



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

Saturday, 24th - Sunday, 1st February, 2009. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holocaust Memorial Day

A short service will be held at Havant Cemetery, New Lane, on Tuesday, 27th January. This will take place at 11.00a.m. at the Holocaust Memorial. Everybody is invited. The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial is 'Stand Up to Hatred'.

Census 2009

Many thanks to all those who did the census last weekend. We gleaned a great deal of information including the names of new parishioners. Below is a breakdown of those who kindly responded:-

Saturday Vigil Mass - 41

Sunday, 9.00a.m. Mass - 76

Sunday, 11.00a.m. Mass - 65

Sunday, 6.00p.m. Mass - 45

Total - 227

If you missed the census, please note that there are still forms available. Even if you have been in the parish for years, it is important we update all the details. Many thanks again for your co-operation.

Your Prayers

Yours prayers are requested for Ann Bishop who is in hospital and for Florence Payne who was moved into the Rowans Hospice during the week. 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.

Thought for the Day

If you find God, you'll find life. If you miss God, you'll miss the whole point of living.

Ordinary Time 2009

There is a good chunk of time before Lent this year to get into St. Mark's Gospel. The great question for Mark is 'Who is Jesus?' The question is answered twice, first by Peter, "You are the Christ" (8: 30) and again when the Centurian says, "Truly this Man is the Son of God".

Notice that Peter's profession is exactly half through the Gospel as if to say that the whole Gospel depends on discovering who Jesus is, which it does:-

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 25th January,

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 1st February,

5th Sunday, 8th February,

6th Sunday, 15th February,

7th Sunday, 22nd February.

Byzantium 330 - 1453

This is an exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts. The collection is mostly religious artefacts from the lost world of Byzantium. Some of the exhibits will not be seen in the West again in our life time. The exhibition closes in March. Entrance is £12.

Your Offerings

Your offertory collection last week came to £1,387. This included income from standing orders and gift aid returns. Many thanks for your generosity.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at Masses over the weekend 31st January - 1st February. The Medaille Trust use donations of cleaning materials for the women whom they free from trafficking, to clean their rooms in the refuges owned by the Trust. All donations of materials such as Flash, Cif will be very gratefully received.

Parish Diary

Monday, 26th - 7.00p.m. Pastoral Council meeting.

Tuesday, 27th - 11.00a.m. Holocaust Memorial service, New Lane Cemetery, Havant.

Tuesday, 27th - 7.00p.m. post-Alpha course. Theme, 'Baptism, Gateway to Life'.

Wednesday, 28th - 10.30a.m. admissions meeting at St. Thomas More's School.

Friday 30th/Saturday, 31st - Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, Park Place, Wickham.

Sunday, 1st February - 11.00a.m. Mass, parents and children of the 1st Holy Communion programme. The theme will be 'God's Word'.

'The Wintershall Life of Christ'

This will be held on Tuesday, 23rd June. It is a 3-act play in the open air. A parish trip has been arranged leaving Havant at 8.00a.m. and returning at 7.30p.m. approximately. The cost of the play is £15 and the coach is approximately £10 per person. If you are interested, please see Fr. Tom or church notice board for further information. Payment must be made when booking.

Ruth Alcorn RIP

Ruth died in the Gorseway Nursing Home, Hayling Island. Her funeral took place in St. Patrick's last Wednesday. May she rest in peace. Our sympathies to Jo Wood and her family.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Ethel Ray on the death of her sister from cancer. May she rest in peace. Please keep Ethel in your prayers.

Oaklands School Vacancy

The school requires a part-time Student Administrative Assistant to work between 11.00a.m. and 3.00p.m., term time only plus 5 additional days. The successful candidate will be working with our young people, will be a team player and have basic ICT skills. A first aid qualification would be an advantage although not essential as training will be given. Salary, £13,955 (full time rate).

If you are interested, contact Dawn Brettel on (023) 9225 9214 by 6th February.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

Mon, 26th - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Rev. William Stone RIP)

Weds, 28th - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Alice Beautista RIP)

Sat, 31st - 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (Rose and Paddy's Intentions)

Sun, 1st February - 11.00a.m. Mass (Ethel May Lovell RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 25th - 9.00a.m. Mass (Louie Fearn's RIP)

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

Tues, 27th - 10.00a.m. Mass (Florence Pead's Intentions)

Sat, 31st - 10.30a.m. Eucharistic Service

Sun, 1st February - 9.00a.m. Mass
(Stefan Usansky RIP)

Sun, 1st - 6.00p.m. Mass
(Cis Slattery)