



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

Saturday, 27th - Sunday 5th July, 2009. Ss. Peter & Paul

## First Holy Communion

The children who received their 1st Holy Communion on 7th June will receive their Holy Communion certificates at the 9.00am Mass today.

We thank all those who helped them to this day, especially their parents and teachers. A special word of thanks goes to Jacky Chong who did outstanding work with the children this year. Thanks also go to Helen Tyler who helped with the sessions for the children.

All are invited to a shared lunch starting at 12.30pm in St. Joseph's Hall.

## First Holy Communion 2010

Some people have already requested details of 1st Holy Communion next year. Application forms will be in the newsletter shortly so that parents can put their children's names forward.

## Living our Faith

Many thanks to John Kieran and Catherine Hargaden who brought the fund-raising campaign to a conclusion last weekend. As a result of the talks last weekend, we received several gifts and pledges during the week. If you have not done so already, the fund will remain open so that you can contribute at any time during the next five years.

Many thanks again to all who were involved and to those who contributed to the campaign. We have had 126 donors to date giving a total of £273,328. This means that the parish receives 25% of the original target of £133 (equals £33,250) plus 80% of £140,328 which equals £112,262. Other pilot parishes are doing extremely well too including St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

## Newsletter in August

Please note that there will not be a newsletter during August. If you have items for the newsletter that pertain to events in August, then these should be submitted for inclusion in July.

## Christian Aid Shop

The total amount of money raised from this year's Christian Aid shop was £9,418. Many congratulations to all those who were involved or supported the shop this year.

## Rosary Group

The Rosary Group of St. Joseph's & Ss. Thomas meets once a month at one of the group members' homes to pray the Rosary. Anyone wishing to join in would be made more than welcome. You can contact either Rosemary Mears on (023) 9248 3066 or Rosemary Ryan on (01243) 389191 to gain further information on dates and venues.

In support of the week's Mass intention on Wednesday morning for the Priests of the Diocese, the Rosary Group would like to offer the parishioners a prayer card at all the weekend services. Please support this vitally important work.

## First Friday of the Month Mass

There will be a first Friday of the month Mass on Friday, 3rd July at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's.

Contact Father Tom Grufferty

134 West Street, Havant PO9 1LP. [tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com](mailto:tom.grufferty@ntlworld.com) - (023) 9248 4520

## Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence this weekend which is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

## Saturday Study Days

The next Saturday Study Day at the Catholic Bible School in Nutbourne is:

**11th July** "Understanding Prophecy". Rev Jim Graham.

Start at 10.00am and finish around 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks are provided. No fees but donations are accepted on the day.

## Celebrate Southampton

Faith and fun for the whole family. St. Mary's College, Southampton. Guest speakers include David Paine, John Vaughan Neil, Steve Murray and David Matthews. 26th-27th September, 2009. For details telephone (023) 8029 2058.

## Living Faith Booklet

A copy of the 'Living Faith' booklet for the next quarter is now available. Price just £1.

## Diary

**Sunday, 28th** - 9.00am First Holy Communion 'Going Forth Mass' and 12.30pm shared lunch for the parents, children and families of the 1st Communicants in St. Joseph's Hall.

**Sunday, 28th** - 2.00pm Baptism.

**Friday, 3rd** - 10.00am to 12 noon, St. Thomas More's School visits St. Joseph's.

**Saturday, 4th** - Wedding of David Steadman and Claire Ryan.

**Monday, 6th** - Open day at St. Thomas More's School, 9.30am to 11.30am.

## Reconciliation

Saturday - Ss. Thomas, 11.00am,  
St. Joseph's, 7.30pm

## The Justice and Peace Group

The Justice and Peace Group will be collecting cleaning materials for the Medaille Trust at Masses this weekend. All donations of materials such as Flash, Cif will be very gratefully received.

## Emsworth Museum

To mark the Golden Jubilee of Ss. Thomas' Church in Emsworth, there will be a collection of Catholic memorabilia at the Emsworth Museum during August. Full details later. If somebody has a flair for displays, your talent would be much appreciated. See Fr. Tom.

## Vacancy for a Foundation Governor for St. Thomas More's Primary School

Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of foundation governors, is seeking applications from committed, baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the head and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the governing body, foundation governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) Law and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the Mission of the Church.

Application packs are available from Fr. Tom, the school office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham PO17 5HA. Closing date for applications, 24th July.

## Mass Times at St. Joseph's

**Sat, 27th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass (*Frank Adams RIP*)

**Sun, 28th** - 11.00am Mass (*Cessely Hennessey's Intentions*)

**Mon, 29th** - 9.30am Mass (*Agnes Mary Shea RIP*)

**Weds, 1st** - 9.30am Mass (*Priests of this Diocese*)

**Fri, 3rd** - 7.00pm Mass

**Sat, 4th** - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

(*Deceased relatives of Bob and Rosemary Mears*)

**Sun, 5th** - 11.00am Mass (*Eleodora Bancala RIP*)

## Mass Times at Ss. Thomas'

**Sun, 28th** - 9.00am Mass (*Ann Langan RIP*)

**Sun, 28th** - 6.00pm Mass (*Lois Cwikla RIP*)

**Tues, 30th** - 10.00am Mass (*Joe Brooks RIP*)

**Sat, 4th** - 10.30am Mass (*Mary Claire Tibbetts RIP*)

**Sun, 5th** - 9.00am Mass (*Maria Bettini RIP*)

**Sun, 5th** - 6.00pm Mass (*Andrew Mullreaney RIP*)

Parish Website: [www.rchavant.org.uk](http://www.rchavant.org.uk) or [www.rc-havant.org.uk](http://www.rc-havant.org.uk)

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