



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

Saturday, 26th - Sunday 4th October, 2009. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

As a parish we will thank God this weekend for all the good things of the year. You are invited to express your thanks by bringing something to Mass for the Offertory Procession. Please bring your donation up in the offertory so that your offering is focused on the Eucharist which is the ultimate expression of our thanks to God. The food will be distributed to the needy over the following few days.

The Personal Safety of the Priest and Anybody Else Working/Using the Presbytery

Recently a parishioner revealed the supposed whereabouts of Fr. Tom. When the disclosure was discovered to be untrue a few minutes later, he was threatened in a serious manner with false accusations made. Priests are often physically assaulted in their presbyteries as are other people who work there. A few clergy have

been killed in recent years.

These incidents emphasise the serious nature of telling total strangers the movements of the priest. There is no need to reveal to anybody the whereabouts of the priest, whether he is on holiday, on his day off or in residence - it is no-one's business. If there is an urgency, there is enough information on the church notice boards. What is casually said has sometimes serious consequences.

Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.

N.B. Only people who are authorised should answer the presbytery door, regardless of who is ringing the bell.

Prayers Please

Please pray for Terry Flynn who is in hospital at the moment.

St. Thomas More's School

This week marks a new phase in our parish school with the opening of three new classrooms behind where the swimming pool once was. These new classrooms have state of the art equipment. Many congratulations to all those involved and happy learning to those using the new classrooms.

1st Friday Mass

Apologies about not being able to hold the first Friday Mass this Friday due to the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting in Park Place. For the same reason there is a Eucharistic Service on Saturday morning.

Lead on Church Roofs

For a number of years, thieves have stolen lead from churches over the country. Two local Catholic churches have recently been badly affected. If you see anybody working on our church properties you have every right to question them. Please take car or van registration numbers and use your mobile to take photographs, etc.

It should be noted that we have recently bar coded all the lead flashing on our buildings so that if it is stolen and sold on, it can be identified with a specific building.

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Diary

Monday, 28th - Pastoral Council meeting in the presbytery at 7.00pm.

Tuesday, 29th - 7.00pm Alpha course. First meeting. Theme, 'Who is Jesus?'

Tuesday, 29th - 7.30pm Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton meeting.

Wednesday, 30th - Blessing of 3 new classrooms at St. Thomas More's School.

Wednesday, 30th - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting in the presbytery.

Thursday, 1st October - 7.30pm Bishop Crispian will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park.

Friday, 2nd/Saturday, 3rd - Diocesan Pastoral Council at Park Place Centre.

Wedding Bells

Many congratulations to Georgie Windebank and Philip Hoile who were married in St. Josephs this Saturday, 26th. We wish the happy couple Godspeed.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting for the Parish Pastoral Council is on September 28th. If you would like to have something included on the agenda for this meeting, please inform a member of the pastoral council or e-mail rcHavEms@googlemail.com

Month of the Rosary

With October being the month of the rosary, we are invited to say a decade of the rosary after the weekday Masses throughout this month. A decade will also be said a quarter of an hour before the start of the 9.00am Sunday Mass in Emsworth.

E-Newsletter

If you registered to receive the E-Newsletter but have not been receiving it lately, could you please e-mail rcHavEms@googlemail.com or register again on the www.rchavant.org.uk website's homepage.

Mail Drop

People living in Kingscroft, Brockhampton Lane and Southmoor Lane will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

Living our Faith

This popular booklet which has a daily reflection for the next three months is now available from the back of the church. Price £1.

The Relics of St. Theresa

I hope some parishioners were able to get to the Cathedral last week. Bishop Crispian has written to say that for the 26 hours that the relics were in the Cathedral, there was intense prayer and devotion. The Cathedral remained open all night and an estimated 4,500 went to pray. The relics continue their journey around England until 16th October.

Catholics in Emsworth, 1959-2009

We have received a letter of thanks from the Chairman of Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust thanking the parish for the exhibition during August. The museum had over 500 visitors during the month and from the favourable comments in the visitors' book the exhibition was considered a great success. Many thanks to all those who helped with this new venture.

Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am

Saturday - St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 26th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Thomas, Margaret, Mary & Bernard Clark RIP*)

Sun, 27th - 11.00am Mass
(*Josephine Carpenter RIP*)

Mon, 28th - 9.30am Mass
(*Canon James Daly RIP*)

Weds, 30th - 9.30am Mass
(*Herbert & Monica Barlow RIP*)

Sat, 3rd - 6.30pm Vigil Mass
(*Emily Clara Bramble-Green RIP*)

Sun, 4th - 11.00am Mass

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

Sun, 27th - 9.00am Mass
(*Canon Derek Brown RIP*)

Sun, 27th - 6.00pm Mass
(*Marguerite McHale RIP*)

Tues, 29th - 10.00am Mass
(*Mary Claire Tibbetts RIP*)

Sat, 3rd - 10.30am Eucharistic Service

Sun, 4th - 9.00am Mass (*Gordon Riddell RIP*)

Sun, 4th - 6.00pm Mass
(*Eamon Rafferty RIP*)

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