



St. Joseph's & Ss. Thomas Catholic Parish of Havant & Emsworth Newsletter

Saturday, 20th - Sunday, 28th September. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2008

Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend

This takes place next weekend, 27th/28th September. You are invited to bring food for the poor of the local community and for those institutions in Portsmouth which provide for the homeless. People who bring food are encouraged to present it at the offertory procession so that what you offer is directly consecrated with the Eucharist.

Alpha 2008

Thanks to Alison McCann, Alpha will be up and going this year. It will start on Tuesday, 30th September from 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. at the Presbytery. Alpha is for anybody who wants to know about the faith, for anybody who wants to return to the church or for anybody who wants a refresher in spiritual matters. In Alpha every year we discover more and more about Jesus and how to pray better – these being two of the topics we discuss. If you would like more information, please contact Alison McCann on (023) 9245 1649. Please pass on the attached notice to somebody else.

Stewardship

As our Stewardship process moves into the next stage, we are going to spend some time, perhaps a year or more, focussing on existing ministries and new ministries as they arise.

The second Sunday of each month will be designated as 'Ministry Sunday'. People will speak at all Masses highlighting what is involved and asking for new recruits. The first of these Ministry Sundays has already taken place last weekend when Alison McCann spoke at all Masses on Alpha. Many thanks to all those who responded to her appeal.

The next Ministry Sunday will be 11th/12th October when we shall focus on the Pastoral Council and Eucharistic Ministry.

Synod of Bishops

The 12th Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome from 5th to 26th October. The topic of discussion is 'The Word of God in the Life and Mission of The Church'. This complements the last Synod in 2005 under the theme of 'Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Life and Mission of the Church'.

Children's Liturgy Helpers

Sharing the Gospel with children is an important and interesting ministry. We currently need 2 new helpers in Emsworth and more in Havant. Helpers will be paired with an experienced leader and are asked to volunteer once every 6 weeks. CRB checks are required. If you can help, please speak to Father Tom or any of the current leaders.



CAFOD 2008

October 3rd is Harvest Fast Day. Tim Collins will speak at all Masses on the previous weekend. He will address issues facing CAFOD regarding food and hunger in the world.

Appreciation

We have received a letter of thanks from 'Two Saints' Mill House, Portsmouth for the monthly collection of food. Mill House provides hostel accommodation for 47 people who are homeless. The accommodation is full all year round and Mill House cannot provide for all the demands made on it. It is situated between St. Mary's Hospital and Kingston Prison in Milton Road, Portsmouth.

Many Congratulations

To Jacek Kochmanski and Teresa Machado Pereira who were married in great style in St. Joseph's last Saturday. It was a great international ceremony as Jacek comes from Poland and Teresa comes France.

Quote of the Week

'One step starts a journey'. Anon.

Oaklands Open Evening

Oaklands annual open evening is on Thursday, 25th September from 6.00 – 8.00p.m. All parents are invited and prospective parents are especially welcome. Governors are now considering applications for 11+ entry for September 2009.

'My Fair Lady'

Would you like to see the production of 'My Fair Lady' being performed by the South Downe Musical Society at the King's Theatre, Portsmouth from Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th November 2008? There is a matinee performance on Saturday afternoon also.

If you are interested, please contact Dennis Redding on (023) 9247 7328. Concessions for over 60's and children under 14 are available on Tuesday night and Saturday matinee.

'Living Faith'

'Living Faith' for October to December is now available at £1.

Parish Bible Study Group

The parish bible study group will be having its next meeting on Wednesday, 1st October. You are most welcome to attend. For more information, contact Liam on (01243) 379646 or at the Emsworth 9.00a.m. Mass repository next Sunday.

Diary

Saturday, 27th – Emsworth Methodist Church Harvest Craft and Gift Fair, International Hall, 10.00a.m.

Tuesday, 30th – Confirmation at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Reconciliation

Saturdays – Ss. Thomas, 11.00a.m., St. Joseph's, 7.30p.m.

Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in Manor Close, Prince George Street, Fairfield and North Street Arcade will receive a letter from the parish stating that we are praying for the people who live in these roads. They will also receive a notice about Alpha as attached to the newsletter.

Newsletter Competition

Last week's quiz was 'Baptism' – baptism welcomes people with water and fire. There was no winner. This week's quiz is, 'People use me to exercise their vocal chords and some leave me scattered around afterwards. What am I?' Answers in by Wednesday.

Flying the Nest!

Please keep in touch by receiving the weekly eNewsletter. To register, send your name and e-mail address to newsletter_havant_emsdown@fsmail.net

Havant Literary Festival

Thursday, 25th September to Sunday, 28th. This is a 'first' for Havant. The programme of events is now available at various outlets including the local libraries. Visit www.havantlitfest.hampshire.org.uk for information.

Christmas Carol

We would like to organise a parish trip to the theatre at Christmas and have reserved tickets to see the Christmas Carol at Chichester on 18th December. Tickets, adults £16.20, children £9. If you would like to join us please ring Emma Luck on (023) 9248 0355 before 30th September.

Confirmation at St. Michael's

Bishop Crispian will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, 30th September at 7.30p.m. at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Leigh Park. We have 7 candidates with a total of 40 from the Havant Pastoral area. There will be a rehearsal at 4.00p.m. on Sunday, 28th, also in St. Michael's for those involved.

Older Person's Well-Being Event

There will be an 'older person's well-being' event at Age Concern Borrow Centre, London Road, Cowplain on 31st October from 2.00p.m. to 4.30p.m. If you are over 65, or you care for somebody who is, and you have concerns, you are invited to attend. Ring Amanda Mockler on 07500 781421.

Robin Hine

Robin Hine who is the minister at the Havant U.R.C. has announced that he will move to a new ministry in Scotland. He and Ann will move to Livingstone later in the year. We wish them well and thank them for their friendship.

Available Now!

The Cathecism, referred to recently by Fr Tom in a homily, is now on sale at £6.99. Also on sale are the Stewardship "treasure figurine" (£10), the 2009 parish diary (50p) and all the usual items at the Emsdown repository .

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 21st – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Alice Boyle's Intention*)

Sun, 21st – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Canon James Daly RIP*)

Tues, 23rd – 10.00a.m. Eucharistic Service

Sat, 27th – 10.30a.m. Mass

(*Thomas, Margaret, Mary & Bernard Clark RIP*)

Sun, 28th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Sun, 28th – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Mary & John Stocton RIP*)

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 20th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Marguerite McHale RIP*)

Sun, 21st – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Tony Carroll RIP*)

Mon, 22nd – 9.30a.m. Eucharistic Service

Weds, 24th – 9.30a.m. Eucharistic Service

Sat, 27th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass

(*Helena Patricia Elizabeth Atkinson RIP*)

Sun, 28th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Dan Cregan RIP*)