



**St. Joseph's & Ss. Thomas - Catholic Parish of Havant & Emsworth Newsletter**  
**Saturday, 7th - Sunday 15th November, 2009. Remembrance Sunday**

**November Cemetery Visits**

The second and last of our cemetery visits is this Sunday at 3.00pm at Warblington Cemetery.

**'Living Our Faith' Campaign**

More than 30 parishes have now taken on the 'Living Our Faith' campaign with the same remarkable results which took place here in Havant and within our pastoral area. Over £4,500,000 of the expected £9,000,000 has already been pledged. Here are some of the gifts received - Fr. John Humphries of Lee-on-Solent has 4 pledges of £23,250, Fr. Ignatius Maddineni of Thatcham has 3 pledges of £13,912 and Fr. John Cooke of Park Gate has 7 pledges of £35,607. These are all in line with the generosity we had in this parish.

**2nd December - Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas', Emsworth**

Bishop Crispian will celebrate Mass on Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30pm in Ss. Thomas' Church to mark its opening on 2nd December, 1959. All priests who have served in the parish have been invited to this occasion and all parishioners are also invited. There will be refreshments afterwards in St. James' Church of England Hall. Everybody is invited to that too. More details to follow.

**Advent Day of Prayer**

Wednesday, 9th December, Sacred Heart, Waterlooville, 10.00am to 3.00pm Bring a packed lunch.

**Christmas Bazaar, Saturday 28th November from 12 noon to 3.00p.m.**

Help is needed on Thursday, 26th, 10.00am to 12.00 noon to set up stalls and on Friday, 27th, 10.00am to 2.00pm to prepare the stalls and also on the day itself. Contact Deirdre on (023) 9247 6230. We still need toiletries, jewellery, bric-a-brac, toys, plants, bottles for the bottle stall, groceries, cakes and/or cake ingredients, small jars filled with sweets, etc., glassware and books, videos and DVD's as well as prizes for the tombola and Grand Draw. Please mark these clearly as prizes.

Please return raffle ticket counterfoils and monies as soon as possible.

**Christmas Services**

A card will shortly be available containing all the Christmas services. Some people have already asked about our parish Reconciliation Service which will take place on Monday, 21st December at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's.

**Stewardship Sunday**

Attached to the newsletter is the Stewardship information for the month of November. We keep in our prayers those killed during the week, and their families.

**"The King Lives"**

A special day on 22nd November at St. Edmund's, Portsmouth from 10.00am to 6.00pm for young people to celebrate Youth Sunday - live music, workshops on mime with Steve Murray and African drumming. All young people aged 12-18 are invited. Consent forms were given out a few weeks ago and if you would like to go, please return forms to the church. Sister Fiona, St Edmund's chaplain and students have put a lot of work into organising this event so it would be great if a group could get together to support this initiative and fun too. More details from Maureen Thompson on (01243) 377411.

**Contact Father Tom Grufferty**

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## St. Edmund's, Horndean

There will be a barn dance on Saturday, 14th November at Cowplain Activity Centre. Price £25 for families, £10 for individuals, which includes a hot supper. For details or tickets, please contact Peter Butler on (023) 9261 5497.

## Parish Finances

Bob Hayes who is the parish treasurer has now completed the financial return for the diocese for the year ending 31st August, 2009. These figures will be published next weekend and Bob will make a statement on our financial situation at all Masses.

I thank Bob Hayes, John Kieran, Laurie Rutter and Deirdre Barrett for their dedicated work as members of the parish Finance Committee and also everybody for your generous financial support.

## Collections Last Weekend

Your offertory collection last weekend came to £1,060. Your collection for the diocese of Bamenda amounted to £382. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Prayer for the Persecuted Church

At the home of Alan and Pauline Barrow, 8 Westbourne Avenue, Emsworth on Thursday, 26th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome. If you would like details, please telephone (01243) 431433.

## CAFOD Climate Justice

Lynda Mussell from CAFOD came to collect our giant banner in support of the Climate Justice Campaign from St. Thomas More's School last week. With the contributions from all the children, confirmation candidates and parishioners from Havant, Emsworth and Leigh Park, our colourful banner reached right round the school hall. It was a great show of how committed we all are at standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters across the world especially if we all make small changes to reduce the impact of climate change. Hopefully our commitment will inspire governments to make brave decisions at the G20 summit in Copenhagen in December.

Thanks for your support and there is a report of our contribution on the Portsmouth CAFOD blog.

## Mail Drop

People living in St. Christopher's Road and St. Nicholas Road will receive a letter from the parish this week saying that we are praying for them.

## Diary

**Monday, 9th** - 7.30pm Stewardship meeting in the presbytery.

**Tuesday, 10th** - 7.00pm Alpha meeting. 'How Can I Resist Evil?'

**Wednesday, 11th** - 7.30pm 1st Holy Communion parents' meeting in the presbytery. Theme, 'Welcoming'.

**Saturday, 14th** - Holy Spirit Day, 10.30am to 4.30pm in the presbytery.

**Saturday, 14th** - 2.00pm 1st Holy Communion meeting in St. Joseph's Hall. Theme, 'Welcoming'.

**Sunday, 15th** - 11.00am Parents and children of the 1st Holy Communion programme.

**Tuesday, 18th** - parish bible study group meeting moved to Wednesday - all welcome. More details from Liam (01243) 379646.

## Oaklands Catholic School 6th Form Open Evenings

Oaklands is holding its Sixth Form Open Evenings on Wednesday 18th and Thursday, 19th November, 2009 from 7.30pm in the School Hall. All parents and prospective students are invited to come and visit the school.

## Parish Diary 2010

Apologies to those who have requested the pocket diary for next year. From memory, there were a great many not sold for the current year. The printers did not contact us this year.

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 7th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(Deceased Members of Nell Jones' Family RIP)

**Sun, 8th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Irene Agnes Moss RIP)

**Mon, 9th** - 9.30am Mass (Deceased Members of Harmer, Beautista, Riddell & Tees Families)

**Weds, 11th** - 9.30am Mass (Richard & Elizabeth Knapp, Senior & Family RIP & John Martin RIP)

**Sat, 14th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass  
(John & David Boniface RIP)

**Sun, 15th** - 11.00am Mass  
(Mary & Paddy McDonagh RIP)

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 8th** - 9.00am Mass (Neil Price RIP)

**Sun, 8th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Joseph West RIP)

**Tues, 10th** - 10.00am Mass (In Thanksgiving)

**Sat, 14th** - 10.30am Mass  
(George & Winifred White RIP)

**Sun, 15th** - 9.00am Mass

**Sun, 15th** - 6.00pm Mass  
(Pat & Stan Bonnick RIP)

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