



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

Saturday, 4th - Sunday, 12th October. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2008

Stewardship Ministry Sunday

Next weekend is designated as Ministry Sunday. This month we are focussing on the Pastoral Council and Eucharistic ministry. Crispin Ward will speak on the former at all Masses. Ethel Ray will speak at the Masses in Havant while Peter Agius will cover the Masses in Emsworth. You will be asked to volunteer for one or both of these ministries. There will be a follow-up meeting on Thursday, 16th October at 7.30p.m. in the presbytery.

Confirmations

Many congratulations to those who were confirmed last Tuesday in St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. The church was packed with people and it was great to see our young surrounded with the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We shared the preparation with St. Patrick's, Hayling Island. This was a beneficial experience for both communities.

There is a meal and a social for those involved on Friday, 17th October at 7.30p.m. at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Manor Road, Hayling Island.

Refreshments after Mass

The Justice and Peace group proposes to start having refreshments after Mass at 9.00a.m. at Emsworth. Well done!



Thought For The Day

We are God's most chosen possession. Like a vineyard owner who lovingly tends his vines, so God cares for and tends to us. In return we can ignore what the vineyard owner demands of us, or we can yield a rich harvest of grapes.

Alpha Programme

The Alpha programme got off to a flying start last Tuesday. Well done to those concerned and welcome to those who came for the first time. The topic of the next Tuesday meeting at 7.00p.m. in the presbytery will be 'Why Did Jesus Die?'

Martin Nee

Following many years of dedicated service around St. Joseph's, Martin has decided to retire from a multitude of tasks. He will be sadly missed and I am personally grateful for his service to the parish. Ideally, we are looking for somebody to replace him at each of the four Masses at St. Joseph's. A rota of people means that no one person would get over-burdened with too many tasks. In the meantime, thanks a million to Martin.

Moira Cassidy RIP

By a strange coincidence, Moira lived in Castlemaine in Australia. Fr. Des was involved in arranging her funeral and he was also called out when she died. She is the niece of the famous Miss Cassidy of this parish.

Moira was flown back to this country and her funeral service will take place in St. Joseph's on Wednesday, 15th October with burial afterwards in Warblington. May she rest in peace.

Spanish Lessons

Inexpensive classes in Spanish conversation with fluent Spanish speaker. Contact Lida Beddington (023) 9248 0886.

'Magnificat'

This is a new publication containing the daily Mass readings, saints' hagiologies and spiritual readings for the whole of November. The November edition is available free with an invitation to take out an annual subscription at £29. This is best suited for daily Mass attendees.

Saints Days and Prayer Intentions

Sunday, 5th – 27th Sunday of the Year. Community of St. Bernard, Holbury.

Monday, 6th – St. Bruno. Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Dominic Savio, Farnborough.

Tuesday, 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary. Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, North Hinksey.

Thursday, 9th – St. Denis and companions and St. John Leonardo. Sisters of St. Joseph of Anancy (Medaille) in the Diocese.

Friday, 10th – St. Paulinus of York. Lay Parish administrators.

Reconciliation

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

Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in West Street will receive a letter from the parish. You are invited to pray for all of these people during the week.

Newsletter Competition

We had three winners of the competition for the week before last – Mark Searson, Carole Tucker and Trevor Ager guessed correctly that the answer was hymn books. They each received the prize.

This week's question is "I visit you on special parish occasions, these are as important to me as they are to you. Who am I?"

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.

'Come and See' Conference

From Saturday, 12th to Sunday, 13th September 2009, at Southport Theatre. Leaders include, Denis McBride CSSR, Megan McKenna, David Wells, Steve Murray and Pat Collins CM. Fee for the two days is £40. See notice board in St. Joseph's or telephone 01704 834271.

Overheard on the Train

"I used to eat lots of natural food until I learned that most people die of natural causes."

Pastoral Centre Helpers

Havant Methodist Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year and the Pastoral Centre will have been running for 25 years in 2009. As part of this celebration, Pastoral Centre helpers, past and present are invited to attend a service on Sunday, 19th October at 3.00p.m. which will be followed by a 'bring and share' tea.

Christian Aid

The Autumn sale, with all proceeds going to Christian Aid, takes place on Saturday, 18th October at 9.30a.m. in International House, Emsworth Square. There will also be the results of Emsworth Anagram Competition. Entry forms available at the Emsworth Pastoral Centre. Closing date, 15th October.

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 5th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Tony Carroll RIP*)
Sun, 5th – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Elizabeth Knapp RIP*)
Tues, 7th – 10.00a.m. Mass
(*Marjorie Boulton RIP*)
Sat, 11th – 10.30a.m. Mass
(*Olga Riddell RIP*)
Sun, 12th – 9.00a.m. Mass
(*Tim & Sue Underwood's Intentions*)
Sun, 12th – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Fay Family RIP*)

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 4th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass
(*Andrew Crawford RIP*)
Sun, 5th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Paddy Carroll RIP*)
Mon, 6th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Brian Hennessy's Intentions*)
Weds, 8th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m.
Mass (*Elizabeth Wheeler & Family*)
Sat, 11th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Matthew Troy RIP*)
Sun, 12th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Tony Carroll RIP*)