered.

We are still looking for one more member of our team: contact Catherine Davis [cphdavis@ntlworld.com](mailto:cphdavis@ntlworld.com) tel: 01243 430298 or any other member of the Children's Liturgy team.

## **Mail Drop**

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

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

The next meeting for the P.P.C. is on September 28th. If you would like to have something included on the agenda for this meeting, please inform a member of the pastoral council or e-mail [rcHavEms@googlemail.com](mailto:rcHavEms@googlemail.com) by Monday 21st.

## **CAFOD**

Children from St. Thomas More's School are asking parishioners to join them in supporting CAFOD Climate Justice Campaign calling on our government to take a lead amongst EU countries in negotiating a new global climate change deal in Copenhagen in December 2009.

In Emsworth people have already been encouraged to complete campaign cards and add their hands to the art work. This week the confirmation candidates will encourage people at 6.30pm Mass to join the campaign.

Hands and cards can be left at back of church and will be included in the display and added to a huge display in school to give CAFOD in October. For more information see display or visit CAFOD website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

## **Justice and Peace Group**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 22nd September in the upstairs room at Ss. Thomas' to discuss the Justice and Peace group's plans for the future. All welcome.

### **Mass Times at St. Joseph's**

**Sat, 12th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

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

**Mon, 14th** - 9.30am Eucharistic Service

**Weds, 16th** - 9.30am Eucharistic Service

**Sat, 19th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(*Miss C.R. Hammond RIP*)

**Sun, 20th** - 11.00am Mass

(*Deceased members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families*)

### **Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'**

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

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

**Tues, 15th** - 10.00am Eucharistic Service

**Sat, 19th** - 10.30am Eucharistic Service

**Sun, 20th** - 9.00am Mass

**Sun, 20th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(*Andrew Mullreaney RIP*)

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