



St. Joseph's & Ss. Thomas - Catholic Parish of Havant & Emsworth Newsletter
Saturday, 14th - Sunday 22nd November, 2009. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd December - Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas', Emsworth

Bishop Crispian will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30pm in Ss. Thomas' Church to mark its opening on 2nd December, 1959. All priests who have served in the parish have been invited to this occasion and all parishioners are also invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in St. James' Church of England Hall. Everybody is invited to that too.

The next edition of 'Portsmouth People' will contain a series of photographs of Ss. Thomas' Church on its 'Parish Focus' pages. Make sure you get your copy which is due out at the beginning of December.

Advent Day of Prayer

Wednesday, 9th December, Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, 10.00am to 3.00pm Bring a packed lunch.

Christmas Carol Singing

As it was such a popular event last year, you are invited to sing your heart out on Sunday, 13th December at 2.30pm in the Small Hall. See Tim McCann for further details.

Advent 2009

There will be a short prayerful reflection in preparation for Christmas on the 4 Sundays of Advent in St. Joseph's at 4.00pm. The first reflection is on Sunday, 29th November.

Christmas Bazaar, Saturday 28th November from 12 noon to 3.00p.m.

Help is needed on Thursday, 26th, 10.00am to 12.00 noon to set up stalls and on Friday, 27th, 10.00am to 2.00pm to prepare the stalls and also on the day itself. Contact Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230. We still need 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, videos and DVD's as well as prizes for the tombola and Grand Draw. Please mark these clearly as prizes.

Please return raffle ticket counterfoils and monies as soon as possible.

"The King Lives"

A special day on 22nd November at St. Edmund's, Portsmouth from 10.00am to 6.00pm for young people to celebrate Youth Sunday - live music, workshops on mime with Steve Murray and African drumming. All young people aged 12-18 are invited. Consent forms were given out a few weeks ago and if you would like to go, please return forms to the church. Sister Fiona, St Edmund's chaplain and students have put a lot of work into organising this event so it would be great if a group could get together to support this initiative and fun too. More details from Maureen Thompson on (01243) 377411.

World Youth Day 2011

The next international gathering of World Youth Day is being held in Madrid in August 2011. Plans have already been made and there are meetings scheduled for January 2010. The nearest meeting for us will be at the Discovery Centre, Edinburgh Road, on Thursday, 28th January at 7.30pm. See Fr. Tom.

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop

Bishop Crispian has written a pastoral letter for Advent 2009 which will be made available on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

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Prayer for the Persecuted Church

At the home of Alan and Pauline Barrow, 8 Westbourne Avenue, Emsworth on Thursday, 26th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome. Telephone (01243) 431433.

'Body Focus'

Gentle exercise class for all ages in St. Joseph's Church Hall from 1.30 to 2.30pm every Monday. For further details, please contact Terri Bryant on (023) 9224 1764.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Our annual reconciliation service will be on Monday, 21st December at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be holding a sale of Fair-trade goods at both Masses at Emsworth this weekend. The group will also be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at all Masses on Sunday, 21st November.

We will also be holding a vigil on Racism on Tuesday, 24th November at 7.30pm in St. Thomas'. Please come and bring your thoughts and experiences. All welcome.

November's Rosary Group

The next date is Thursday, November 19th at 3.00pm. To find out the venue please phone Rosemary Ryan on (01243) 389191 or Rosemary Mears on (023) 9248 3066.

Parish Finances

Attached to the newsletter this weekend is a summary of the financial report for the year ending 31st August, 2009. Bob Hayes, as parish treasurer, will speak briefly at all Masses this weekend. I thank Bob, Laurie Rutter, John Kieran and Deirdre Barrett for their great efforts as members of the Parish Finance Committee.

Bishop's Visits to Pastoral Areas

The Bishop has spent the last 18 months visiting all the pastoral areas in the diocese, 24 in all. As a result of these visits, he has written a 5-page reflection on what he has found throughout the diocese. Some parishioners have already received a copy of this document by email. For those without this facility, a hard copy will be available at the back of the church.

Mail Drop

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

Oaklands Catholic School 6th Form Open Evenings

Oaklands is holding its Sixth Form Open Evenings on Wednesday 18th and Thursday, 19th November, 2009 from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All parents and prospective students are invited to come and visit the school.

The Anglican Issue

The Vatican has finally published the details whereby groups of Anglican clergy and Faithful can enter into corporate union with the Catholic Church while retaining their own distinctive Anglican spiritual and liturgical patrimony. If anybody would like to examine the details, email Fr. Tom for your own personal copy - tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com

Confraternity of the Rosary

The Confraternity's annual conference will take place on Tuesday, 17th November at St. John's Cathedral. The meeting begins at 2.00pm ending at approximately 3.30pm. There will be Holy Mass at 12.15pm followed by recitation of the rosary and refreshments afterwards in the Discovery Centre before the meeting begins.

Canon Bernard Thom RIP

Many of you might have known Canon Bernard who was parish priest, Chichester, for many years. He died on 24th October. May he rest in peace.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 14th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(John & David Boniface RIP)

Sun, 15th - 11.00am Mass
(Mary & Paddy McDonagh RIP)

Mon, 16th - 9.30am Mass (Frampton Family)

Weds, 18th - 9.30am Mass (Canon Coughlan,
Parishioners & Shea & Wilcox Families RIP)

Sat, 21st - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Patrick Walsh RIP)

Sun, 22nd - 11.00am Mass
(Cyril Hunt RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 15th - 9.00am Mass

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(Pat & Stan Bonnick RIP)

Tues, 17th - 10.00am Mass
(Kathleen Kenna RIP)

Sat, 21st - 10.30am Mass (Dora Hartnell RIP)

Sun, 22nd - 9.00am Mass

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(Anne Bishop RIP)

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