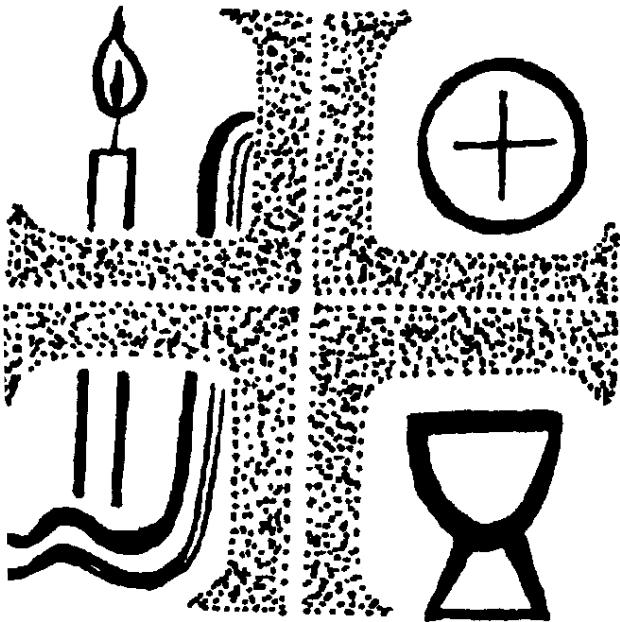


ST. JOSEPH'S & SS. THOMAS CATHOLIC PARISH OF HAVANT & EMSWORTH NEWSLETTER

Saturday, 13th - Sunday 21st, 2009. Corpus Christi



Corpus Christi

For most Catholics the Sunday Mass is our most constant and frequent contact with the church and with our God. Bishop Crispian has a teaching document currently in circulation called 'The Centrality of the Eucharist'. Without the Mass, we fade away or even die.

We believe in the centrality of the Eucharist because Jesus himself is really and truly present in the bread and wine. At every Mass Jesus is there, talking to us, listening to us, loving us and together we return favour.

I often wonder how and when the Mass is a real spiritual experience? Why are we here? What are we doing? These are useful questions on the Feast Day of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Corpus et Sanguis Christi.

Ministry Sunday

Attached to this week's newsletter is the latest notice on Ministry Sunday. Eve Taylor will speak about the Association of the Sisters of Christ in the area.

Living our Faith

Also attached to the newsletter this week is a brief explanation of the fourth reason why we are involved in raising funds for the diocese, the pastoral area and the parish. Before the campaign closes at the end of June, there are a few important tasks to be completed.

Please read the attachments and please collect an information sheet at the end of Mass.

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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart, 19th June

Please note that there will be two Masses for the Feast of the Sacred Heart - 9.30am in St. Joseph's and an evening Mass in St. Thomas More's School at 7.30pm, which will be in thanksgiving for David Orde who was head teacher from 1986 to 2000.

All former pupils are invited to the Mass especially pupils of David's as well as former staff members.

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Mail Drop

Those people living in Pennant Hills and Maple Wood will receive a letter this week stating that we will be praying for them.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence on 27th/28th June which is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

Thought for the Day

Contrary to popular thought, going to Communion is not a sign that we are good. It's a sign that we need to be better. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ is the spiritual medicine that helps us stay close to our God.

St. Richard of Chichester

Feast Day - Tuesday, 16th June. Richard was a model Diocesan Bishop. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners and extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine. He was also a legislator for his Diocese.

Within his Diocese, the laity were obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and to know by heart the Hail Mary, as well as the Lord's Prayer and The Creed.

He was canonised in 1262 and his body was translated behind the High Altar of Chichester Cathedral in 1276 which became a pilgrim centre.

Diary

Sunday, 14th - Corpus Christi.

Monday, 22nd - St. Thomas More and John Fisher.

Saturday, 27th - parish Summer Fair, 12 noon.

Sunday, 28th - Ss. Peter and Paul.

Oaklands Vacancies for September 2009

Cover Supervisor: salary: £14,988 - £16,866 pro rata. Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm, approximately 27 hours per week, term time only. To supervise classes in the absence of their normal teacher. The role will involve facilitating learning.

The successful candidate will require the ability to maintain a good working atmosphere and be helpful to individual students and be comfortable supervising across a full range of subjects.

Pastoral Support and Inclusion Manager: Grade: D Salary: £18,996 – £22,022 pro rata (pay award pending) Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm approximately 37.5 hours per week, term time only.

This is a new role that will have an impact on raising the achievement and attainment of students at Oaklands. The successful candidate will join a strong pastoral system that already provides outstanding support and guidance to students.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

The minutes from last week's Parish Pastoral Council meeting can now be seen on the notice board in both church porches

Mystery Tour

Our next mystery tour will be on Thursday, 30th July. A full day is guaranteed. Leave Bus Station at 7.00am and return at 10.00pm. Passports essential! Book with Fr. Tom.

Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am, St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 13th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Frank Adams RIP*)

Sun, 14th - 11.00am Mass (*Lois Cwickla RIP*)

Mon, 15th - 9.30am Mass (*Reginald Horsfield RIP*)

Weds, 17th - 9.30am Mass (*Lois Cwickla RIP*)

Fri, 19th - 9.30am Mass of The Sacred Heart

Fri, 19th - 7.30pm Mass in Remembrance of David Orde RIP at St. Thomas More's School

Sat, 20th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Bourke, Lillywhite and Willerton Families*)

Sun, 21st - 11.00am Mass (*Fr. David Buckley RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 14th - 9.00am Mass (*Thomas Godley RIP*)

Sun, 14th - 6.00pm Mass (*Fr. John O'Shea's Intentions*)

Tues, 16th - 10.00am Mass (*Fr. Tom McGrath's Intention*)

Sat, 20th - 10.30am Mass (*Ann Walsh RIP*)

Sun, 21st - 9.00am Mass

Sun, 21st - 6.00pm Mass (*Eamon Rafferty RIP*)

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