



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

Saturday, 2nd - Sunday 10th, 2009. 4th Sunday of Easter

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

The Pope has written a letter to the whole church for World Vocations Days, which is this Sunday. He calls on everybody to be positive about the ministry of priests and consecrated life. The impending shortage of priests might easily drive us to despair whereas the Pope invites us to pray with trust and confidence for vocations in families, parishes and all sectors of the church.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Cure of Ars who is the patron saint of parish priests, the Pope has asked the entire church to celebrate a year for priests beginning on 19th June. While today is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, every day is such a day of prayer.

P.S. If anybody wishes to read the whole letter from Pope Benedict, it will be on display in the porch of St. Joseph's.

Stocking up for a Rainy Day

Noah is the best financier in the Bible, for he floated his stock while everybody around him was in liquidation.

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)

Frank Adams RIP

We offer our sympathy to Margaret on the death of Frank at Q.A. Hospital last Monday. Frank had been unwell for a few weeks. May he rest in peace. His Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday, 12th May at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth at 1.00pm. All are welcome.

June Hulse RIP

June's funeral Mass will take place on Friday, 8th May at 10.15am in St. Joseph's. We offer our sympathy to Adrian and family. May June rest in peace.

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.

Ministry Sunday - Parish Visitors

The Ministry designated for the month of May is parish visitors. Many parishioners do this already on a casual basis and our special ministers also do excellent work in this respect. We would like to place all parish visiting on a more formal basis with some organisation. The whole ministry will be addressed at all Masses next weekend with an invitation to everybody to get involved.

Surprised by the Spirit

When St. Ambrose was elected Bishop of Milan he was not a priest. When the Benedictine Community in Glenstal elected their new Abbot, he was not a priest either. So the new Abbot was ordained Deacon one week, Priest the next and blessed as Abbot the following week. The Abbot said, "a big wind is on the way and we must all ensure that our little inch of the sail is studded to the mast."

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.

Christian Aid Shop

The Christian Aid shop will be open in St. Faith's Hall, The Pallant, until Saturday, 16th May, 9.00am to 4.00pm each day (not Bank Holiday Monday). Last year's total was £9,600.

St. Nicholas', Bedhampton

This church in Grove Road is celebrating 50 years this year. The community is holding a faith sharing week from 30th May to 7th June. More details to follow.

Mail Drop

All those living in Brooklands Road and Woodville Road will receive a letter stating that they are in our thoughts and prayers this week.

Retiring Collection

This 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.

Diary Dates

Monday, 4th - car boot sale.

Tuesday, 5th - 7.30pm, Pastoral Area consultation meeting: 'Centrality of the Eucharist', Small Hall.

Wednesday, 6th - 12.30pm Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium.

6.30pm, St. Thomas More's School governors' meeting.

Saturday, 9th - 12.30pm, 'Francis' at Park Place Pastoral Centre.

Tuesday, 12th - parish bible study group.

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.

'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 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Electronic Organ

A parishioner wants to donate a Yamaha electronic organ which he is no longer able to play. If you are interested (viewing is essential) see Fr. Tom.

Jumble Sale

Many thanks to a band of hard workers. We had a great jumble sale and made £307 for parish funds.

Age Does Matter

We become 21. We turn 30. We push 40. We reach 50. We make it to 60. We hit 70. We get into our 80's. We pass 90 and we get a telegram from the Queen!

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

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

Sun, 3rd - 11.00am Mass

Mon, 4th - 9.30am Mass (*Joyce King's Intentions*)

Weds, 6th - 9.30am Mass (*The McCann Family's Intentions*)

Sat, 9th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*John Deary RIP*)

Sun, 10th - 11.00am Mass (*Ann Murphy's Intentions*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

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

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

Tues, 5th - 10.00am Mass (*Dora Hartnell RIP*)

Sat, 9th - 10.30am Mass (*Moray Family*)

Sun, 10th - 9.00am Mass (*Jack Luddy RIP*)

Sun, 10th - 6.00pm Mass (*Kitty Martin RIP*)

Parish Website: www.rchavant.org.uk or www.rc-havant.org.uk

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