



HAVANT PASTORAL AREA Pastoral Council Meeting (07/11) REPORT

The Pastoral Area Council includes the Parish Priest and two lay representatives from each parish and representatives of the schools and the diocesan pastoral council. The last meeting was held on 12th July at St Joseph's, Havant.

Mass Times. Thank you to the many parishioners who responded to the Mass Times questionnaire commenting on the proposals to reduce the number of Sunday Masses in the Havant Pastoral Area. The responses indicated a number of concerns including – travelling distance; availability of transport (both public and private); the impact on Mass attendance and local parish finances; and the need for a wider spread of Mass times to allow priests to travel between churches where necessary. There was a general understanding of the difficulties that we as a Pastoral Area must face up to, with some people urging radical reform now whilst others were more reluctant to accept any change.

In regard to the specific proposals, having considered the feedback, the Council noted:

- That Waterlooville Sunday morning Masses had already been reduced from 2 to 1.
- The strong feeling that the Vigil Mass at Waterlooville should be retained for the time being to satisfy the particular needs of the local congregation.
- The need to reduce the number of services in the Havant parish from 4 to 3.

The Council also considered other more radical proposals, particularly in regard to a greater spread of times for Masses on Sunday morning. However, it was decided that reducing the number of Masses in the Pastoral Area from 14 to 12 was a good and achievable first step and that further changes should be put on hold for the time being. Therefore, from the weekend of 3rd / 4th September 2011, Sunday Mass times in the Havant Pastoral Area will be:

<u>Mass Times</u>	<u>Sat Vigil</u>	<u>Sun early am</u>	<u>Sun late am</u>	<u>Sun pm</u>
St Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park	6.00 pm		10.00 am	
St Patrick, Hayling Island	6.00 pm		10.30 am	
St Joseph, Havant			11.00 am	
Ss Thomas, Emsworth		9.00 am		6.00 pm
Sacred Heart, Waterlooville	6.15pm		10.00am	6.30 pm
St Edmund, Horndean		8.30 am	10.30 am	
Total: 12	3	2	5	2

This has been a very worthwhile exercise and the Council are particularly grateful for the many constructive and positive ideas and suggestions that respondents made. Nothing is set in concrete and this is only a provisional solution. Please expect further proposals as circumstances in the Pastoral Area change.

The Havant Pastoral Area website can be found at: <http://www.havantpa.com/index.html>.