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

Saturday, 11th - Sunday, 26th April, 2009. Easter Sunday

## Easter 2009

Now that we have had our forty days of fasting, we enter fifty days of feasting - Easter Sunday until the Feast of Pentecost on 31st May (Pentecost means fifty).

The feasting is inspired by the resurrection of Jesus. We have suffered with him, we now rise with him. We have died with him in the waters of baptism and we now share new life with him. That new life includes the powerful promise that Jesus makes,

*"he who believes in me will never die".*

That is true for us and especially those who have found new faith in the risen Lord. We welcome John Lockey, Avril Broderick, Chris Tyler and Deryck Leigh who join us in full communion at our Easter Vigil. We also welcome visitors and newcomers to our community this weekend.

With Easter in us we pray that we will build a holy place where everybody is honoured as a child of God in living the resurrection.

## Confirmation 2009

This year Havant Pastoral area will be celebrating Confirmations on 1st October. We would like to invite young people currently in Year 9 and above, to join our preparation sessions. If you are interested, please complete the application form from the back of church and come along to an enquiry evening on Friday, 1st May with your parents. Our first event will be YEDO Diocesan Youth Day at Oaklands on 17th May. (See below)

## 'Francis', a New Drama

Saturday matinee on 9th May at 2.30pm. Tickets £10 for adults, £8 for children. Gather in St Joseph's and travel together for a picnic lunch in Park Place grounds. As tickets need to be booked, please let Fr. Tom know as soon as possible.

## Association of the Sisters of Christ Coffee Morning for TIKO

A table top sale after the Wednesday morning Mass on 13th May. Please come and support us.

## Jack Luddy RIP

We offer our sympathy to Pat Luddy and her family on the death of Jack last week. His funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 14th April at 10.30am at Ss. Thomas', Emsworth. May he rest in peace.

## YEDO Diocesan Youth Day

On Sunday, 17th May St. Joseph's is invited to take a group to this youth event at Oaklands with Bishop Crispian and Archbishop Cornelius from Bamenda.

The event is open to young people aged 11-18, from 10.30am. Young people will need to be led by responsible CRB checked adults. If you would like to attend or volunteer, please see Fr. Tom.

## Classical Concert

Crispin Ward has announced another concert with Chichester University Chamber Orchestra. This will take place on Saturday, 2nd May at 8.00pm in St Joseph's Church. Tickets (£5, with under 16's free) will be on sale after all weekend Masses from this week. Please see Deirdre or a Pastoral Council member for more details. There will also be a retiring collection at the concert in aid of the 'Outlook Moldova' Charity which supports a hospital, school and residential unit.

## Newsletter

The next newsletter will be on Sunday, 26th April. Items for inclusion should be in later than Wednesday, 22nd.

## Pastoral Centre 25th Anniversary, 16th April, 10.30am

To celebrate this occasion all helpers past and present are invited to the centre for light refreshments and a short service of thanksgiving. Come along and meet old friends. If you would like to help, please contact Cathy Graham on (023) 9247 1191 or come along to the celebration at the Petersfield Methodist Church on the day.

## Mail Drop

People living in Granville Close and Mitchell Road will receive a letter stating that they are in thoughts and prayers this week.

## Important Diary Dates for the Parish

**14th April** - Parish bible study group meeting.

**19th April** - 2nd Sunday of Easter.

**21st April** - 7.00pm at the presbytery. 'What Happens Now?'

**23rd April** - Feast of St. George. 12 noon Funeral Service for Andrew Kennedy RIP at St. Joseph's.

**25th April** - Jumble Sale.

**2nd May** - Chichester University Chamber Orchestra music concert in St. Joseph's.

**4th May** - car boot sale.

**5th May** - Pastoral area consultation.

**9th May** - 'Francis', Park Place.

**25th May** - Car boot sale.

**4th June** - Bishop Crispian will be visiting the pastoral area between 7.00am and 9.00pm

**6th June** - day for new Catholics with Bishop Crispian.

**7th June** - 1st Holy Communion day.

## Jumble Sale, Saturday, 25th April, 11.00am to 1.00pm

Help needed on Friday, 24th from 10.00am and on the day. Offers of help to Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230. Please mark nearly new items.

## Car Boot Sale, Monday, 13th April, 9.00am to 2.00pm

In St. Joseph's car park. Cars £6, vans £8. No need to book, just turn up before 8.00am. Help required in the kitchen and to run the church table. All offers to Deirdre on (023) 9247 2630.

## Christian Walk of Witness, Sunday, 26th April, 3.00pm

Meet at Waterlooville Centre (outside the Halifax Building Society) to walk around the precinct. The purpose of the walk is to ask the Government to restore Christian values and morals in this country.

## Arts Trail

Both our Churches are taking part in this year's Arts Trails, Ss. Thomas on 2nd/3rd May and St. Joseph's on 16th/17th May. We are looking for volunteers to give up an hour or so between 10.00am and 4.00pm to greet visitors and make them welcome - this fits in with our stewardship message for spreading the Word. There will be information leaflets available for both Churches to give out. If you are willing to help, please put your name down on the list in the porch.

## Golden Jubilee Cards for Arts Trail

To mark this year being the Golden Jubilee of Ss Thomas', you are invited to design a card to celebrate the event. The cards should be handed into the Emsworth repository by Sunday, April 19th. They will be displayed during the Arts Trail. Please put your name on the back of the card. Prizes will be awarded.

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 11th** - 6.30pm Easter Vigil (*Antoine de St. Vincent Pere RIP*)

**Sun, 12th** - 11.00am Easter Mass (*Paddy & Mary McDonagh RIP*)

**Mon, 13th** - 9.30am Mass (*Mary Walsh RIP*)

**Weds, 15th** - 9.30am Mass (*People of the Parish especially John Sone's Family & Theresa Mary Mitchell RIP*)

**Sat, 18th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Norah Keane RIP*)

**Sun, 19th** - 11.00am Mass (*George Mitchell's Intentions*)

**Mon, 20th** - 9.30am Mass (*Eileen Roberts RIP*)

**Weds, 22nd** - 9.30am Mass (*Hugh Marston RIP*)

**Sat, 25th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Rt. Rev. Thomas Talbot RIP*)

**Sun, 26th** - 11.00am Mass

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

**Sun, 12th** - 9.00am Easter Mass (*Deacon Vincent Jones RIP*)

**Sun, 12th** - 6.00pm Easter Mass (*Elizabeth Coles RIP*)

**Tues, 14th** - 10.30am Funeral Mass for Jack Luddy RIP

**Sat, 18th** - 10.30am Mass (*James Hartnell RIP*)

**Sun, 19th** - 9.00am Mass (*Paul Lyons RIP*)

**Sun, 19th** - 6.00pm Mass

**Tues, 21st** - 10.00am Mass (*Deceased members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families*)

**Sat, 25th** - 10.30am Mass (*Kate Lillywhite RIP*)

**Sun, 26th** - 9.00am Mass (*Howard Chisnall RIP & Peter Cook RIP*)

**Sun, 26th** - 6.00pm Mass