



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

Saturday, 6th - Sunday, 14th December, 2008. 2nd Sunday of Advent

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The liturgy of Advent encourages us to wait. It deliberately puts us on hold so that we can savour the full promise which Christmas holds for us.



For the second Sunday of Advent, we are asked to renew our way of life in preparation for the coming of Christ – to be baptised into a new beginning, to agree to remove those things which remove us from God. Like those who were baptised by John the Baptist in the Jordan, we are able to renew decisions of our lives. For to be baptised in Christ is to play with fire and the Holy Spirit!

Collection for Flowers for Christmas

There will be a retiring collection for flowers for Christmas at both churches this weekend.

Joint Christmas Card

Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton have the annual joint Christmas card. St. Joseph's is responsible for posting these in many of the roads around St. Joseph's itself – all the roads west of Park Road South and north to the level crossing in Bedhampton.

If you are willing to help, the cards are in St. Joseph's porch as well as a list. Count out the number of cards for the particular street you wish to cover and cross off the street so there is no duplication.

Coffee at Emsworth

The Justice and Peace Group has agreed that the December donations for coffee will go to the Congo crisis appeal. This Sunday Gabby and Emma Luck will bring along the cakes they have baked with their 'talent'.

The Rowans Hospice 'Light up a Life'

Remember a loved one on Sunday, 14th at 4.00p.m. by dedicating a light on the Christmas tree in the Guildhall Square, Portsmouth. The lights will be switched on during a special outdoor service with carols.

Portsmouth People

The latest edition is now available. It has a new editor and a new format. Please take your free copy. The next edition is due out in January 2009.

In Aid of CAFOD Congo Appeal

A Christmas Sing-along – carols, mince pies and mulled wine. Come and join St. Joseph's Church choir singing all your favourite carols. Enjoy a mince pie and a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

Everyone welcome – if you play an instrument, bring it along and join in on Saturday 13th December, from 3.30p.m. to 5.30p.m. (please note slight change of time!) in the Small Hall, St. Joseph's. Entry free, donations to CAFOD.

Christmas Services in our Parish

A full list of Christmas services is attached to the newsletter and you are asked to pick up an extra copy for Catholic neighbours or friends.

'Thank You'

The Medaille Trust is very grateful for the cleaning materials you all contributed last weekend to the Justice and Peace collection. The next collection will be on the 28th December.

Christmas Offerings

Please note that your offerings at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are your personal gift to the priest.

Fr. Tom Grufferty. 134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP. tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com – (023) 9248 4520

Carol Service at Oaklands

Carol Service, Tuesday, 16th December at 7.30p.m. in the Hall, a family service of readings and carols to celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone is warmly invited.

Emsworth Church and Church Cleaning

Michael and Nick O'Mahoney are making good progress in painting the interior of Emsworth Church. The normal weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday, 16th December.

Church cleaners are encouraged to make sure that the church is 'ship-shape' for Christmas. Volunteers are asked to meet at the church on Saturday, 20th at 2.30p.m. Contact Sharon on (01243) 372621.

Mail Drop

People living in Langstone Road have received a letter from the parish saying they are in our prayers.

Confraternity of the Rosary

The Confraternity is having a celebration on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December at our Cathedral. Mass will be at 7.30p.m. and there will also be recitation of the rosary, a candle-lit procession, Benediction and blessing.

Christmas Carol Singing

Saturday, 13th December, Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton, singing Christmas carols at Tesco's in Havant, 10.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. There will be a collection for CAFOD and its work in the Congo. Come in festive dress!

Emsworth Repository

At the Emsworth repository, Christmas cards, decorations, books, as well as 2009 parish diaries are for sale, together with all the usual items.



Sheer joy belongs to God, and it demands companionship.
St. Thomas Aquinas

Newsletter Competition

The answer to last week's quiz was 'St. Nicholas' whose Feast Day was 6th December. This week's question is, "Purple is my colour. What am I?"

'Living the Talents in the Credit Crunch'

Will Castle's cakes – Will, aged 5, was one of the volunteers to take on the talent challenge from Fr. Tom. He has been making cakes and selling them to family, friends and at his school. He is also having a cake stall after 9.00a.m. Mass on Sunday, 14th December. If you would like to donate cakes to his stall please bring them to Mass on 14th or drop them to 8 Wisteria Gardens, Denvilles beforehand.

William also has a story for next week's newsletter!

Max Watkins, aged 6, received 3 talents. He and his brother, Ben, made rice krispie cakes and sold them to all who visited the family. Max's Gran was very generous – she paid £5 because the cakes tasted so good! Max's talent grew to £13.62. Well done!

Rosemary Ryan sold household items on e-bay and her 1 talent became £328.18. Well done too!

Pat and Martin Nee sold homemade cakes and their 3 talents became £55.

Anne Bundy is using her God-given talent to make and sell chocolate truffles for CAFOD. She can make any flavour to order and sells a box of twelve for £3.50. To place an order please 'phone (023) 9271 9134 or 07933936453 or email annebundy@btinternet.com All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

So far, we have made £984 for CAFOD and the appeal for the people of the Congo. Well done to all concerned.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 6th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Nora Hailes RIP*)

Sun, 7th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*May Campbell RIP*)

Mon, 8th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass (*Nell Jones' Intentions*)

Tues, 9th – 9.30a.m. Mass (*Tanner Family RIP*)

Weds, 10th – 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Joseph & Sarah West RIP*)

Sat, 13th – 9.30a.m. Mass

Sat, 13th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Fr. David Buckley's Intention*)

Sun, 14th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 7th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Sun, 7th – 6.00p.m. Mass

(*Deceased members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families*)

Sun, 14th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Chris Jones RIP*)

Sun, 14th – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Catherine Bulbeck RIP*)

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

Newsletter articles to: rchavant@googlemail.com

St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar 2008

No.	Prize and Prize Winner
5721	£100 1st Prize – E. Cawte
7834	£50 2nd Prize – M. Kent
6553	£25 3rd Prize – Rosenthal
6057	Edinburgh crystal set – James
1029	Cushion cover – M. Cox
5966	Teatime hamper – F. Cunningham
1390	Breakfast tray set – P. Willerton
5192	£25 Voucher for Nicolino's Restaurant – Kieran
2250	£10 Tesco Voucher – Felicity
0986	£15 Voucher for Cabelos Hair Salon – E. Williams
7691	£15 Voucher for Driftwood Café – Eames
4958	£25 Voucher for Co-Op – Maskell
4004	Floral Collection – E. Horsfield
1418	Dorling Kindersley book – F. Coffey
6491	£25 Voucher for Co-Op – Skeens
6223	Christmas Cake – J. Evans
0506	Terry's All Gold Chocolates – S. Windebank
4345	Box of Cadbury's Roses – Rosenthal
3822	12 Christmas Crackers – Burgess
5851	Box of Chocolate Biscuits – S. May
5497	Pewter Tankard – Deirdre Barrett
3114	Christmas crackers – Peter
7880	£20 Waitrose Voucher – E. Beaton
0992	4 Morning Coffee vouchers for Heidi's – J. Rafferty
7875	£10 Hinds Voucher – Fitzgibbon
2899	£20 Deep Blue Fish & Chips Voucher – M. Willerton
7540	Box of Quality Street – Karen Louis
4095	Soft Toy Teddy – L. Broderick
7608	Bath Mat Set – Mrs. Mayo
3884	Christmas crackers – J. Wynne Potts
4300	Paper, Pencil and Address Book – S. Essex
6881	Sainsbury's Body Care – F. Cunningham
2035	Mrs. Bridgers Relish – P.B. Smith
1243	Christmas Crackers – F. Ray
4189	Body Glitz – J. Hennessey
1310	Filarinskis' Bag – Felicity
6489	Christmas Hamper – Skeens
5573	Box of Fruit – E. Brown
7167	Amaryllis Plant – J. Rafferty
5034	Basket of Fruit – M. Chadusa
4849	Christmas Hamper – M. Jones
1445	Set of Miniature Candles – M. Willerton
	Mother Kelly's Fish & Chips Voucher – J. McCaughey