



Saturday, 13th - Sunday, 21st February, 2010. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lent in the Pastoral Area 2010

The Stewardship Committee of St. Joseph's parish has organised the followed 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).

'Lent 2010

Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass in St Joseph's at 9.30am and again in St. Thomas' at 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.

Lent house groups for Churches Together will be up and running (see elsewhere in newsletter for details) so please sign the form on St. Joseph's notice board if you would like to join in.

Information on the pastoral area meetings is also available in the newsletter and we expect a big turnout at all five meetings.

As in former years, there will be a spiritual preparation for Easter at 4.00pm on each Sunday of Lent in St. Joseph's Church, starting on Sunday, 21st February.

Emsworth Postcode

In recent months, two people have requested the postcode for Ss. Thomas' Church, Emsworth. The code will, in future, appear as part of the standing information on the newsletter - PO10 7QP.

The Life of Christ

The Wintershall play will take place each day on the estate from 29th June to 4th July. It starts at 10.30am and goes on until 5.30pm approximately. Also this year, there will be a performance of the Passion in Trafalgar Square at 3.15pm on Good Friday, 2nd April.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter

Attached to the newsletter this week, is the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent 2010. Some of you will have received this electronically already. If you would like to receive important material by email, please make sure the parish has your email address by sending it to: - tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com

Haiti Collection for CAFOD

The retiring collection for Haiti was a staggering £1,221.86 which is four to five times our average retiring collection. Many thanks for your outstanding generosity. Willie Willerton sent a cheque plus one more for £20 to CAFOD last Tuesday.

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.

World Youth Day and the Way of St. James

David Hill, the Diocesan Youth Officer, is currently organising travel arrangements for World Youth Day in Madrid (16th-21st August, 2011). Fr. Tom has proposed doing part of the great walk of St. James, 10 days prior to the gathering in Madrid. Walkers must be 18 or over, able to walk 10-15 miles a day in mixed terrain and warm weather. Prior training is essential. Further information is in the church porch and interest should be shown before the summer this year.

St. Joseph's Catholic Parish of Havant and Emsworth

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Walk Through the Old Testament

A day seminar that will enable you to arrange the major people, places and events of the Old Testament in chronological order so that you can read the Bible with far greater understanding.

Already attended by 80,000 people in the UK, the seminar takes place on Saturday, 20th March from 9.30 for 9.45am-5.00pm in the Parish Hall, Church Path, Emsworth and costs £14 (payable before the day) which includes a Seminar Manual. You will need to bring a packed lunch, but other refreshments will be provided.

Please contact Peter Agius on (023) 92476868 or peter@agius.biz as soon as possible, if you wish to attend.

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 are limited.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday, 6th March - Parish quiz night.

Saturday, 20th March - Social gathering for our Parish Feast Day and St. Patrick's Day. Featuring the Irish School of Dancing.

Saturday, 3rd April - Easter Vigil.

Sunday, 4th April - Easter Sunday.

Monday, 5th April - Car Boot Sale.

Sunday, 13th June - 1st Holy Communion day.

Christian Youth Enterprises Sailing Centre, www.cye.org.uk

We are a residential Christian Outdoor Activity Centre based in Chidham specialising in water-based activities for children and young people. Groups, comprising mainly schools and youth groups, come to experience the splendour of the outdoors under the careful guidance of our team and, importantly, experience the Gospel. All of our employees share the Christian Faith and attend local churches of various denominations. We are currently offering the following job vacancies: -

Catering/Household Assistant

A hard working, sociable and Christian individual required for flexible working days between 20 and 25 hours per week to assist the Catering Manager. Catering duties will include shopping for provisions, cooking, cleaning, washing up, clearing and food preparation. Household duties include changing beds and linen, washing and occasional ironing. Weekend duty will be required on average once a month. Employment from March-October with potential for a future full-time position.

Administration Assistant

A hard working, sociable and Christian individual required for flexible working days between 10 – 15 hours per week to assist the Finance & Administration Manager and, occasionally, Centre Manager. Applicant must be computer literate, have good typing skills and be generally organised in order to assist with event bookings, letter writing, database work, telephone answering, acceptance of deliveries, occasional dictation and general administrative duties. Employment required from March-October with potential for a future full-time position.

Activity Staff – Gap Year Scheme

We are currently recruiting people to join our activity team for 2010/11. Extensive training will be given to take a front line role in the delivery of multi activity programmes for a wide range of groups. Applicants must be committed Christians, passionate about sharing the Gospel message with young people in an exciting and challenging outdoor environment. Some sailing or kayaking experience is beneficial but not essential. Full board and accommodation is provided along with a monthly allowance of £140. Some fundraising is required and support is given in this area. Gap year positions run annually from September -August.

For further information, please call CYESC Office on (01243) 573375.

St. Joseph's Parish Quiz Night

Our annual parish Quiz Night is on Saturday, 6th March at 7.30pm in the church hall. This should be a fun, family evening. If you are fed up with shouting the answers at a T.V. screen, why not make a team, as big as you like, and come along and see how well you can do. There will also be a raffle.

Please bring your own food and drink.

Readings This Weekend

- † **First Reading** Jeremiah 17: 5-8
- † **Psalms** 1
- † **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
- † **Gospel** Luke 6: 17, 20-26



St. Joseph's Church, 134 West Street, Havant, Hants PO9 1LP
Ss. Thomas' Church, New Brighton Road, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7QP.

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.

Mail Drop

People living in half of Victoria Road, Emsworth, will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that they are in our prayers.

Please note that not a week goes by that we do not receive a favourable comment on this wonderful form of outreach. Many thanks to those who mail drop 100 letters each week.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches

A simple meal in return for a donation at Emsworth Pastoral Centre, Emsworth Square, from 12 noon on Wednesdays, starting on 24th February and ending on 31st March. Please come along and support Christian Aid.

A. & B. Pilgrimage

This year - St David's - 14th to 29th August. Our route starts at Cardigan, where we will visit the National Shrine of Wales. Ceredigion Coast Path to Aberystwyth, Llanddewi Brefi, Haverfordwest and the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. Please see poster in church porch. Application forms from Fr. Tom.

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 also 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.

Peggy Stafford RIP

We offer our sympathy to Les Stafford on the death of his wife, Peggy, last week. Her funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 3rd March at 10.30am in Ss. Thomas', Emsworth. May she rest in peace. There will be no Mass in St. Joseph's that morning.

Attachments to the Newsletter

This week there are two attachments to the newsletter - a letter from the Bishop for Lent and the February edition of the 'Good Steward'.

Audience with the Royal Air Force

The Royal Air Force has invited Fr. Tom to 'An Audience' on Thursday, 11th March, 7.00pm-9.00pm, at The Venue, Spur Road, Chichester PO19 8PR. Fr. Tom cannot attend but if you wish to go, please ring him as soon as possible.

Diary

Sunday, 14th - 12.15pm, Baptism of Angel Grace.

Monday, 15th - Parish Finance Committee meeting.

Tuesday, 16th - 2.30pm 'Living our Faith' meeting, Basingstoke.

Tuesday, 16th - Alpha meeting at 7.00pm.

Wednesday, 18th - Ash Wednesday, 9.30am Mass at St. Joseph's, 7.30pm Mass at Ss. Thomas'.

Friday, 20th - Family Fast day.

Sunday, 21st - 'Preparation for Easter', 4.00pm at St. Joseph's.

Monday, 22nd - Lenten House group, 10.00am in the presbytery.

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

Reconciliation

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

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 13th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Florence Payne RIP & Tom Lillywhite RIP*)

Sun, 14th - 11.00am Mass
(*Joseph West RIP*)

Mon, 15th - 9.30am Mass (*People of the Parish, especially John Sone's Family*)

Weds, 17th - 9.30am Mass
(*Richard & Elizabeth Knapp, Junior & Family RIP*)

Sat, 20th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Fr. Maurice Twomey RIP*)

Sun, 21st - 11.00am Mass
(*Ken Martin RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 14th - 9.00am Mass
(*Derek Brown RIP*)

Sun, 14th - 6.00pm Mass

Tues, 16th - 10.00am Mass
(*Mabel Jean Quimaud RIP*)

Sat, 20th - 10.30am Eucharistic Service

Sun, 21st - 9.00am Mass
(*Brendan O'Dowda RIP*)

Sun, 21st - 6.00pm Mass
(*Elizabeth Mary Brien RIP*)

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