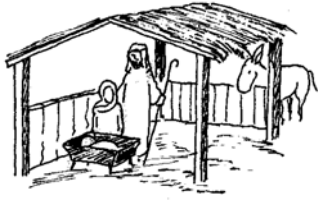




ST. JOSEPH'S & SS. THOMAS CATHOLIC PARISH OF HAVANT & EMSWORTH NEWSLETTER



Saturday, 3rd - Sunday, 11th January 2009. Feast of the Epiphany

CAFOD Appeal

The final amount collected for CAFOD and the people of the Congo, came to £5,063. This is as a result of the talents given out on Sunday, 16th November.

It is a truly remarkable response. Many thanks to all those who responded so generously. The return on £320 given out is astonishing. The most encouraging aspect of the whole exercise was seeing how so many got involved, including our children and young people. Many thanks again.

Christmas Thanks

Fr. Tom wishes to thank all those who helped with the Christmas Masses - altar servers, readers, church cleaners, church decorators. Both churches looked wonderfully festive so thanks also go to the crib builders, flower arrangers, those who prepared for Masses, musicians and singers. The music at all the Masses was very special but the music at the 6.30p.m. was extra special.

Thanks also go to our special ministers, some of whom took Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on Christmas Day itself - that did not go unnoticed.

Thanks also for your cards and presents. You were outstandingly generous with your Christmas offerings.

School Governor

Bishop Crispian is looking to appoint a foundation governor to St. Thomas More's School. The term of office is 4 years. Fr. Tom has the application form.

British Legion

Olive Rush, the local British Legion fundraiser, has written to thank us for the collection boxes for the poppy appeal. We collected £66 of a total of £26,128 for Havant and Emsworth.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration will start again on Monday, 5th January at the usual time.

Continuing Alpha

We had a very successful Alpha programme in the Autumn last year. In 2009 we continue with what is called 'Catholic Alpha'. This focuses on the teaching of the Catholic Church. It will start on 13th January and will continue until Easter. Everybody welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

I am happy to tell you that the midday prayers at different churches have been reinstated this year. Here are the dates and places:-

Monday, 19th January - Havant United Reformed Church.

Tuesday, 20th - St. Faith's Church.

Wednesday, 21st - St. Joseph's, followed by soup and bread.

Thursday, 22nd - Bedhampton Methodist Church, Hulbert Road.

Friday, 23rd - Havant Methodist Church, Petersfield Road.

Fr. Tom Grufferty. 134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP. tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com - (023) 9248 4520

Mail Drop

This week's letters will be delivered to the people living in Fuchsia Close, Lilac Close and Snowberry Crescent. We include these people in our prayers.

Catholic Bible School

Saturday, 10th January - 'Reconciliation, the Journey we must all Take' study day, 10.00a.m. - 3.30p.m.

Thursday, 15th - 'Me and the Gospel', a new, exciting 6-evening course, 7.45p.m. - 9.45p.m.

Saturday, 24th - 'The Word of God and the Word Gifts', study day, 10.00a.m. - 3.30p.m.

Parish Diary

Sunday, 4th - Feast of the Epiphany.

Tuesday, 6th - 2.00p.m. School Mass at St. Thomas More's.

Thursday, 8th - 7.30p.m. Churches Together meeting at the presbytery.

Sunday, 11th - Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Ministry Sunday, parish hall, Ecumenism and Christian Aid.

Monday, 12th - start of Ordinary Time, Cycle 1, Psalter week 1.

Tuesday, 13th - 7.00p.m. 'Explore the Catholic Church' programme.

Sunday, 18th - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 6.30p.m. United Service at St. Thomas' Church, Bedhampton. Fr. Tom is the preacher.

Wednesday, 21st - 12 noon, prayers in St. Joseph's, 6.30p.m. school governors' meeting.

Saturday, 24th - 7.30p.m. parish quiz night.



Something Different for the New Year?

The first meeting of the parish bible study group will be on Tuesday, 6th. If you would like to take up something different for the New Year, we would be delighted for you to join us. For more information, please contact Liam on (01243) 379646.

Your Prayers Please

Your prayers are requested for Eileen Hutton and Hiram Wynn-Potts, both of whom are in Havant War Memorial Hospital and also for Ann Bishop who is in Q.A.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 3rd - 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass for the **Feast of the Epiphany**
(People of the Parish)

Sun, 4th - 11.00a.m. Mass for the **Feast of the Epiphany**

Mon, 5th - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Richard & Elizabeth Knapp, Senior & Family RIP)

Weds, 7th - 9.15a.m. Morning Prayer, 9.30a.m. Mass
(Dora Hartnell RIP)

Sat, 10th - 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass
(Deceased members of the Bennett Family)

Sun, 11th - 11.00a.m. Mass (Mgr. Louis Hall RIP)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 4th - 9.00a.m. Mass for the **Feast of the Epiphany**
(Walter & Kathleen Kenna RIP)

Sun, 4th - 6.00p.m. Mass for the **Feast of the Epiphany**
(Maria & Anthony Wawzyniak RIP)

Tues, 6th - 10.00a.m. Mass (Mary Claire Tibbets RIP)

Sat, 10th - 10.30a.m. Mass (Rose Daly RIP)

Sun, 11th - 9.00a.m. Mass (Deceased members of Harmer, Riddell, Tees and Beautista Families)

Sun, 11th - 6.00p.m. Mass (Andrew Mullreaney RIP)