



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

Saturday, 25th - Sunday 3rd, 2009. 3rd Sunday of Easter

## Easter Thanks

Many thanks to all those who made a positive contribution to the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies. Those who helped know who they are and their efforts are much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to all those who gave to the Easter offering collection. You have been most generous and Fr. Tom is most grateful for your magnificence.

## St. Joseph's Cemetery Grotto

John Walsh has built a beautiful grotto at the lower end of St. Joseph's Cemetery. It is dedicated to Angels and on Friday, 1st May, which is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the new grotto will be blessed and dedicated. Weather permitting, we will have Mass near the grotto at 7.00pm followed by the blessing and dedication.

Everybody in the parish is invited, especially those who have family buried in St. Joseph's. If the weather is cold or wet, Mass will take place in the church followed by the blessing and dedication at the grotto.

The major part of the costs involved have been covered by very generous parishioners. Following the ceremony, there will be light refreshments in the Hall.

## Confirmation 2009

This year Havant Pastoral area will be celebrating Confirmations on 1st October. We would like to invite young people currently in Year 9 and above, to join our preparation sessions. If you are interested, please complete the application form from the back of church and come along to an enquiry evening on Friday, 1st May with your parents. Our first event will be YEDO Diocesan Youth Day at Oaklands on 17th May. (See below)

## June Hulse RIP

June died suddenly last Tuesday. She was a parishioner all her life having been born in Emsworth. Her parents (Jenkins) are buried in St. Joseph's. Funeral arrangements are pending. May she rest in peace.

## Derick Hurst RIP

We offer our sympathy to the Hurst family especially to Avril Broderick on the death of Derick. His funeral took place in St. Joseph's last Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The minutes from the recent Pastoral Council meeting can be viewed on the notice boards at both churches.

## YEDO Diocesan Youth Day

On Sunday, 17th May St. Joseph's is invited to take a group to this youth event at Oaklands with Bishop Crispian and Archbishop Cornelius from Bamenda.

The event is open to young people aged 11-18, from 10.30am. Young people will need to be led by responsible CRB checked adults. If you would like to attend or volunteer, please see Fr. Tom.

## Chichester University Chamber Orchestra Classical Concert

This will take place on Saturday, 2nd May at 8.00pm in St Joseph's Church. Tickets (£5, with under 16's free) will be on sale after all weekend Masses. There will also be a retiring collection at the concert in aid of the 'Outlook Moldova' Charity which supports a hospital, school and residential unit.

**Vigil Mass, 2nd May** - as the music concert in St. Joseph's will be on this day, Mass on 2nd will be in St. Joseph's Hall at 6.30pm.

### **Association of the Sisters of Christ Coffee Morning for TIKO**

A table top sale after the Wednesday morning Mass on 13th May. Please come and support us.

### **Mail Drop**

All those living in Scratchface Lane and Matthews Close will receive a letter stating that they are in our thoughts and prayers this week.

### **Retiring Collection**

Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the clergy training fund.

### **Annual Mass for Blessed Margaret Pole**

The annual Mass will take place at the church in Warblington on Saturday, 30th May at 6.30pm. The preacher this year will be Revd. Simon Sayers, Rector of St. James', Emsworth with Warblington. All are welcome.

### **Hayling Musical Society**

Hayling Musical Society is performing 'The Pirates of Penzance' at the Station Theatre, Hayling Island on Tuesday, 28th April to Saturday, 2nd May. Ticket, £8 adults, £7 concessions. For tickets telephone (023) 9246 6363.

### **Diary Dates**

**Tuesday, 28th** - 7.30pm Stewardship Working Party meeting in the presbytery.

7.30pm Confirmation preparation meeting at Horndean.

Parish Bible Study Group meeting. All welcome. More details from Liam (01243) 379646.

**Wednesday, 29th** - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting in the presbytery. 'Peace and Joy'.

**Friday, 1st** - Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. 7.00pm 1st Friday of the month Mass.

**Saturday, 2nd** - 2.00pm Children of the 1st Holy Communion programme.

8.00pm Chichester University Chamber Orchestra music concert in St. Joseph's.

**Monday, 4th** - car boot sale.

### **Christian Walk of Witness, Sunday, 26th April, 3.00pm**

Meet at Waterlooville Centre (outside the Halifax Building Society) to walk around the precinct. The purpose of the walk is to ask the Government to restore Christian values and morals in this country.

### **Arts Trail**

The Emsworth Arts Trail takes place on Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd May from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily. Ss. Thomas' Church is a designated venue on the trail and we need people to be available at these hours. If you can offer help for even one hour - it is actually good fun!

Havant and Leigh Park have a new Arts Trail on 16th/17th May. Again, we are looking for people to be available to help.

See the Arts Trail booklet in which both churches are featured. Many thanks to Jarczyk for representing the Catholic Church in this important event.

### **'Francis', 9th May**

Would those who have bought tickets for this event gather in St. Joseph's car park at 12.30pm. You will need a picnic lunch and transport is available to Park Place.

### **Mystery Tour**

Back by request, Mystery Tour! Meet at Havant Bus Station at 9.30am sharp on Thursday, 28th May.

The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at Masses over this weekend. All donations will be very gratefully received.

The Justice and Peace group will be holding an evening of prayer for Zimbabwe on Tuesday, 28th April in Ss. Thomas. Please bring your prayers, memories and any letters from friends living there still.

### **The Month of Our Lady**

With May being the month of Our Lady, we are invited to say a decade of the rosary after all weekday and Saturday morning Masses during May. You are also welcome to say a decade, starting 15 minutes before the 9.00am Sunday Mass in Emsworth.

### **Mass Times at St. Joseph's**

**Sat, 25th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Rt. Rev. Thomas Talbot RIP*)

**Sun, 26th** - 11.00am Mass

**Mon, 27th** - 9.30am Mass (*William Doyle RIP*)

**Weds, 29th** - 9.30am Mass (*Madeleine Bramble-Green's Intentions & Richard & Elizabeth Knapp, Junior & Family RIP*)

**Fri, 1st** - 7.00pm Mass (*Rev. John Martin RIP*)

**Sat, 2nd** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Richard & Elizabeth Knapp, Senior & Family*)

**Sun, 3rd** - 11.00am Mass

### **Mass Times at Ss. Thomas**

**Sun, 26th** - 9.00am Mass (*Howard Chisnall RIP & Peter Cook RIP*)

**Sun, 26th** - 6.00pm Mass (*Walter & Kathleen Kenna RIP*)

**Tues, 28th** - 10.00am Mass (*Eamon Rafferty RIP*)

**Sat, 2nd** - 10.30am Mass (*Lorna Carlyle RIP*)

**Sun, 3rd** - 9.00am Mass (*Jenny Orrell RIP*)

**Sun, 3rd** - 6.00pm Mass (*Kath Benn RIP*)