



**Saturday, 30th - Sunday, 7th February, 2010. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **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 and the more people who visit other parishes, the better.

**Wednesday, 24th February** - 7.00pm, 'The Centrality of Sunday Mass' at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth.

**Wednesday, 3rd March** - 7.00pm, 'The Larger Pastoral Area' at St. Edmund's, Horndean.

**Tuesday, 9th March** - 7.00pm, 'Liturgy and the Sacraments' at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville.

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

**Wednesday, 24th** - 7.00pm, 'The Mission of the Church'. (Details of venue to follow).

### **Haiti Relief**

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council discussed the earthquake disaster in Haiti. They requested that we have a retiring collection next weekend and they also decided to give the money to CAFOD as it is directly involved through Caritas International.

### **Fr. Maurice Twomey RIP**

Fr. Maurice died in Winchester Hospital last Tuesday night. He was parish priest of Horndean for some years.

Bishop Crispian will be celebrating Father Maurice's funeral Mass at St. Peter's, Winchester on Wednesday, 10th February at 12.15pm. May Fr. Maurice rest in peace.

### **Card Making**

A six-week course at Leigh Park Library. Cost £30. For information, please telephone (023) 9248 4172.

### **'Portsmouth People'**

The latest edition of Portsmouth People is now available. Please pick up your free copy. When you have read it, pass it on to a friend.

### **Education**

There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

### **Talent Night**

Many thanks once more for an excellent night last Saturday. It was a great evening and it was especially good to see the wider pastoral area well-represented. Many thanks to the organisers who played a professional role in every aspect of the variety show. It was great to see many of our young people involved in sharing their excellent talents. Profits all go to the new church of the Sacred Heart in Waterlooville. Tickets, bar and raffle raised £1,468 with donations of £550. Many thanks again for your efforts and generosity.

### **Pilgrimage to Rome and Florence, October 2010**

Fr. Tom is organising a pilgrimage to Rome and Florence from 11th-18th October, four nights and four days in Rome, the rest in Florence. The cost is still being determined. However, if anybody would like to go, please see Fr. Tom as soon as possible as numbers will be strictly limited.

### **Mass on Tuesday**

Due to a change of plans, Mass will take place next Tuesday, 2nd February as usual and the funeral Mass of Edwin Reeves RIP will now take place at a later stage.

### **Lent Groups 2010**

As in former years, there will be Lent house groups doing the 'York Course' booklet at the following places and times:-

**Mondays** - 10.00am, St. Joseph's presbytery and 8.00pm at 6, Queen Anne's Drive, Bedhampton.

**Wednesdays** - 2.00pm at 10, Brockhampton Road and 7.30pm at The Rectory, Meadowlands.

If you would like to join a group, please sign the form in St. Joseph's church porch. Everybody is very welcome.

### **Christian Holiday Handbook**

If you think you might use Christian accommodation and leisure facilities in Great Britain or Europe, you might like to use this handbook. Pick up your free copy at the back of the church.

### **Thought for the Day**

We all have people we look up to and respect. We're prepared to listen and learn from them. But if God were to choose the most mundane, unexpected person to get through to us, who would it be? Who's the prophet in our midst that we're missing because we never give them a second thought?

*I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.*

*(Luke 4:24)*

## The Mustard Seed Soul Band

The Mustard Seed Soul Band will be playing on Saturday, 27th February at Paulsgrove Baptist Church, Wooferton Road, Paulsgrove at 7.30pm. Tickets, £5 in advance or £6 at the door. For more details, please telephone (023) 9232 5944.

## Association Of The Sisters Of Christ

Members, please note the branch meeting will take place in St. Joseph's Small Hall on Thursday, 4th February at 2.00pm

## St Thomas More's School Stewardship Prayer

My school is made up of people like me. I help to make it what it is.

If I am friendly, it will be a friendly school. Great work can be done, if I work. Much good will be done if I do good deeds.

It can be a school with much happiness, if I care for everyone. If I choose to live my life caring for everyone I meet, I truly have the power to make this school an even happier place.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my school to be. **Amen.**

## Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton

A Lent workshop has been organised for Saturday, 20th February from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the URC Hall in Havant. The theme of the workshop is 'Peacemaking - a Christian Vocation'. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

## Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at all Masses this weekend. Please donate any spare cleaning or sanitary goods.

## Christians Together In Emsworth

There will be a united service for the Week of Christian Unity at the Baptist Church on Sunday 31st January at 6pm, which will include a time of open prayer for each church.

## Diary of Main Events for February

**Tuesday, 9th** - Council of Priests' meeting.

**Sunday, 14th** - Stewardship Sunday.

**Monday, 15th** - Parish Finance Committee meeting.

**Wednesday, 18th** - Ash Wednesday.

**Friday, 20th** - Family Fast day.

**Tuesday, 23rd** - Bishop Crispian visits the Pastoral Area.

## Mail Drop

People living in Emsworth House Close will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that they are in our prayers.

## Diary

**Sunday, 31st** - 2.00pm Baptism.

**Monday, 1st February** - Stewardship Working group.

**Tuesday, 2nd** - 2.00pm Mass for the Feast of Candlemas at St. Thomas More's School. All welcome.

**Tuesday, 2nd** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting. Theme, 'Confirmation'.

**Wednesday, 3rd** - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting.

**Friday, 5th** - 7.00pm 1st Friday of the month Mass at St. Joseph's.

**Saturday, 6th** - 2.00pm 1st Holy Communion children's session followed by 1st Reconciliation.

**Sunday, 7th** - 9.00am Liturgy for parents and children of the 1st Holy Communion programme.

## Reconciliation

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

## Readings This Weekend

### First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

### Psalms 70

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13

### Gospel

Luke 4: 21-30

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

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

**Mon, 1st** - 9.30am Mass (*Ethel May Lovell RIP*)

**Weds, 3rd** - 9.30am Mass (*Margaret Mary Shea RIP*)

**Fri, 5th** - 7.00pm Mass (*Michael & Connie McCarthy RIP*)

**Sat, 6th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Ken Martin RIP*)

**Sun, 7th** - 11.00am Mass

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 31st** - 9.00am Mass (*Angela Hassard RIP*)

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**Tues, 2nd** - 10.00am Mass (*Florence Gater Dart RIP*)

**Sat, 6th** - 10.30am Mass (*Canon Francis Bailey RIP*)

**Sun, 7th** - 9.00am Mass

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