



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

Saturday, 23rd - Sunday 31st, 2009. 7th Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Sunday, 31st May

If you come from another country other than the U.K. and you speak your native language, you are most welcome to do one of the readings in your language on Pentecost Sunday. For your reference, the readings are:

Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm 104 and Galatians 5 16: 25

If you would like to offer your linguistic help, please see Fr. Tom.

Speaking up for CAFOD - 6th June

CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a special training day for anyone interested in speaking about CAFOD in their local community. The day will be held from 10.30am to 4.30pm at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's, Queens Road, Aldershot. Numbers are limited so please ring CAFOD Portsmouth on (01252) 329385 to book a place. Alternatively, email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Summer Fair, Saturday, 27th 12 noon to 3.00pm.

Help is needed on Friday, 26th from 10.00am to 2.00pm to set up the stalls and general preparation. Help is also needed on the day from 10.00am. Donations of unwanted gifts and new items are needed for the Grand Draw. We also need items for the bottle stall, tombola, groceries, books, toiletries, jewellery, cakes and cake ingredients, as well as glassware and nearly new clothes. Offers should be made to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230. Raffle tickets will be distributed after all Masses this weekend.

Christian Aid Shop

Many thanks to all those who helped at the Christian Aid shop in St. Faith's Church Hall. A total of £8,936 was raised in the 2 weeks the shop was open. Vi Freeston would like to thank all those who helped her in the kitchen and on the refreshments stand. Many made cakes while others helped her out.

Christians Together in Emsworth

An outdoor service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31st at 10.30am in the grounds of the Baptist Church in North Street. Suitable for all ages. Indoors if raining.

Mary Short RIP

Mary's Requiem Mass will be at 10.00am on Friday, 29th May at St. Joseph's. Everybody is welcome. Family flowers only - donations in lieu to the Ambulance Service through Lucy.

Mass will be followed by private cremation at Porchester Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Annual Mass for Blessed Margaret Pole

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

Car Boot Sale, Monday 25th

Our next car boot sale will be at St. Joseph's Church from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Car 'booters' can be there to set up from 7.00am onwards. Cars £6, vans £8. Help is needed in the kitchen and to run the church table. Any help would be appreciated. All offers to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230. This is usually a great opportunity to buy plants at reasonable prices!

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

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Mail Drop

People living in Ronan Way, Queen Anne's Drive, Norman Way and Belmont Grove will receive a letter this week stating that we will be praying for them.

Mystery Tour

Meet at Havant Bus Station at 9.30am sharp on Thursday, 28th May.

Welcome

Welcome to Nicholas, Kathleen, Shannon, Finola and Declan Hickey, the children of Finbarr and Shannonann who were baptised in St. Joseph's last Sunday.

Wedding Bells

Many congratulations to David Roast and Sarah Hall (daughter of Richard & Liz) who were married in St. Joseph's this Saturday.

APF

All members and friends are invited to the annual APF/Mill Hill get-together at St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead on Sunday, 7th June, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm. Tea and refreshments will be served after Mass.

Diary

Sunday, 24th - 12.15pm Baptism.

Monday, 25th - Car boot sale.

Tuesday, 26th - Parish Bible study group. All welcome. More details from Liam (01243) 379646.

Thursday, 28th - Mystery tour.

Saturday, 30th - 2.00pm 1st Holy Communion children's session.

6.30pm - annual Mass for Blessed Margaret Pole.

Havant Arts Trail

Many thanks to those who exercised the ministry of welcome for the Arts Trail last weekend. Thanks also to Richard for being the contact with the organisers.

Open Morning, St. Thomas More's School

This year our open morning will be on Monday, 6th July from 9.30am until 11.30am. At 11.00am some of our musicians and singers will 'entertain' you. This gives them an opportunity to have a real audience to perform to.

All of the children in the school would be delighted to see their parents that morning. It is not just for new families. If your child is moving into KS2 you may want to have a look at the type of work that the children are expected to do. This applies to all year groups. Join us for part or all of the morning and stay for a cup of tea or coffee.

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at Masses next weekend. All donations of materials such as Flash, Cif will be very gratefully received.

The Justice and Peace group will be holding a sponsored walk for CA-FOD on the evening of Tuesday, 23rd June. It will be 5 miles - Emsworth to Langstone and back. If you would like to take part contact Nigel Miller on (01243) 373039 for a form. The group will also be asking for your support after Masses next month.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the PPC is on Monday, June 1st. If you would like to have something included on the agenda, please let a member of the council know by Monday, 25th. The members can be recognised by the photos in the church porch or e-mail newsletter_havant_emsworth@fsmail.net.

First Holy Communion 2009

Sunday, 7th June is First Holy Communion Day. Five parents have opted to have their children make their First Holy Communion at the 9.00am Mass at Ss. Thomas, while 11 children will make their First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Mass in St. Joseph's.

Both Parents and Children are now making their final preparations for the very special day.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 23rd - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Canon J.J. Daly RIP*)

Sun, 24th - 11.00am Mass (*Mary Carlin RIP*)

Mon, 25th - 9.30am Mass (*Mary Claire Tibbetts RIP*)

Weds, 27th - 9.30am Mass (*Theresa Mary Mitchell RIP*)

Fri, 29th - 10.00am Requiem Mass for **Mary Short RIP**

Sat, 30th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Edith A. Winstanley & Family RIP*)

Sun, 31st - 11.00am Mass

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 24th - 9.00am Mass (*Ambre Beautista RIP*)

Sun, 24th - 6.00pm Mass (*People of the Parish*)

Tues, 26th - 10.00am Mass (*Nan Farr RIP*)

Sat, 30th - 10.30am Mass

(*Deceased members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families*)

Sun, 31st - 9.00am Mass (*Tom Campbell RIP*)

Sun, 31st - 6.00pm Mass

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

Newsletter articles to: rchavant@googlemail.com

Forthcoming Feast Days

24th May - Feast of the Ascension.

30th May - Feast of Blessed Margaret Pole.

31st May - Pentecost.

7th June - Feast of the Holy Trinity. (Also 1st Holy Communion day)

14th June - Corpus Christi.

21st June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

22nd June - St. Thomas More and John Fisher.

28th June - Ss. Peter and Paul.

5th July - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thereafter there is a straight run to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, except for the Feast of the Assumption which is a Sunday this year as is All Saints.

N.B. This is probably the first year in recent history where all days of obligation have been on a Sunday.

In Memory of David Orde

A Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of David Orde will be held at St. Thomas More's School on 19th June at 7.30 pm. This will be an opportunity for the whole school community who knew and worked with David while he was the Headteacher of St. Thomas More's School, to commemorate and give thanks for his life.

This celebration is for those in the community who were unable to attend his funeral Mass and for those who attended and are now ready to give thanks for his life. It is right and fitting that this should be held at the school. Please let any past pupils, staff, governors and parents that you may be in touch with know that they are all welcome.

Children in Care - Catholic Church in Ireland

Between 1937 and 1978, 25,000 children were placed in the care of religious orders in Ireland. These reformed schools were no better than prisons for children. Some of our parishioners here in Havant spent some time in these industrial schools and I am delighted to say that they have survived in a wonderful way.

Many others were not so lucky and remain victims of the most appalling crimes. You would expect love and compassion from people who were Christians, instead what the children received was physical, sexual and psychological abuse. Many children were abused by different people at the same time.

The problems were compounded by the officials of the Department of Education who turned a blind eye to the abuse. The governments of the day failed in their duty to stop the abuse.

The problems were made even worse when 20 to 30 years ago, victims began to tell their stories. Those religious orders involved went into denial. The Sisters of Mercy were the only ones to come clean right from the start. Files on 18,000 children are still missing.

There can be no justification for what has taken place in the name of the Catholic Church. Nobody should make excuses for an evil system that has caused great damage to so many people.

Those who are still living who have caused this damage should be brought to justice: priests, nuns, brothers and bishops.

The Ascension of the Lord

Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20.

The number forty is always the perfect number in the Bible. These days between Easter Sunday and Ascension is the perfect time. In our Sunday and week day readings, we have related wonderful accounts of the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection.

Jesus encourages his friends to make a great leap of faith that while he will no longer be with them physically, he will be present with them in different ways. The Feast of the Ascension closes the period of transition. With the friends of the Lord and, as his friends, we look forward to the Holy Spirit who begins a new mission in us.

McDonalds, Havant

The above premises has a business application to open on Fridays and Saturdays until 3.00am. Even with the 11.00pm closings we have already, we have a great deal of litter thrown over the wall into church property. This will get worse. Traffic, noise and vandalism will also increase. Once McDonalds gets permission to open until 3.00am, all the other fast food 'restaurants' will also seek permission.

If you object to this application, write your protests to: Mr. David Eaves, Senior Development Control Planner, Development Control, Havant Borough Council, Civic Offices, Havant, PO9 2AX or use a copy of the protest letter at the back of St. Joseph's.

Living Our Faith ---Fund Raising for the Diocese of Portsmouth

Attached to the Newsletter this week is an information sheet on the first reason why the Diocese is aiming to raise £9 Million. There will be a similar attachment for the next three week with a focus on all four reasons for the campaign. The generosity of our Parishioners continues to astonish the Fund Raising Committee. For example, as a result of the appeal by JJ Price and John Kieran last week-end we received two cheques for £2000 through the Presbytery letter box on Monday morning.. Many thanks to all those concerned.