



Havant Pastoral Area

Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's, Havant and Emsworth
Saturday, 5th - Sunday, 13th June, 2010. Corpus Christi

First Holy Communions 2010

Next Sunday we welcome the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time, and their parents and families. It is a very special day for very special people who are at the heart of our community.

They began their preparation for this day last September. We have explored with them different aspects of the Mass. These themes we discussed at adult level and at the child's level. Jacky Chong did wonders both with the parents but especially the children.

In praying for the children, we wish them a happy day next Sunday. Please note that two children will make their 1st Holy Communion at the 9.00am Mass and fifteen at the 11.00am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration for May

Many thanks to all those who took part in Eucharistic Adoration for the Fridays of May in Havant and Emsworth.

Conference for Priests

The Bishop has invited all the priests of the diocese to take part in an overnight conference in Bournemouth, 8th-9th June. The Conference is called "The Priest in Christian Partnership".

Corpus Christi

The Eucharist is a miracle, the presence of Christ is a miracle. What we offer is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Sometimes we offer very little and we get little back, other times we offer everything and we get back sometimes 30, 50 or even 100 fold.

In the Mass we receive 'life in abundance' when we have offered in abundance. The Council gives clear guidance on the Mass "both perfectly signifies and wonderfully effects the sharing of God's Life and unity of God's people by which the Church exists. It is the summit of both the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and the worship we offer..." (Sacred Liturgy, Chapter 1, 28-20).

Not only is the Body and Blood of the Lord a miracle but clearly too is a covenant with God that is renewal every time we celebrate Mass. At Mass we proclaim "the death of the Lord until he comes".

Car Boot Sale

Many thanks to all those who helped at the car boot sale last Monday. We made £683 for the parish in the sale of pitches, refreshments in the Small Hall and at the parish stall.

'Stewardship - Follow Me'

An afternoon of reflection on Saturday, 26th June from 2.30pm - 5.30pm at Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke, RG22 6SR. Booking forms available at the back of the church.

St. Thomas More's School

St. Thomas More's Primary School in Hooks Lane, Bedhampton, is holding an open morning on Wednesday, 30th June from 9.30am to 11.30am with a musical presentation at 11.00am. Parents, relatives, parishioners, friends and neighbours are all most welcome.

Invocation 2010

Invocation 2010 is a national discernment festival for young adults which will be held in the grounds of St. Mary's College, Oscott in the Archdiocese of Birmingham from July 2nd - 4th, 2010.

This national festival is aimed at young men and women aged 16-35, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ, discern God's will for their lives and at least be open to the possibility of priesthood or consecrated life. This could be a really great experience! Please go to the website www.invocation.org.uk where more information and a booking form are available. The parish will pay the £50 fee for this event.

If you do decide to go perhaps you could let your priest know so that Fr Mark Hogan, our Vocations Promoter can say 'hullo', as he will be there. Do contact Fr. Mark on 01256 323595, if you have any questions or thoughts.

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Mail Drop

People living in Birch Tree Drive, Birch Tree Close and Winfield Way will receive a letter from the parish this week with our prayers.

St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School

Administrative Assistant required, 12.5 hours per week, 2.45pm - 5.15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. Required to start September 2010. Would you like to work in a friendly, busy environment? Do you enjoy office work and have good organisational skills? We need someone experienced using word processing skills who is able to do basic accounting tasks – extended services bookings and invoicing, collections, etc. First aid would be an advantage.

If you would like any further information, please contact Carol Wilson, Administration Manager, (023) 9247 5909. Application forms and job description available on request. Closing date: 12.00noon, 21st June. email: admin@st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk

Emsworth Repository

The Emsworth 9.00am repository will be closed next weekend, 13th. It is open as usual this weekend and will be again on the 20th.

Reconciliation

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

Parish Summer Fair

Our parish Summer Fair is on Saturday, 26th June from 12 noon to 3.00pm. It is a great social occasion and any new ideas would be very welcome. Is there someone who would arrange games for the children? Equipment provided.

Grand Draw prizes are needed - please mark clearly. We also need glassware, jewellery, toiletries, books, home-made jams, toys, bottles for the bottle stall, cakes or cake ingredients, groceries, filled jars of sweets, plants, bric-a-brac.

Help will be needed on Friday, 25th June from 10.00am to 2.00pm to help set up and on the day itself. Contact Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230.

Raffle tickets are available after all Masses.

Gregorian Chant Workshop

There will be a Gregorian Chant Workshop in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, 12th June led by the Abbot of Farnborough Abbey. All are welcome, both beginners and advanced students. Fee £15. The workshop begins at 10.00am and concludes with Vespers and Benediction at 4.00pm. To register, contact chantnetwork@gmail.com or tel. (023) 9286 2384.

Diary

Sunday, 6th - Corpus Christi. 12.15pm Baptism.

Monday, 7th - 7.30pm Meeting for all the Parish Financial Secretaries of the P.A.

Tuesday, 8th/Wednesday 9th - Diocesan Clergy Conference in Bournemouth.

Wednesday, 9th - 7.30pm Monthly Meeting of Pastoral Area at St. Edmund's, Horndean.

Friday, 11th - Bishop Crispian lays the foundation for the new church at Waterlooville at 10.30am.

Friday, 11th - 12 noon Funeral Mass for Sandra McDowell RIP in St. Joseph's.

Friday, 11th - Afternoon rehearsals for 1st Holy Communion.

Sunday, 13th - 1st Holy Communion Day at both the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

Monday, 14th/Tuesday 15th - Conference for Priests at Strawberry Hill.

Thursday, 17th - Mystery Tour.

Saturday, 19th - Car Boot Sale for Christian Aid.

Thursday, 24th - 7.30pm Churches Together AGM.

Saturday, 26th - Summer Fair.

Tuesday, 29th - Ss. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation.

Wednesday, 30th - 1st Holy Communion.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 5th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

(Carole Freeston's Intentions)

Sun, 6th - 11.00am Mass

(John & Eileen Loader's Intentions)

Mon, 7th - 9.30am Mass

(Marguerite MacHale RIP)

Weds, 9th - 9.30am **Eucharistic Service**

Sat, 12th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

(Deceased Members of the Bourke, Lillywhite & Willerton Families)

Sun, 13th - 11.00am Mass

(Charles Edward Pratt RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 6th - 9.00am Mass

(Margaret O'Dea RIP)

Sun, 6th - 6.00pm Mass *(Private Intention)*

Tues, 8th - 10.00am **Eucharistic Service**

Sat, 12th - 10.30am Mass

(People of the Parish, especially John Sone's Family)

Sun, 13th - 9.00am Mass

(In Thanksgiving)

Sun, 13th - 6.00pm Mass