



Saturday, 16th - Sunday, 24th January, 2010. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph's Talent Night, Saturday, 23rd

Thank you for your positive response last weekend to both the appeal for volunteers and the charity appeal. If you missed the chance and wish to perform, please ring Stuart urgently on (01243) 377411.

If you want details of the bank account and Gift Aid forms to make a donation to the charity, the Waterloo church, the people selling tickets after Mass this weekend will have some. Please forward any donations via Fr Tom, as well as giving him any prizes for the tombola.

On the night we will have a licensed bar with alcoholic and soft drinks available - again all proceeds go to the charity.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a very enjoyable event on Saturday.

Thought for Today

It's something of an indictment that society often views Christians as stuffed shirts, as kill-joys who look with suspicion on anyone who is having a good time. The marriage at Cana ought to remind us that celebration is at the heart of our faith, a faith whose very life blood is eating and drinking, singing and dancing.

People generally serve the best wine first and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink but you have kept the best wine till now. (John 2:10)

Ken Martin RIP

Ken was the husband of the late Kitty and they lived in New Road for many years. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday, 18th January at 1.00pm at St. Joseph's Church. All welcome.

Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass that day.

Peace Sunday, January 17th

There's no shortage of wars. Look around and take your pick of any conflict you like in any part of the globe. And on Peace Sunday we run the risk of fooling ourselves once more, thinking we can have peace in our grasp. But really there is no such thing as peace. Peace doesn't exist; what does exist are peaceful people.

We can pray for peace if we are praying for ourselves to change and become bearers of Christ's inalienable deep-down gift of peace. We can pray for those whose lives are devastated by the lack of peace, but the world will never be at peace until it learns that sense of worth and wellbeing that only God can give. Peace starts with you and me.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday, 26th January at the usual time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Midday prayer will take place at the following churches during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th-25th January: -

Monday, 18th - St. Thomas', Bedhampton.

Tuesday, 19th - Bedhampton Methodist Church, Hulbert Road.

Wednesday, 20th - St. Joseph's Church, followed by soup lunch.

Thursday, 21st - Havant United Reformed Church with coffee before the service.

Friday, 22nd - Petersfield Road Methodist Church.

Sunday, 24th - 6.30pm Joint United Service at St. Faith's, Havant.

Alpha

The Alpha team is running 'Exploring the Catholic Church', a 10-week course with specific reference to the Catholic Church. First session, 19th January at 7.00pm. Ring Alison on (023) 9245 1649.

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Havant and Emsworth

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Parish Diary

The parish pocket diary for 2010 is now available priced at only 50p.

St. Thomas More's School Vacancy

St. Thomas More's has a vacancy for a Behaviour Support worker (Hampshire Role Profile Ref: 02009, Grade C) for 22.5 hours per week, from February 2010 term time only from 11.00am – 3.30pm, 5 days per week.

This is initially a fixed term to 31st August, 2010 with an opportunity to extend to a permanent position thereafter. We are looking for an experienced teaching assistant who would like to be part of an excellent Year 5/6 team.

NVQ II essential and previous experience of working with children who have challenging behaviour.

Visits to the school welcome. For an application pack or for more information, please contact the school office.

Please do not use the Hampshire application form as we have our own forms.

Closing date 12 noon, Thursday, 28th January, 2010.

Learn More About the Scriptures

This is a six session course devised by Catholics with Catholics in mind. It is produced by the Catholic Bible School and features audio presentations by Brain Devine from the Catholic Diocese of Brentwood. These sessions are being run as part of the Parish Bible Study Group.

The first one will be on Tuesday, January 26th and the others will follow once a fortnight. If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact Liam at the Emsworth 9.00am repository or on (01243) 379646. All sessions are free and we would like to see you!

Charity Concert

A charity concert, featuring the Portsmouth Chorus, at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Leigh Park, on January 30th at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 including a glass of wine.

Reconciliation

Saturdays, Ss. Thomas' at 11.00am and at St. Joseph's at 7.30pm.

Mail Drop

People living in Selangor Avenue will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that they are in our prayers. Many thanks to those who deliver these letters week by week.

Diary

Tuesday, 19th - Alpha (exploring the Catholic Church) begins.

Saturday, 23rd - Parish Talent Night (see front page for details).

Sunday, 24th - 1st Holy Communion celebration at the 11.00am Mass in Havant.

Saints This Week

Tuesday, 19th - St. Wulstan, Religious and Bishop.

Wednesday, 20th - St. Fabian, Pope and martyr and St. Sebastian, martyr.

Thursday, 21st - St. Agnes, virgin martyr.

Friday, 22nd - St. Vincent, Deacon and martyr.

Readings This Weekend

First Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 95

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel

John 2: 1-12

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 16th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sun, 17th - 11.00am Mass
(*Joseph West RIP*)

Mon, 18th - 1.00pm **Requiem Mass for Ken Martin RIP**

Weds, 20th - 9.30am Mass
(*Wynn McCabe RIP*)

Sat, 23rd - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Canon James Daly RIP*)

Sun, 24th - 11.00am Mass
(*Laurie Stevens RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 17th - 9.00am Mass
(*Private Intention*)

Sun, 17th - 6.00pm Mass
(*Mr. C. Walter & Mrs. Violet Walter RIP*)

Tues, 19th - 10.00am Mass
(*Mary Tibbetts RIP*)

Sat, 23rd - 10.30am Mass (*Chisnall Family RIP*)

Sun, 24th - 9.00am Mass
(*Arthur Eastwood RIP*)

Sun, 24th - 6.00pm Mass

Parish Website: www.rchavant.org.uk or www.rc-havant.org.uk

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