



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

Saturday, 18th - Sunday, 26th October. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2008

Stewardship Ministry Sunday

Many thanks to all those who responded with generosity to the appeals for new special ministers and Pastoral Council members last weekend. A follow-up meeting took place on Thursday. The next set of appeals will take place on the next Ministry Sunday, 8th/9th November.

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.

November List of the Dead

Attached to the newsletter is an envelope for the Holy Souls in November. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones, family, relatives, friends, neighbours and parishioners in the envelope. Return the envelope and it will be placed on the altar and the named people will be prayed for at every Mass during the month of Holy Souls.

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.

One World Week – Tools for Self Reliance

This organisation collects old tools and sewing machines and refurbishes them for artisans in Africa. If you have any unwanted items then please bring them along to the Christians Together in Emsworth collection point at 28 Park Crescent, Emsworth, Monday, 20th–Friday, 24th, 5.30–7.30p.m. or Saturday, 25th, 9.00a.m.–12.00 noon.

To see what is actually wanted and for more details, please see the notice or leaflets in the porch at Emsworth, or pick-up a leaflet from Peter Agius after the 9.00a.m. Mass.

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November

At the 11.00a.m. Mass on 9th November, all those who have died in our community will be given a special remembrance. Their family and relatives will receive a personal invitation shortly.

'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. Details from David Hill on (01329) 835583.

Welcome

Welcome to Imogen Curtis and Roseann Connors who were baptised in St. Joseph's last weekend.

All Saints and All Souls

The Feast of All Saints is on Sunday, 2nd November this year and All Souls will be on Monday, 3rd November.

Diary

Tuesday, 21st – 7.00p.m. Alpha meeting. 'Why and How Should I Read the Bible?'

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.

Wednesday, 22nd – 10.30a.m. Funeral service for Evelyn Wilson RIP at Portchester Crematorium.

Saturday, 25th – 2.00p.m. Baptism.

Monday, 27th – 7.30p.m. Parish Finance Committee meeting.

Monday, 10th November – 7.00p.m. Pastoral Council meeting.

Parish Diary 2009

This is still available at the back of the church at just 50p.

Waste Paper

A large waste paper container is now in position in St. Joseph's car park. You are invited to recycle all your paper and this can be easily done when you come to Mass either on Sunday or during the week.

Diocesan Capital Appeal

The Bishop and the trustees have decided to suspend the Capital Appeal for the moment. A number of people have given time and energy to the Appeal but the decision is taken that it would be unwise to continue in the present financial crisis.

Reconciliation

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

Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in Castle Avenue, Castle Way and Church Lane, will receive a letter from the parish and everyone is invited to pray for all of these people during the week.

Newsletter Competition

The correct answer to last week's competition was the Newsletter. It is often used as a missile and often read during the homily. There was no winner this week.

This week's question is, "I only change twice a year, in Spring and Autumn. What am I?"

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

Chamber Orchestra at St Joseph's

St. Joseph's is hosting a concert by the Chichester University Chamber Orchestra on Friday, 14th November at 7.30p.m. The programme will include pieces by Beethoven, Handel, Strauss, Dvorak and Egremont. All proceeds are going to CAFOD. If you would like to come the tickets are £5 each (accompanied children under 16 free).

Please see Deidre or contact a member of the Pastoral Council after Mass. See poster in both church porches for more details.

Senility Prayer

'God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway. The good fortune to run into the ones I do. And the eyesight to tell the difference.'

This was found by a parishioner in a shop in Galway.

Week of Guided Prayer

Gina Poulter will speak at all Masses this weekend inviting you to the Week of Guided Prayer which is being held at the Catholic Bible School shortly.

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.

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

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

Sun, 19th – 6.00p.m. Mass

Tues, 21st – 10.00a.m. Mass (*Holy Souls*)

Sat, 25th – 10.30a.m. Mass (*Fr. Michael Gedge RIP*)

Sun, 26th – 9.00a.m. Mass
(*Paddy Carroll RIP*)

Sun, 26th – 6.00p.m. Mass

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

Mon, 20th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass

Weds, 22nd – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Mabel Jean Quimaud RIP*)

Sat, 25th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass
(*Sheila White & Bill Williams*)

Sun, 26th – 11.00a.m. Mass