



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

Saturday, 17th - Sunday, 25th January 2009. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time

We started Ordinary Time last Monday. For Sunday, we are in Year B, the Year of Mark. Please note that the Gospel today is actually from John. There is not enough in Mark's Gospel to cover the whole of Ordinary Time.

For weekday we are Year 1 and the Psalter follows the weeks of the year. For example, this 2nd Sunday = 2nd Sunday of the Psalter, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, then 5 = 1 and so on throughout the Year.

Fr. Colm Kelleher RIP

Fr. Colm died last Tuesday. He was ordained in 1949 and served in the Cathedral, Woolston, Waterlooville and Tilehurst in Reading. He retired to Dublin eleven years ago where his funeral took place on Thursday. May he rest in peace. Fr. Tom represented the Bishop and the Diocese at the Requiem Mass. N.B. Six of our retired priests have died in the last twelve months.

Fr. Frank McAlindon RIP

Fr. Frank died last Sunday. He was in a nursing home in Romsey. Born in Liverpool in 1919, he served as a Monfort missionary in several places throughout the country. He joined our diocese in 1990 and worked in Winchester. His funeral Mass will be in Winchester on Tuesday, 20th at 11.15a.m. May he rest in peace.

Prayers Please

Please pray for Ann Bishop who is in St. Mary's Hospital and also for Hiram Wynn Potts who is also in hospital at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Portsmouth Chorus

A joint fund-raising concert at St. Michael's, Leigh Park, on Saturday, 31st January at 7.30p.m. Tickets, £5 including a glass of wine.

CAFOD

Attached to this week's newsletter is the 'thank you' letter which we received from CAFOD.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, 18th January - Joint Service at 6.30p.m. in St. Thomas', Bedhampton. Fr. Tom will preach.

I am happy to tell you that the midday prayers at different churches have been reinstated this year. Here are the dates and places:-

Monday, 19th - Havant United Reformed Church.

Tuesday, 20th - St. Faith's Church.

Wednesday, 21st - St. Joseph's, followed by soup and bread.

Thursday, 22nd - Bedhampton Methodist Church, Hulbert Road.

Friday, 23rd - Havant Methodist Church, Petersfield Road.

Two Saints Charity

We have received a thank you letter from the Two Saints Charity for the food we gave them as a result of our food collection on the first Sunday of the month. They were also most appreciative of the £60 donated from the Wednesday morning coffee group.

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Mail Drop

Those living in Almond Close and Westways will receive a letter from the parish this week stating that we are praying for them.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 7.30p.m. in St. Thomas' Church, Emsworth. Roisin Miller will talk on 'Asylum'. All very welcome.

Peggy Funnell RIP

Peggy died in Emsworth House on 3rd January. Her funeral Mass will take place in St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park. May she rest in peace.

Parish Diary

Please see the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for details relating to all the events. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Sunday, 18th - World Peace Day. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins. 6.30p.m. United Service at St. Thomas' Church, Bedhampton.

Tuesday, 20th - 11.15a.m. Mass in Winchester for Fr. Frank McAlindon RIP.

Wednesday, 21st - 12 noon, prayers in St. Joseph's. 6.30p.m. St. Thomas More's school governors' meeting.

Thursday, 22nd - 10.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Eileen Hutton RIP.

Friday, 23rd - 9.30a.m. Class Mass at St. Thomas More's School.

Saturday, 24th - 7.30p.m. parish quiz night in St. Joseph's Hall.

Census 2009

It is many years since we did a parish census. A census is very useful in keeping our parish records up-to-date. Willie Willerton is currently doing wonders with a new parish data base.

So next Sunday in place of the homily, you will be given a census form and a pencil with which to complete the census during Mass. If you are unable to do it during Mass, you can take the form home and return it later. If you are going to be away next week, you can collect a form after Mass today.

N.B. If you know that a fellow parishioner is on holiday at present, or they are going to be away next weekend, please take a form for them.

The census should include everybody who regular worships in St. Joseph's or Ss. Thomas'.

Only one form per household needs to be completed. Please try to include all Catholics living in your house.

Parish Pastoral Council

If you would like to have something included in the agenda for the next parish Pastoral Council meeting, could you please inform a member of the council (pictured in church porch) or e-mail newsletter_havant_emsworth@fsmail.net by Sunday, January 18th.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 17th - 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass

Sun, 18th - 11.00a.m. Mass

(Mr. J. Czock RIP & Mrs. A. Czock's Intentions)

Mon, 19th - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Eileen Hutton RIP)

Weds, 21st - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Chisnall Family RIP)

Thurs, 22nd - 10.00a.m. Requiem Mass for Eileen Hutton RIP

Sat, 24th - 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass
(James Prior RIP)

Sun, 25th - 11.00a.m. Mass *(Laurie Stevens RIP)*

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 18th - 9.00a.m. Mass
(Pat Griffin RIP)

Sun, 18th - 6.00p.m. Mass
(Eamon Rafferty RIP)

Tues, 20th - 10.00a.m. Eucharistic Service

Sat, 24th - 10.30a.m. Mass *(John Street's Family RIP)*

Sun, 25th - 9.00a.m. Mass

Sun, 25th - 6.00p.m. Mass *(Corbyn & Holman Families RIP)*