



..... Havant Pastoral Area .....  
**Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's, Havant and Emsworth**  
**Saturday, 6th - Sunday, 14th March, 2010. 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Lent in the Pastoral Area 2010**

The Stewardship Committee of St. Joseph's parish has organised the following Lenten programme for the whole pastoral area. Everybody is invited to take part.

**Tuesday, 9th March** - 7.00pm, 'Liturgy and the Sacraments' at St. Peter's Primary School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7BP.

**Thursday, 18th** - 7.00pm, 'Ongoing Formation' at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

**Wednesday, 24th** - 7.00pm, 'The Mission of the Church' at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island.

**Easter Gardens and Bonnets**

All the children are invited to make Easter gardens or Easter bonnets for Easter Sunday this year. Both must contain some aspect of the Easter story. Three prizes for each category will be given at the 9.00am Mass at Emsworth and the 11.00am Mass in Havant.

**St. Joseph's Prayer Book**

Family Publications has produced a beautiful little booklet of prayers to our patron saint. Since many people do the Novena to St. Joseph, this would be ideal for that use. Price £3.

**St. Joseph's Day, 19th March**

There will be Mass at 7.30pm on Friday, 19th March in St. Joseph's followed by light refreshments in the presbytery. All welcome.

**Brian Parker RIP**

Brian died on Monday, 1st March. His Requiem Mass is on Friday, 19th March at 12 noon in the Cathedral. He will be buried in St. Patrick's, Hayling, Island.

**Live Your Life to the Full**

St. Edmund's, Horndean has organised a fun day for everybody, including families, on Saturday, 20th March from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Speakers include David Payne, Director of Catholic Faith Exploration and Steve Murray, mime artist. See the attached form for all the details and application form.

**Len Robinson RIP**

Len died last Sunday in Q.A. Hospital. He was 96 and one of our oldest parishioners. He was a very dedicated member of St. Joseph's parish for many decades. His funeral Mass will take place on Monday, 8th March at 12.45pm in St. Joseph's Church. May he rest in peace.

Please note that there will no Mass at 9.30am that morning.

**St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

Saturday, 20th March, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, St. Joseph's Hall. Music by St. Joseph's band and featuring the Boyle O'Dowda School of Irish Dancing. Tickets £2.50 adults, £7.50 for families. Bring your own nibbles and drink.

**3rd Sunday of Lent and the 1st Scrutiny**

In our diocese alone, we have 203 people who wish to join the Church at Easter. There are many hundreds more around the country. In one of the Catholic papers, there was an estimate of 3,000 coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Today, we have the first of the three scrutinies which are intended to 'search and call the elect' to holiness and grace. We have two people who have been under instruction for some months now. They are Bernard and Sharon. We are greatly honoured that these people wish to join the Catholic Church.

**Bishops of England and Wales**

The Bishops have issued a document called 'Choosing the Common Good' in preparation for the forthcoming general election. It has been sent electronically to over 100 parishioners who have let the parish office know of their email address.

**'Hairspray', Mayflower Theatre, Southampton**

Thursday, 27th May at 2.00pm. Limited availability, £35 per adult. See Fr. Tom as soon as possible. This is the show which has played to West End audiences for many years with Michael Ball and Les Dennis.

Fr. Tom Grufferty, St. Joseph's Church, 134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP

Ss. Thomas' Church, New Brighton Road, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7QP.

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## Tea and Cake for the International Refugee Trust

Please come for tea and cake on Sunday, 14th March from 3.00-5.00pm, at 18 Oaklands Road, Havant, to raise money for equipment for a hospital in South Sudan run by the Comboni Sisters. The hospital has recently been given back by the military, in a terrible state. Tea, cake, Phoenix cards, and raffle.

All offers of help and cakes are very welcome. Phone Alison on (023) 9245 1649.

## Mail Drop

People living in Highland Close and Highland Road will receive a letter from the parish this week with our prayers and best wishes.

## Renewing the Catholic Social Conscience

Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, on Saturday, 20th March from 9.00am to 7.00pm. Speakers will include Mary Jo Bane (Harvard University), Lesley Ann Knight (Director, Caritas International and parishioner of St. Joseph's), Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB and Fr. Timothy Radcliffe. If you would like to attend, see Fr. Tom (special conditions apply).

## 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer

Palm Sunday at 6.30pm in St. Faith's Church, Havant. Featuring combined choirs of St. Faith's and St. John's, Westbourne.

## Reconciliation for Children

During Lent, there are opportunities for reconciliation for children and young adults at St. Thomas More's School and at Oaklands.

As a parish, we would like to offer an opportunity for children's confessions on Saturday, 20th March at 3.00pm at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth. We have invited all children who have made their 1st Holy Communion in the last three years. All other children are most welcome too.

## Stewardship Sunday and Mothering Sunday, 14th March

We would like a few people to offer to come forward to say a few personal words about mothers, the giftedness of the role, the talents, time and treasure needed. Any volunteers?

## Havant Pastoral Area, Lent 2010

We had another interesting evening in our rounds of the pastoral area on Wednesday. The faith community at Horndean warmly welcomed about 40 people. Canon Tim Healy gave an excellent talk on 'the Pastoral Area' and it generated a great discussion on all sorts of issues but especially on communications between us and the need for a pastoral area Pastoral Council.

Next week we meet on Tuesday, 9th March at 7.00pm at St. Peter's School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville. Fr. Kevin Bidgood and his community will be our hosts. All welcome.

If you are able to offer a lift, or need a lift on these nights, please contact David Barrett on (023) 9247 6230 or Vince Kelly on (01243) 528628.

## Diary

**Sunday, 7th March** - 4.00pm Preparation for Easter at St. Joseph's.

**Monday, 8th March** - 10.00am Lent House Group in the presbytery.

**Monday, 8th March** - 7.30pm Churches Together meeting in the presbytery.

**Tuesday, 9th March** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting.

**Tuesday, 9th March** - 7.00pm Lenten talk at St. Peter's School.

**Wednesday, 10th** - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting. Theme, 'Thanksgiving'.

**Thursday, 11th** - Co-ordinating pastors' meeting, 10.30am to 1.30pm at Bishops House.

**Thursday, 11th** - 2.00pm Funeral Mass for Sheila Young at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island.

**Thursday, 11th** - 5.00pm St. Thomas More's School Governors' meeting.

**Friday, 12th** - 11.30am Funeral Mass for John Wren RIP at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

**Friday, 12th** - 1.30pm Funeral Mass for John Pledge RIP at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island.

**Saturday, 13th** - 2.00pm 1st Holy Communion children's meeting.

### Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 6th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Nee & Conneely Family)

**Sun, 7th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Ken Martin RIP)

**Mon, 8th** - 12.45pm Requiem Mass for  
**Len Robinson RIP**

**Weds, 10th** - 9.30am Mass  
(Neil Price RIP)

**Sat, 13th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Anne Walsh's Intentions)

**Sun, 14th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Kitty & Ken Martin RIP)

### Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 7th** - 9.00am Mass  
(Neil Price RIP)

**Sun, 7th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Lawrence Parsons' Intention)

**Tues, 9th** - 10.00am Mass  
(John West RIP & Frampton Family)

**Sat, 13th** - 10.30am Mass (Sarah McCourtney RIP)

**Sun, 14th** - 9.00am Mass  
(Mary Soul RIP)

**Sun, 14th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Magdalene Joyce RIP)

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