



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

Saturday, 10th - Sunday 18th October, 2009. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Stewardship October 2009

There is an interesting document attached to this week's newsletter updating us on the current situation on stewardship in our community. Many thanks to Stuart and Maureen Thompson for this.

## Cross Generational Project - World War II Memories

At St. Thomas More's School we are starting a project to encourage friendship between children and the community. We hope to achieve this by inviting people into school to share their faith, memories and talents at various points throughout the year. Our first event on Wednesday, 21st October at 1.15pm-3.00pm, is to invite people in to share family stories about the Second World War, which children aged 7-8 years old are studying.

It will be very exciting for children to meet people who lived through the Second World War as adults or children but also people who have family stories from parents and relations who shared their experiences. If you have photos or artefacts from the 1940's, they would also help children to build a picture of life in wartime.

You will be invited to share your stories with children informally in small groups. Children also will enjoy the opportunity to share something or what they have learnt and certainly they will have lots of questions. Anyone able to come or who knows someone who may enjoy sharing their memories please contact me, Maureen Thompson (023) 9247 5909 [maureen.thompson@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk](mailto:maureen.thompson@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk)

## Anne Bishop RIP

Anne died in Bedhampton Nursing Home last Saturday. We offer our sympathy to her son Paul. Anne's funeral arrangements are as follows. Thursday 15th, Vigil Reception at 5.00pm, Friday 16th, 9.30am Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's. May she rest in peace.

## CAFOD Climate Justice Campaign

The campaign is calling for a global climate change deal that puts the world's poorest people at its heart by:-

helping people flourish in developing countries by supporting their right to sustainable development. The poorest have done least to cause climate change; they should not be the ones who pay the price.

providing necessary support for developing countries – who are hit first and hardest by climate change – to adapt to the impacts of extreme weather. This includes additional aid for adaptation, as well as access to clean, green technology.

tackling the root causes of the problem by cutting emissions of the greenhouse gases that cause climate change. Industrialised countries must commit to more than 40 per cent cuts, based on 1990 levels, by 2020.

If you can support this campaign, please complete a hand card or draw round your hand to add to the art work. CAFOD is coming into school to collect our contribution on 22nd October.

## Fundraising Event

A soup lunch, afternoon tea and cakes, and bring and buy event, in aid of the International Refugee Trust will take place on Saturday, 17th October from 11.30am to 3.30pm at 18 Oaklands Road, Havant. Phoenix Cards will also be there, with their wonderful selection of cards and a percentage of their profits is given to the charity. Everyone is welcome. Any enquiries, or offers of help, to Alison McCann on (023) 9245 1649.

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## St. Edmund's, Horndean

There will be a barn dance on Saturday, 14th November at Cowplain Activity Centre. Price £25 for families, £10 for individuals, which includes a hot supper. For details or tickets, please contact Peter Butler on (023) 9261 5497. Fr. Tom also has a few tickets.

## Students for the Priesthood

While Portsmouth remains with seven students for the priesthood, there is an increase in new students for the current year. Allen Hall in London has twelve new students, Oscott in Birmingham has eight, while Ushaw in Durham has nine, by comparison to only three in 2008. These figures are encouraging! There is also an increase in figures of those starting out to train for the priesthood in Ireland.

## The Christ We Share

22nd-24th January, 2010, Hallmark Hotel, Bournemouth. This weekend is for those involved in youth work, catechists, ministers of Holy Communion, justice and peace groups, stewardships teams, welcomers, RCIA, Alpha, in fact all parish workers. Residential cost per person is £195 and non-residential cost is £30 which does include supper. The parish will subsidise parishioners who wish to attend. Bookings by mid-October. Please contact Fr. Tom.

## Diary

**Tuesday, 13th** - 1.00pm Personnel meeting, St. Thomas More's School.

**Tuesday, 13th** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting, 'How can I be Sure of my Faith?'

**Wednesday, 14th** - 7.00pm parents of 1st Holy Communion children meeting at St. Thomas More's School.

**Friday, 16th** - Requiem Mass for Anne Bishop RIP.

**Saturday, 17th** - 3.00-4.00pm 1st Holy Communion family gathering, St. Joseph's Hall.

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

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

## Welcome

We welcome Callum Maplesden who was baptised in St. Joseph's last Sunday.

## Confirmation

Many congratulations to William O'Rourke and Michael Robinson who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week with other young people from the Havant pastoral area at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

## Mail Drop

People living in New Road and Palk Road will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

## Living with Arthritis

There is a patient and a public event on the above on Wednesday, 2nd December at the Mountbatten Centre. Applications forms are available in the church porch of St. Joseph's.

## World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday, 18th October is marked in countries around the world and is intended to encourage 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. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses.

## Christian Aid Autumn Sale

Starting at 9.00am on Saturday, 17th October at International Hall, Emsworth Square. Books, toys, Bric a Brac, clothes. Donations to sell may be brought to the Hall between 4pm and 6pm the previous evening or phone (01243) 374889 or (023) 9247 7959 for collection.

### Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

**Mon, 12th** - 9.30am Mass  
(Deceased members of Harmer, Beautista,  
Riddell & Tees Families)

**Weds, 14th** - 9.30am Mass  
(Theresa Hussey RIP)

**Fri, 16th** - 9.30am Requiem Mass for  
Anne Bishop RIP

**Sat, 17th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(John Maurice West RIP)

**Sun, 18th** - 11.00am Mass (Bob Mears RIP)

### Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

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

**Sun, 11th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Private Intention)

**Tues, 13th** - 10.00am Mass  
(Fay Family RIP)

**Sat, 17th** - 10.30am Mass  
(Helen Cole's Intentions)

**Sun, 18th** - 9.00am Mass  
(Geoff & Gina Poulter's Intentions)

**Sun, 18th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Aileen Carroll RIP)

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