



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

Saturday, 30th - Sunday 7th, 2009. Pentecost

Pentecost 2009

This is a special weekend in that we have the annual Mass for Blessed Margaret Pole in the ancient church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, Warblington. In many ways it is our annual digging around at the roots of faith in this area.

However, this weekend is even more important in that it is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit waters the roots of faith but the spirit also calls us into new adventures. The Holy Spirit never allows the Christian faith to stand still for that means stagnation - there is little or no growth in stagnant waters. With the Spirit of God, there is always new growth and new vitality.

Happy Birthday to all those who are living Faith to the full!

Christians Together in Emsworth

An outdoor service to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31st at 10.30am in the grounds of the Baptist Church in North Street. Suitable for all ages. Indoors if raining.

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. Raffle tickets will be distributed after all Masses this weekend.

Speaking up for CAFOD - 6th June

CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a special training day for anyone interested in speaking about CAFOD in their local community. The day will be held from 10.30am to 4.30pm at the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's, Queens Road, Aldershot. Numbers are limited so please ring CAFOD Portsmouth on (01252) 329385 to book a place. Alternatively, email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Many Thanks

Margaret Adams wishes to thank everybody for their kind wishes and sympathy on the death of Frank in recent weeks.

1st Friday of the Month Mass

Please note that the Mass for Friday, 5th June will be at 7.30pm.

Living our Faith Campaign

Attached to the newsletter this weekend, is the second instalment of the 'Living our Faith Campaign' with a focus on the laity in the church and the need to provide the best possible training for lay ministry in every parish in the diocese. If you would like a pledge form or wish to review your giving to the parish, contact any member of the fund-raising campaign. Please remember that we hope to formally close the campaign at the end of June. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the fund-raising.

'Portsmouth People'

The latest edition of Portsmouth People is now available. There is a copy per household. Pick up yours today.

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

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Mail Drop

People living in Hillmead Gardens and Willowdene Close will receive a letter this week stating that we will be praying for them.

APF

All members and friends are invited to the annual APF/Mill Hill get-together at St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead on Sunday, 7th June, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm. Tea and refreshments will be served after Mass.

Car Boot Sale

Despite a big shower of rain just at the wrong moment, the car boot sale did go ahead last Monday. We made £549. Thanks to all those involved.

Diary

Monday, 1st - 7.30pm Induction of the new Rector in St. Faith's, Havant.

Monday, 1st - 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting.

Tuesday, 2nd - 10.00am Council of Priests at Bishops House.

Thursday, 4th - 11.00am Mass at St. Bede's School, Basingstoke in celebration of their Golden Jubilee.

Thursday, 4th - 7.00am-9.00pm, Bishop's visit to the Havant Pastoral area - St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Saturday, 6th - Day for new Catholics at the Discovery Centre, Portsmouth.

Sunday, 7th - 1st Holy Communion day.

Tuesday, 9th - Parish bible study group meeting. All welcome. Liam (01243) 379646.

Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00a.m.,
St. Joseph's, 7.30p.m

Open Morning, St. Thomas More's School

This year our open morning will be on Monday, 6th July from 9.30am until 11.30am. At 11.00am some of our musicians and singers will 'entertain' you. This gives them an opportunity to have a real audience to perform to.

All of the children in the school would be delighted to see their parents that morning. It is not just for new families. If your child is moving into KS2 you may want to have a look at the type of work that the children are expected to do. This applies to all year groups. Join us for part or all of the morning and stay for a cup of tea or coffee.

The Relics of St. Theresa

Starting with St. John's Cathedral on 16th September, the relics of St. Theresa will travel around the country for a whole month. There is a poster in St. Joseph's Church porch giving the dates and venues for the whole country.

The relics will stay overnight in Portsmouth and there is a complete programme of events for the duration of the stay.

Emsworth's Christian Aid

The street collections raised £6373.60 plus £815 from gift aid. More information on notice in Ss. Thomas' church porch. Thank you to all who contributed.

Catholic Bible School Open Day and Garden Party

We have our annual Open Day and Garden Party on Saturday, 6th June from 2.0pm - 4.30pm. Lots of stalls and things to do and win plus an exhibition by Christian artists, puppet-making workshop and show for children. We always need bric-a-brac, bottles, cakes, books for stalls.

Offertory Collection

Your weekly offertory collection last weekend came to £1,745 which includes gift aid returns and standing orders. The second collection for World Communications came to £292. Many thanks for your generosity.

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 30th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Edith A. Winstanley & Family RIP*)

Sun, 31st - 11.00am Mass

Mon, 1st - 9.30am Mass

Weds, 3rd - 9.30am Mass (*Dora Messam's Intentions*)

Fri, 5th - 7.30pm Mass

Sat, 6th - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Frank Adams RIP*)

Sun, 7th - 11.00am Mass (*Fr. David Buckley RIP*)

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 31st - 9.00am Mass (*Tom Campbell RIP*)

Sun, 31st - 6.00pm Mass

Tues, 2nd - 10.00am Mass (*Mary Kneafsey RIP*)

Sat, 6th - 10.30am Mass (*Brian RIP*)

Sun, 7th - 9.00am Mass (*Harry Mann RIP*)

Sun, 7th - 6.00pm Mass

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