
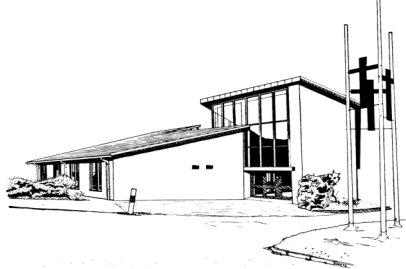


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

17/18 January 2009

Over the course of a day there are thousands of thoughts that enter into our mind. These may be good, bad or ugly. These thoughts may come as temptations. You may be surprised to know that we are not meant to resist or fight against them, because by so doing we fall into the trap of driving them deeper into our memory. Those that become most tempting or attractive, by resisting become reinforced. It is not possible to defeat temptation by fighting the feeling of it. The more you fight the feeling the more it consumes and controls you. Since temptations always begin with a thought, the best way is to turn your thoughts to something else.

Temptation begins with capturing your attention. What gets your attention arouses your emotions. Then your emotions activate your behaviour and you act on what you feel. Ignoring a temptation is far more effective than fighting it. Once your mind is on something else the temptation loses its power. So when temptation calls you on the phone, don't argue with it, just hang up. This is one occasion when hanging up is the best option! In other situations, walk away, switch off, ignore. Turn your attention to something else.

St Paul instructs us when he says, "Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable. And then God who gives us peace will be with you. (Phil. 4:8-9)

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Joseph Meredith RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
John Bohan RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Nellie O'Donnell RIP
Saluzinho Fernandes RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Michael & Rose McCann RIP
People of the Parish	5.00 pm			
Martin & Angela Wills' Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Patrick McMahan RIP
Saluzinho Fernandes RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Charles & Edith Boase RIP
Funeral – Donald Hopkins RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Saluzinho Fernandes RIP
Sarah Wilson RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	John Wall RIP and other deceased family members
Bridget Tansey RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Bernard McCormack RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Kathleen Murphy RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THIS WEEK ARE:				
Monday – St Wulstan		Tuesday – SS Fabian & Sebastian		Wednesday – St Agnes
		Thursday – St Vincent		Saturday - St Francis de Sales
Thursday 7-8 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			Tuesday 7.30-8 pm
5.30-6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY			10.30-11 am
Responsorial Psalm: "Here I am Lord! I come to do your will."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 11TH JANUARY 2009

Gift Aid:	£478.70
Planned Giving:	£73.30
Loose Plate:	£243.05
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£5.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.52
Christmas Offerings	£15.00
Repository	£20.00
Candle Money	£22.09
Hall Hire	£434.25
TOTAL	£1,301.91
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£173.32

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 25th January are Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2009

On 25th April 2009, there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2009. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th anniversary during 2009, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited.

For more information contact: *Keith Chappell, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, Park Place. kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 01329 835583.*

FR JOSEPH'S ABSENCE

Fr Joseph will be away from St Joseph's parish for the period 16th April – 29th May as part of his university studies. Fr John will be making arrangements to cover Fr Joseph's absence nearer the time.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

The Parish is in urgent need of more volunteers to help clean the Church on a weekly rota basis. This is usually one or two hours a week, every month or so. If you can offer assistance, will you please contact **Veronica Williams on 941 8783**.

CAFOD FRIDAY SELF DENIAL ENVELOPES

Examples of what the £831.31 contributed by YOU during 2008, may have been spent on are as follows: £514 on a water pump to serve a whole community in Nicaragua. Complete medical kit and bicycle for two HIV and Aids volunteers to enable them to carry out home visits and provided care - £139. School generator - £80 and school uniforms and stationery to enable ten children to attend school for a whole year. Thank you - *Margaret Chaplin*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Please note that next Sunday, 25th January will be a special Mass at 10.30 am for the First Holy Communion children and it may run on longer than normal.

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

Will the Sunday Counters kindly note that due to the re-decoration of the Presbytery, for a temporary period, counting on Sunday will take place in the Presbytery lounge instead of the usual office. The office aids, i.e. plastic money bags, counting machine, etc., will be available in the lounge.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 23rd January will be a swimming trip. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

JOE D'CRUZ RIP

Parishioners might like to note that there will be a parish Memorial Mass for Joe on Tuesday, 3rd February 2009 at 7 pm, followed by light refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome to attend.*

FR KELLEHER

The parish, this week, received the sad news that Fr Colm Kelleher died on Monday, 12th January 2009. Fr Kelleher was Parish Priest at St Joseph's from 1966 – 1999 and all parishioners are asked to remember him in their prayers.

A special Requiem Mass will be offered for Fr Kelleher on Friday, 13th February 2009 at 7 pm. *All are invited*

If anyone wishes to send messages of sympathy/Mass cards, please send these to Nora Kelleher, 17 Claude Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, Ireland – *Fr Joseph*.

UCM

At our meeting on Wednesday, 21st January, Jenny Pearson will be demonstrating the craft of hand-making greetings cards. There will also be a hands-on session, so please bring along some scissors and a glue-stick if you can. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

One of the vital ministries in our communities these days is that of Ministers of the Eucharist. Many of you see them in action at Sunday and Weekday Masses assisting with the distribution of communion and enabling us to offer communion under both kinds. Another aspect of the ministry is when the Eucharist is taken from Mass to the sick and housebound. This creates a crucial link between the worshipping community, the celebration of Mass, and those physically unable to come to Church.

Our list of Ministers of the Eucharist has shrunk over the past year or two and we need to train and commission new people as Ministers. The numbers of Ministers available at the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses are especially low. Therefore, over the next few weeks, we will be approaching people to ask them to take part in this. There will be training given (probably three sessions in which we reflect on the Eucharist and ministry itself) followed by a commissioning. If you would be interested in serving our sisters and brothers in this way, please let Fr Joseph have your name and contact details. If you are asked to consider this ministry, please give it very serious thought. Maybe the question should be: is there any good reason why I would refuse?

WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

For our holiday this year, we are returning to "Le Fosso" in Brittany, where we had a lovely time in 2007. The centre is converted farm buildings especially adapted for people of reduced mobility and is wheelchair friendly. Travel by Jumbulance from St John Bosco, Woodley with no overnight travel. Travel dates: Monday, 24th August – Monday, 31st August. There are vacancies for helpers, and unable, male or female. If interested please contact *John Gill 9694769; Marie O'Gorman 9691927, or Anne MacDonald 9585841*.

PEACE SUNDAY – HOLY HOUR

It is not usually possible for members of our community to have any influence on the political situations surrounding areas of conflict in the world.

However, we can probably have more effect by offering up our prayers to the Good Lord imploring Him to bring about peaceful solutions to these areas.

Mindful of the current position in Gaza, Afghanistan and Iraq, in particular, a Holy Hour of Adoration for peace before the Blessed Sacrament has been arranged for **TODAY** from 3 pm – 4 pm. All parishioners are invited – *Fr Joseph*.