



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

Saturday, 27th - Sunday, 5th October. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2008

confirmation

Many congratulations to the following who will be confirmed next Tuesday, 30th September at St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park.

Claudia Rachel Tyler, Marcus Edward Tyler, Benjamin Wilcoxson, Philip Jarczyk, Thomas Jenkinson, Katie Moon and Daniel Hook.

They might be small in number but these young people have been positive and enthusiastic in the preparation for Confirmation. The highlight of their preparation process was the retreat day.

This year, for the first time, we shared our resources with St. Patrick's, Hayling Island. Many thanks to all those adults who helped - especially Maureen Thompson.



Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend

This takes place this weekend. You are invited to present the food you bring at the offertory procession. Your gifts will be given to the poor of the local community and to those institutions in Portsmouth which provide for the homeless.

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.

Alpha 2008

Thanks to Alison McCann, Alpha will be up and going this year. It starts 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.

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.

Parish Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all those who helped at the jumble sale last Saturday. We made £301. Many thanks also to those who gave items for sale.

Visit the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux

I have always considered the 'little flower' to be our local saint, just across the water. Her relics will be brought to various places in England from 16th September, 2009 to 16th October, 2009. The first place to visit will be the Cathedral of Portsmouth on 16th-17th September. Watch this space!

St. Edmund's, Horndean, Ruby Celebration

St. Edmund's will be having a special dinner and dance at Rowlands Castle Golf Club on Saturday, 4th October at 7.00p.m. to celebrate its ruby anniversary. There will be a sherry reception, 4-course dinner and a live dance band. Dress code, jacket and tie. Price, £27.50. For further information, contact Derek Hoysted on (023) 9259 3143.

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

'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.

Psalms

The parish bible study group will be considering some of the Psalms at the meeting on Wednesday, 1st October. You are welcome to attend. Contact Liam on (01243)379646.

Diary

Sunday, 28th – 4.00p.m. rehearsal for Confirmation candidates at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Tuesday, 30th – 7.00p.m. Alpha meeting in the presbytery. The theme will be "Who is Jesus?"

Wednesday, 1st – 7.30p.m. 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting.

Reconciliation

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

Law and Order

The Waterside Ecumenical Community's talk is on Friday, 3rd at 7:30pm at the URC, Emsworth, entitled "Loyalty in Law and Order – Maintaining the Queen's Peace". The speaker will be Brendan Gibb-Gray, a retired police officer, a Havant Borough Councillor and a Catholic. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in Nightingale Park, Berkeley Square, Woodpecker Close, Warblington Avenue, Ryecroft and St. George's Avenue will receive a letter from the parish stating that we are praying for the people who live in these roads.

Newsletter Competition

Last week's quiz answer was the hymn book used at Mass. This week's question is "I have been seen in the sky recently more than ever this year. What am I?" Answers in by Wednesday.

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.

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.

Oaklands Vacancies

Teacher of modern languages (French) required for mid-November 2008 or January 2009 for a temporary post, initially to cover maternity leave. A suitably qualified graduate to teach French to children of all abilities, mainly at KS3. An ability to teach A-level would be an advantage but not essential. Please contact the Head Mr. M Quinn on (023) 9224 8043 for further details and an application pack.

Parish Pastoral Council

The minutes from the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting can now be seen on the notice-board in the church porch.

October Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the rosary. As well as being invited to say a decade of the rosary after the weekday Masses, you are welcome to recite a decade of the rosary, starting a quarter of an hour before the 9.00a.m. Sunday Mass at Ss Thomas'. If you are coming purely for the 9.00a.m. Mass, your silence would be appreciated as you enter the church.

International Food Evening

Friday, 24th October at Oaklands School, Waterlooville at 7.30p.m. There will be food from many different countries. Price £4 per person or £10 per family. Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Philip Hayeler on (023) 9235 1593.

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

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

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

Tues, 30th – 10.00a.m. Mass
(*Brian Hennessy's Intentions*)

Sat, 4th – 10.30a.m. Mass
(*Gordon Riddell RIP*)

Sun, 5th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Tony Carroll RIP*)

Sun, 5th – 6.00p.m. Mass

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 27th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass
(*Helena Patricia Elizabeth Atkinson RIP*)

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

Mon, 29th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Mary Claire Tibbets RIP & Elizabeth & John Knapp RIP*)

Weds, 1st – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Harry Holden RIP*)

Fri, 3rd – 7.00p.m. Mass (*Emily Clara Bramble-Green RIP*)

Sat, 4th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Andrew Crawford RIP*)

Sun, 5th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Paddy Carroll RIP*)