



**St. Joseph's & Ss. Thomas - Catholic Parish of Havant & Emsworth Newsletter**  
**Saturday, 31st - Sunday 8th November, 2009. Feast of All Saints**

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Today's Feast is about links, links between those who are alive and those from past centuries who have remained faithful to Christ. Today, we reaffirm our calling to be saints and take heart from those who have gone before us.

**November Cemetery Visits**

The first of our cemetery visits is this Sunday at 11.50am, after Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**November List of the Dead**

Envelopes are now available for all the names of your deceased so that these can be placed on the altar during the month of November.

**Thank You**

*"On behalf of the children in years 3 and 4 at St. Thomas More's School, a big thank to all our visitors to our Second World War story day. The children found everyone's stories very interesting and enjoyed sharing their singing and dancing talents. Also, having such a lot of enthusiastic visitors helped give the children a real sense of community support. At school we hope to continue with more of these cross generational events as a chance to share stories, memories and faith, encouraging friendship and building a sense of community. This event was very worthwhile and I hope people will continue to build on this great start. We look forward to welcoming more visitors soon!"* Maureen

**Advent Day of Prayer**

Wednesday, 9th December, Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville, 10.00am to 3.00pm Bring a packed lunch.

**Christmas Bazaar**

This year's Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 28th November from 12 noon to 3.00p.m. Help is needed on Thursday, 26th, 10.00am to 12.00 noon to set up stalls and on Friday, 27th, 10.00am to 2.00pm to prepare the stalls and also on the day itself. All offers to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

We are now appealing for items including toiletries, jewellery, bric-a-brac, toys, plants, bottles for the bottle stall, groceries, cakes and/or cake ingredients, small jars filled with sweets, etc., glassware and books, videos and DVD's. We are also looking for prizes for the tombola and Grand Draw. Please mark these clearly as prizes. Raffle tickets for the Grand Draw will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please take and sell as many as possible.

**Thank You**

*"A belated thank you to all who supported the cycling and walking event on Sunday, 4th October. 20 cycle orienteering teams and a respectable number of walkers raised £500 for the Piam Brown Ward and St. Wilfrid's Hospice in Chichester and consumed all the cakes!"* Simon O'Hea

**Many Thanks**

*"Many thanks for your prayers, support and good wishes whilst I have been in hospital. Very much appreciated. Lovely to be home!"* Wyn and Annie McCabe

**A Stewardship Community**

*"When people are willing and eager God joins in."* Aeschylus

**Contact Father Tom Grufferty**

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## Kathleen Geoghegan RIP

Kathleen was a parishioner of St. Joseph's for many years. She died in her sleep last Tuesday. She was Margaret Tandy's sister. Her funeral arrangements are as follows: -  
Vigil Reception - Thursday, 5th November, 4.30pm.  
Requiem Mass - Friday, 6th - at 12 noon in St. Joseph's.  
May she rest in peace. All welcome.

## St. Edmund's, Horndean

There will be a barn dance on Saturday, 14th November at Cowplain Activity Centre. Price £25 for families, £10 for individuals, which includes a hot supper. For details or tickets, please contact Peter Butler on (023) 9261 5497.

## The Christ We Share

22nd-24th January, 2010, Hallmark Hotel, Bournemouth. This weekend is for those involved in youth work, catechists, ministers of Holy Communion, justice and peace groups, stewardships teams, welcomers, RCIA, Alpha, in fact all parish workers. Residential cost per person is £195 and non-residential cost is £30 which does include supper. The parish will subsidise parishioners who wish to attend. Bookings by mid-October. Please contact Fr. Tom.

## 'Life Rose Petal Service'

Life Rose Petal Service of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, 7th November at 3.00pm at St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park for those who have lost a baby before or soon after birth. If you are mourning the loss of a baby through still-birth, miscarriage or abortion or in the first year of life, then we hope you will gain comfort from knowing that others care. Contact Ros Cuthbert on (023) 9279 3085.

## 9.00am Repository - A little of Your Time Needed!

Following Theresa's retirement from the 9.00am repository, replacement(s) are needed if the repository is to be kept open on a weekly basis. It's a simple task. The stock is obtained and individually priced at St Joseph's Church in Havant. All that is needed is a little of your time before and after Mass. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with Liam at the repository.

## Mail Drop

People living in Ernest Road will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

## Diocese of Bamenda Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Bamenda this weekend. There is a leaflet available which explains some of the work involved.

## Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be conducting a Fairtrade sale at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 1st November. The group is also looking for someone who could run this at that Mass in future months.

## Diary

**Monday, 2nd** - 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee meeting.

**Tuesday, 3rd** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting. 'How Does God Guide Us?'

**Tuesday, 3rd** - Parish bible study group - all welcome. More details from Liam (01243) 379646.

**Thursday, 5th** - 4.30pm Funeral Reception of Kathleen Geoghegan RIP.

**Friday, 6th** - 12 noon Requiem Mass for Kathleen Geoghegan RIP.

**Monday, 9th** - Stewardship meeting.

**Wednesday, 11th** - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting in the presbytery. Theme, 'Welcoming'.

**Saturday, 14th** - 2.00pm 1st Holy Communion meeting in St. Joseph's Hall. Theme, 'Welcoming'.

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 31st** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Rev. Joseph McAllister RIP)

**Sun, 1st** - 11.00am Mass (Lorna Hayes RIP)

**Mon, 2nd** - 9.30am Mass  
(Albert & Kate Frankland RIP)

**Weds, 4th** - 9.30am Mass  
(Rev. David Morgan RIP & Charles Messam RIP)

**Fri, 6th** - 12 noon Requiem Mass for  
**Kathleen Geoghegan RIP**  
7.00pm Mass (Sheila Kelly RIP)

**Sat, 7th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Deceased Members of Nell Jones Family RIP)

**Sun, 8th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Irene Agnes Moss RIP)

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 1st** - 9.00am Mass

**Sun, 1st** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Catholics buried in Warblington Cemetery &  
Canon J.J. Daly RIP)

**Tues, 3rd** - 10.00am Mass (Neil Price RIP)

**Sat, 7th** - 10.30am Mass  
(Rev. John Knapp RIP)

**Sun, 8th** - 9.00am Mass (Neil Price RIP)

**Sun, 8th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Joseph West RIP)

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