



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

Saturday, 11th - Sunday, 19th October. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2008

## Stewardship 2008

The third phase of Stewardship begins this weekend. Crispin Ward who is currently a member of the parish Pastoral Council will seek new recruits.

Ethel Ray will speak on Special Ministers at the two Masses in Havant and Peter Agius will do the same at both Masses in Emsworth. These too will seek new recruits for Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

There will be a follow up meeting for all new volunteers on Thursday, 16th October at 7.30p.m. in the presbytery.

## Christmas Bazaar

This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 29th November from 12 noon to 3.00p.m. Help is needed on Thursday, 27th, 10.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. to set up stalls and on Friday, 28th, 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. to prepare the stalls and also on the day itself. All offers to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

We are now appealing for items including toiletries, jewellery, bric-a-brac, toys, plants, bottles for the bottle stall, groceries, cakes and/or cake ingredients, small jars filled with sweets, etc., glassware and books. We are also looking for prizes for the tombola and Grand Draw. Please mark these clearly as prizes.

Raffle tickets for the Grand Draw will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please take and sell as many as possible.

## Moira Cassidy

Moira was the niece of Elizabeth Cassidy, a former parishioner. Elizabeth died in the 1990's. May they both rest in peace.

## 'Blind Obedience'

The Waterside Ecumenical Community's talk on Friday, 17th at 7.30p.m. at the United Reformed Church, Bath Road, Emsworth, is entitled "Blind Obedience, Loyalty to Queen and country - a military necessity". The speaker is Rev. Tyrone Hillary, assistant chaplain general. All are welcome to attend.

## Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton

Fr. Tom has been elected Chairman of Churches Together. Your support for this important organisation would be greatly appreciated, especially for the coming year.

For example, Christine Normand would like to step down as Catholic representative on Christian Aid. Churches Together is also looking for a Treasurer to manage a small budget. N.B. This does not include accounts for Christian Aid.

## 'Life'

The Life group will hold a healing service in St. Joseph's on Saturday, 1st November at 3.00p.m. All those who have experienced miscarriage, still-birth, abortion or the death of a child, are invited.

## Taize 2009

Visit Taize with Wisdom House in August 2009, 8th-17th. For details of Taize and 'Why be Good?' (below), please contact David Hill on (01329) 835583.

## 'Why be Good?'

Young people aged 18-30 are invited to look at what it means to be a Catholic today at the Stella Maris Centre, St. Michael's Square, Southampton on Thursday, 23rd October at 7.30p.m. (See above)

## Evelyn Gangoso Wilson RIP

Your prayers are requested for Evelyn who died during the week. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday, 22nd at 10.30a.m. at Portchester Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

## Diary

**Tuesday, 14th** – Alpha, 7.00p.m. meeting. ‘How Can I be Sure of my Faith?’

**Wednesday, 15th** – 11.00a.m. Funeral Mass for Moira Cassidy RIP. 7.30p.m. 1st Holy Communion parents’ meeting.

**Thursday, 16th** – Follow-up meeting for Ministry Sunday. All new recruits are invited.

**Friday, 17th** – Confirmation follow-up meeting at St. Patrick’s, Hayling Island at 6.00p.m. Families are invited to bring their favourite dish for a shared meal. Families are invited to stay.

**Tuesday, 21st** – ‘Titus and Philemon’ will be studied at the parish bible study group. You are most welcome to attend. For more information, contact Liam on (01243) 379646.

### ‘Portsmouth People’

Portsmouth People has a new editor, Dr. J.L. Kettle-Williams, who will take up her post immediately. It is hoped to have a new edition out in Advent.

### Spanish Classes

Inexpensive classes in Spanish conversation with fluent Spanish speaker. Primarily for people who already speak a little Spanish. Contact Lida Bebbington on (023) 9248 0886.

### Reconciliation

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

## Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in Longmead Gardens and Longmead Court will receive a letter from the parish and everyone is invited to pray for all of these people during the week.

### Newsletter Competition

Nobody guessed the answer to last week’s quiz. The correct answer was Bishop Crispian. This week’s question is, “I am occasionally used as a target missile but much more frequently I am read during the homily. What am I?”

### 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 3p.m. followed by a ‘bring and share’ tea.

### Christian Aid

The Autumn sale, with proceeds going to Christian Aid, is 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.

### Justice and Peace, CAFOD, Pax Christi

There will be a pastoral area meeting on Thursday, 16th October from 7.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. at the Sacred Heart Room, Waterlooville. This will be attended by Linda Mussell (CAFOD) and Catherine Waters-Clark (J. & P.), our diocesan representatives, who will report on current campaigns to strengthen pastoral areas and diocesan connections. Share a car. Tim and Sue Underwood will be going. Ring them on (01243) 373946.

### International Refuge Trust Fund-Raising Event

Saturday, 18th October, 10.30a.m. to 2.00p.m. at 101 Oaklands Road, Havant. A coffee morning, followed by a soup, bread and cheese lunch, to raise funds for the Moyo Babies’ Home in Northern Uganda which is run by the Sacred Heart Sisters. £30,000 is needed to repair the building which houses the care assistants. There will also be an opportunity to buy cards and stationery from Phoenix Trading which will give a proportion of its takings to the charity. Details or offers of help, please contact Alison McCann on (023) 9245 1649.

### The Rowans Hospice ‘Light up a Life’

Remember a loved one on Sunday, 14th December at 4.00p.m. by dedicating a light on the Christmas tree that will stand in the Guildhall Square, Portsmouth. The lights will be switched on during a special outdoor service with carols. To take part in this special event, call (023) 9223 8531 to request a dedication form or download one from [www.rowanshospice.co.uk](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk)

### Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

**Sun, 12th** – 9.00a.m. Mass  
*(Tim & Sue Underwood’s Intentions)*

**Sun, 12th** – 6.00p.m. Mass *(Fay Family RIP)*

**Tues, 14th** – 10.00a.m. Mass  
*(Deceased Members of the Congregation especially John Sone’s Family)*

**Sat, 18th** – 10.30a.m. Mass *(John Maurice West RIP)*

**Sun, 19th** – 9.00a.m. Mass *(Tony Carroll RIP)*

**Sun, 19th** – 6.00p.m. Mass

### Mass Times at St. Joseph’s

**Sat, 11th** – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass *(Matthew Troy RIP)*

**Sun, 12th** – 11.00a.m. Mass *(Tony Carroll RIP)*

**Mon, 13th** – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass  
*(Theresa Hussey RIP)*

**Weds, 15th** – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass  
*(Bob Mears RIP)*

11.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Moira Cassidy RIP

**Sat, 18th** – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass *(Ann Cameron RIP)*

**Sun, 19th** – 11.00a.m. Mass *(Pat Nee’s Intentions)*