



..... Havant Pastoral Area
Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's, Havant and Emsworth
Saturday, 13th - Sunday, 21st March, 2010. 4th 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.

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.

Live Your Life to the Full

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

Speakers include David Payne, Director of Catholic Faith Exploration and Steve Murray, mime artist.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Passion of Christ

On Good Friday, 2nd April, there will be a showing of Mel Gibson's masterpiece of The Passion in St. Joseph's Church at 6.00pm. The film takes two hours and there will be a short break for black tea/coffee. Admission is free. Cushions are recommended. Everybody is welcome.

'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.

'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.

Project 2030

Are you a 20+ Catholic? You are invited to Project 2030 after Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday, 11h April at The Trafalgar, 16 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth at 7.30pm. See notice board for further information.

Living our Faith

Attached to the newsletter is a letter from the Bishop on 'Living our Faith'. The latest newsletter says that the Diocese has reached £8,110,453 from 3,059 people with 500 pledges pending. Forty two parishes have already taken part. Your prayers for the campaign would be greatly appreciated.

Blessing of Bread

The Polish people have a wonderful custom of blessing bread on Holy Saturday. We will bless the bread on Saturday, 3rd April at 11.00am in St. Joseph's.

Walk Through the Old Testament

A day seminar on a walk through the Old Testament on Saturday, 20th March from 9.30am - 5.00pm in the Parish Hall, Church Path, Emsworth. £14, payable before the day. Please contact Peter Agius on (023) 9247 6868 or peter@agius.biz if you wish to attend.

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Mail Drop

People living in Ernest Close, Whittington Court and Convent Close will receive a letter from the parish this week with our prayers and best wishes.

The Medaille Trust

The parish has received a letter from Sister Ann Teresa thanking us for the cleaning materials and toiletries which we have collected for some time. Since the 'safe house' is closed, these materials are no longer needed. Sister is most grateful and impressed with your generosity.

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.

Spirituality and Dementia

Caritas Social Action Network has produced a film on spirituality and dementia to raise awareness of those with dementia who have special spiritual and pastoral needs. The film is intended for anybody who has contact with dementia. If anybody would like to view the film, it can be collected from Fr. Tom.

Reconciliation

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

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.

Fr. John Paul Sanderson OCSO

Bishop Crispian has appointed Fr. John Paul to Hayling Island on a temporary basis while Fr. Andrew Chandler is away. Fr. Paul is a monk of Mount St. Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire. He wants to become a Chaplain in the Royal Navy so he will spend two days working in the Naval Establishments in Portsmouth while living in the presbytery in Hayling Island, doing the necessary parish work during the rest of the week and at weekends. He comes to the Pastoral Area as a great blessing.

There will be a Mass to welcome him at St. Patrick's at 7.30 pm on the Feast of the Annunciation March 25th to which everybody is welcome. After Mass there will be an opportunity for individual confession.

Please keep Fr. Andrew in your prayers.

Diary

Sunday, 14th - 4.00pm Preparation for Easter at St. Joseph's.

Monday, 15th - 10.00am Lent house group in the presbytery.

Tuesday, 16th - 7.00pm Alpha meeting. Theme, 'The Power of Pentecost'.

Wednesday, 17th - 7.30pm Mass for the Feast Day of St. Patrick at Hayling Island.

Thursday, 18th - 11.00am Funeral Mass.

Thursday, 18th - 7.00pm Havant Pastoral Lent talk at St. Michael's, Leigh Park. Theme, 'Ongoing Formation'.

Friday, 19th - 12 noon Requiem Mass for Brian Parker at the Cathedral.

Friday, 19th - 7.30pm Mass for St. Joseph's Day.

Saturday, 20th - 3.00pm Reconciliation for children and families at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth.

Saturday, 20th - 7.30pm St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Feast Day celebrations in the Hall.

Readings This Weekend

† **First Reading** Joshua 5: 9-12

† **Psalms** 33

† **Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

† **Gospel** Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

Mon, 15th - 9.30am Mass (Canon James Daly RIP)

Weds, 17th - 9.30am Mass (Chris Jones RIP)

Fri, 19th - 7.30pm Feast Day Mass
(People of the Parish)

Sat, 20th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(Alex Beautista RIP)

Sun, 21st - 11.00am Mass
(Paddy & Mary McDonagh RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

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

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

Tues, 16th - 10.00am Eucharistic Service

Sat, 20th - 10.30am Mass
(For the Parish, Mary Sone's bequest)

Sun, 21st - 9.00am Mass
(Anthony Spurr RIP)

Sun, 21st - 6.00pm Mass
(John Wren RIP)

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