



Saturday, 23rd - Sunday, 31st January, 2010. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Living our Faith' Fund Raising Campaign

Many thanks to all those who braved the snow to attend the thanksgiving Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday, 9th January. St. Joseph's parish was well represented. The Mass was an opportunity to thank all the parishioners who were generous to the Campaign last year.

Forty new parishes are now due to begin the Campaign. It is expected to be finished in the whole diocese by the summer.

Over £7 million has now been pledged from 2,271 households with the average gift being £3,055. Our parish continues to receive gifts and pledges. Many thanks to all concerned.

Christian Aid Charity Shop

Due to two major occurrences coming together at the same time, it was decided at the last meeting of Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton to suspend the Christian Aid shop for this year.

The Anglicans at St. Faith's have plans to redevelop the Church Hall so it is no longer available for use and it has become almost impossible to get enough volunteers to run the shop for two weeks in May.

This means that Christian Aid and the poor of the world will lose out to the tune of £9,000 per year. Other ways are being looked into to make up the shortfall.

Many thanks to all those who have helped in the charity shop for many years. It will also be missed by the many people of Havant who used it as a great social gathering place.

Parish Diary

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Monday, 25th January at the usual time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Many thanks to all those who turned out during the week to the midday prayers in the different churches. Many thanks especially to all concerned with the Wednesday prayers at St. Joseph's and for the excellent lunch afterwards.

Free Family Workshop

There will be a free family workshop on Saturday, 6th February from 10.30am to 3.00pm at the Arts Centre, 56 East Street, Havant. For more information, please telephone (023) 9247 2491 or email outreach@makingspace.org

James Loftus RIP

We offer our sympathy to Gina Mula on the recent death of her father, James. May he rest in peace.

Reconciliation

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

School Chaplain

St. Philip Howard Catholic High School at Barnham seeks to appoint a full time permanent school chaplain. Full details can be downloaded from the school's website www.st-philiphoward.w-sussex.sch.uk The deadline for applications is 5th February, 2010.

1st Holy Communion

All the dates for January had to be cancelled. The parents' session will start again as per the programme on Wednesday, 3rd February with the first reconciliation for children the following Saturday, 6th and the liturgy on Sunday, 7th February at 9.00am.

Thought for the Day

We get ourselves into so many different tight corners, do things that we wish we hadn't and end up stressed out. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there could be a day set aside for wiping the slate clean for all our actions and setting right our relationship with God and others? There is. It's called the Lord's time of favour. And it's today.

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Havant and Emsworth

Holocaust Memorial Day

On 27th January this year, Havant Borough Council will be holding an annual commemorative service at the Havant Cemetery on Eastern Road/New Lane at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at all Masses on Sunday, 31st January. Please donate any spare cleaning or sanitary goods.



"Mummy, wouldn't it be terrible if he ever escaped from that cage!"

Charity Concert

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

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.

The Bishops of England and Wales

The Bishops will be making their 'Ad Limina' visit to Rome from 24th January to 4th February. Bishop Crispian has written a brief explanation which is attached to the newsletter.

Mail Drop

People living in Park Way and Markway Close 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

Monday, 25th - 7.00pm Pastoral Council meeting.

Tuesday, 26th - 7.00pm Alpha meeting. Theme, 'Baptism, Gateway to Life'.

Wednesday, 27th - 11.00am Holocaust Memorial service at Havant Cemetery.

Saints This Week

Monday, 25th - the conversion of St. Paul.

Tuesday, 26th - St. Timothy, Bishop and martyr and St. Titus, Bishop.

Wednesday, 27th - St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursulines.

Thursday, 28th - St. Thomas Aquinas, religious and Doctor of the Church.

Readings This Weekend

First Reading

Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

Psalms 18

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel

Luke 1: 4; 4: 14-21

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

Mon, 25th - 9.30am Mass (Alice Beautista RIP)

Weds, 27th - 9.30am Mass
(Corbyn & Holman Families RIP)

Sat, 30th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Rev. William Stone
RIP & Elizabeth Teresa Cassidy RIP)

Sun, 31st - 11.00am Mass
(Ken Martin RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

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

Sun, 24th - 6.00pm Mass

Tues, 26th - 10.00am Mass
(John Street's Family RIP)

Sat, 30th - 10.30am Mass
(Angela Hassard RIP)

Sun, 31st - 9.00am Mass
(Victor Douse RIP)

Sun, 31st - 6.00pm Mass

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