



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

Saturday, 3rd - Sunday 11th October, 2009. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Stewardship

There are three days planned on stewardship. You will find information on the poster attached to this week's newsletter. It would be wonderful if all those who came to the stewardship meetings last year or this year, could attend one of these days. The parish will pay for the day so please give your name to Maureen or Stuart Thompson or to Fr. Tom.

## A Stewardship Community

At the request of several people, we are going to focus on a 'Praying Community' for the month of October. Next weekend you will be invited to join in 'The Little Way Novena' which is dedicated to St. Theresa as the little flower. A Novena goes on for nine days so on Wednesday, 21st October, all those who did the Novena are invited to a meeting in Ss. Thomas' Church in Emsworth at 7.30pm for a closing ceremony of the Novena. Those who wish to take part will be given all the necessary material required at Mass next weekend.

## St. Josephs and Ss. Thomas Rosary Group

The next meeting for the rosary group is Thursday, October 8th at 3.00pm. This is a great way to meet new people but most of all it brings us together as a community and helps us to grow in the love of the Lord. Everyone is more than welcome. Please phone Rosemary Ryan (01243 389191) or Rosemary Mears (9248 3066) for details of venues.

Also as it is now October and the month of the rosary, anyone who would like the rosary group to visit them in their homes and have the rosary prayed together, please contact Rosemary Ryan as detailed above to make the necessary arrangements.

## Prayers Please

Please pray for Anne Bishop, Terry Flynn and Wynne McCabe who are not very well at the moment.

## Patricia Freemantle RIP

Patricia (Watts) was a former parishioner of St. Joseph's - the Watts family lived in Scratchface Lane, Bedhampton, for many years. Her funeral took place in Somerset last Wednesday and the burial of her ashes will take place in St. Joseph's cemetery on Friday, 9th October in the grave of her mother, Mary Ellen Watts. The family have invited those who knew her to attend. May she rest in peace.

## World Mission Sunday, 18th October

World Mission Sunday is marked in all countries around the world and is intended to encourage all Catholics to seek a deeper involvement in the mystery mandate of Christ - 'to make disciples of all nations'. Missionary work is more essential than ever especially for those who have never heard of Christ. It is also a day of prayer for the missions and there will be a retiring collection at all Masses.

## Charity Cycling and Walking Event – Stansted Park

Today, Sunday, 4th, a great cycle ride, a walk, a tea party and also a contribution to charity. This family event will be run from Nimbus Partners Ltd, The Old Theatre, Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle, PO9 6DX. Cakes are likely to be in high demand, so consider bringing one! Also remember to bring a biro. Entry is £5 per adult, £2 per junior (under 16), £15 per family.

We are supporting two local charities, the Piam Brown Ward at Southampton General Hospital which treats childhood cancer, and St. Wilfrid's Hospice in Chichester.

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## Diary

**Tuesday, 6th** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting.

**Tuesday, 6th** - parish bible study group. Liam (01243) 379646.

**Friday, 9th** - burial of the ashes of Patricia Freemantle RIP.

**Saturday, 10th** - Stewardship Conference at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**Saturday, 17th** - 3.00-4.00pm 1st Holy Communion family gathering.

**Tuesday, 20th** - Council of Priests.

**Saturday, 28th November** - Christmas Bazaar.

## Many thanks

Many thanks to those who helped with the jumble sale two weeks ago. A total of £332 was raised for the parish.

## Harvest Thanks

All three organisations, the Salvation Army, Two Saints and Havant Women's Refuge, have expressed sincere thanks for your contributions to Harvest Thanksgiving last week.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Paul Keeping and Marie Lonergan have been appointed to the positions of chairman and secretary, respectively, of the P.P.C. We wish them well in their new roles.

## Parish Visitors' Meeting

Please note that this meeting has been postponed due to mid-term break and other factors.

## The Relics of St. Theresa

For those who have requested information, the relics of St. Theresa will be at the following destinations:-

**5th/6th October** - Nottingham Cathedral.

**6th/7th** - Catholic Shrine, Walsingham.

**7th/8th** - St. Aloysius, Oxford.

**8th/9th** - St. Joseph's, Gerrards Cross

**9th/11th** - The Shrine, Aylesford.

**11th/12th** - Carmelite Church, Kensington.

**12th/15th** - Westminster Cathedral.

Further information from [www.catholicrelics.co.uk](http://www.catholicrelics.co.uk)

## Mail Drop

People living in Brockhampton Road, Brocklands, Knox Road, Meyrick Road and Ranelagh Road will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

## Living our Faith

This popular booklet which has a daily reflection for the next three months is now available from the back of the church. Price £1.

## 'Portsmouth People'

The latest edition of Portsmouth People is now available. Please take your copy - one per family.

## Your Offerings Last Weekend

Your offertory collection last Sunday came to £1,272 including income from Gift Aid and standing orders. Your offerings for The Cathedral at the second collection came to £282. There was also a single donation of £300 from a local charitable trust. We also received a pledge of £1,200 towards the 'Living our Faith' fund-raising campaign. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

## Month of the Rosary

With October being the month of the rosary, we are invited to say a decade of the rosary after the weekday Masses throughout this month. A decade will also be said a quarter of an hour before the start of the 9.00am Sunday Mass in Emsworth.

## Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am

Saturday - St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 3rd** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Emily Clara Bramble-Green RIP)

**Sun, 4th** - 11.00am Mass

**Mon, 5th** - 9.30am Mass  
(Ayles Family RIP)

**Weds, 7th** - 9.30am Mass

**Sat, 10th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Eileen & John's Intentions)

**Sun, 11th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Elizabeth Wheeler & Family RIP)

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 4th** - 9.00am Mass (Gordon Riddell RIP)

**Sun, 4th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Eamon Rafferty RIP)

**Tues, 6th** - 10.00am Mass  
(Marjorie Gertrude Boulton RIP)

**Sat, 10th** - 10.30am Mass (Olga Riddell RIP)

**Sun, 11th** - 9.00am Mass  
(Jacqui Poulter's Intentions - In Thanksgiving)

**Sun, 11th** - 6.00pm Mass

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