



NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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A HAPPY, HOLY AND BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY!



EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR B

11/12 APRIL, 2009

I was talking to some people towards the end of Lent about their experiences of Lent 2009. Some of these people thought they had failed spectacularly; some others were very pleased with themselves. They had done really well. One of them had not touched chocolates the whole of Lent! That is very good, but what are they going to do now that Lent is over?

Some adults have told me that when they were kids they would have a box where they kept all their sweets and chocolates during Lent. Then they waited patiently for Easter Sunday morning when they opened their boxes and ate the sweets and chocolates until these made them sick.

I wonder: Are they still doing this as adults today, albeit in some other way? Are there some who say on Easter morning: "I gave up cigarettes, alcohol, tea, coffee, sugar during Lent and I am going to make up for that now that Easter has come?" So what will those who gave up moral weaknesses do? Will they make up for that as well?

The ideal thing is to give up our moral weaknesses and bad habits and never go back to them. But it is also possible to give up sugar, chocolates, alcohol, etc and never go back to them, especially if they are not good for our health. The Opening Prayer for Easter Sunday Mass asks God to "raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us". May the Risen Christ help us all to rise above all that could injure our physical and spiritual health and may our Easter celebration strengthen our resolve to renew our lives.

Fr Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST. JOSEPH'S
Bishop Hollis' Intentions	9.00 pm	Easter Vigil	8.00 pm	For all our parishioners
People of the Parish	8.00 am	EASTER SUNDAY	8.30 am	Jim Brazill RIP
Stella Weber RIP	9.30 am		10.30 am	Donal O'Sullivan's Intentions
Fr Pennicott's Intentions	11.30 am		3.00 pm	Private Int. & Mrs Pattison
Betty Keating RIP	10.00 am	Monday	10.00 am	Francis Najman RIP
Peggy Pich RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	9.45 am	Requiem – Mrs Dalton
Bridie McGlynn RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Emilia Goldrick RIP
Bridie McGlynn RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Antanas Kusta RIP
Ann Alleyne RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Eugene Herbert RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Dorothy Bourdon RIP
Thursday 7-8 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			Saturday 9.30 – 10am
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY			10.30 am – 11 am
Responsorial Psalm: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 5th APRIL 2009

Gift Aid:	723.20
Planned Giving:	61.00
Loose Plate:	774.43
TF3	9.50
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	0.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	9.50
Catholic Education	1.00
Holy Places	1.00
Candle Money	27.41
Toddlers' Group	50.00
Donation (Third Order)	10.00
Hall Hire	367.50
Flowers	12.70
Youth Group	930.00
TOTAL	2978.24
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	209.32

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 19th April are John O'Shea & Clare McSoley.

ST JOSEPH'S PARENT/CARER & TODDLER GROUP

The group is now closed for the Easter break and will resume again on Thursday, 23rd April. Sessions run from 9.30 am – 11.15 am. Please contact *Sue Baggili* on 0118 941 2751 for further details.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 22nd April and Wednesday, 29th April from 8 pm – 9.30 pm in the main church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. If you are considering Baptism for your child before July when the next course will be held, please register for this course by contacting *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

THE LINK

The Link Coffee Shop will have been open for 20 years this April and the occasion is going to be celebrated with a service in Tilehurst Methodist Church on Saturday, 2nd May 2009 at 3 pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. All volunteers, past and present, are warmly invited to the celebrations, so if you have worked for The Link in any capacity over the last 20 years (or know of anyone who has who might have moved away), could you please let me have the details so that invitations can be sent. Current volunteers will automatically receive an invitation - *Ann Epps*: (941 1479 - ann.epps@ntlworld.com).

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2009/10

Envelopes for the new year April 2009 – April 2010 are available for collection in the Church Porch. Will envelope users kindly note that due to an error at the printers the first envelope dated 12th April in the new boxes is printed as an ordinary weekly offering instead of being printed 'Easter Offering'. As usual the Easter Offering is for the personal use of the priest. Please continue to use this envelope dated 12th April.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Tuesday, 21st July this year, Fr John marks the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest. The plan is to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving that evening at 7.30 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. *Everyone is welcome*, so please make a note in your diaries to keep the evening free.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Romy Colangelo who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

We also welcome Geraldine Deady who was baptised and received into the Church and to Mark Eveleigh and Sarah Page who were also received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

CAMEROONIAN MASS – EASTER SUNDAY

Fr Joseph will be celebrating Mass with some of his Cameroonian/African friends at 3 pm **TODAY**. Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and come in to the hall afterwards for some Cameroonian food and drink.

CABRINI (CATHOLIC) CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Cabrini Children's Society have been in touch to let us know that on Sunday, 31st May 2009, they will be hosting a one-off event to celebrate 120 years of work as the Catholic Children's Society and to embrace their future as Cabrini Children's Society.

The occasion will be held in a marquee in the spectacular surroundings of Worth Abbey in West Sussex. The event will commence at 2 pm with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Kieran of Arundel & Brighton Diocese. Ticket prices are £25 per person or £225 for a table of 10, which will include a drinks reception, a sumptuous afternoon tea and entertainment.

The Society will also be hosting an exhibition of archive materials and photographs, some of which date back as far as the 1880's. Some new artworks have been created by artist Ben Barbour which chart some of the history of the Society, its projects and iconic buildings. An auction of these artworks will take place at the event.

To book your tickets or find out more information you can contact them by email or telephone at info@cabrini.org.uk or 020 8668 2181 - *Ann Hoggan*, *Supporter Care Co-ordinator*.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

A positive opportunity for young people to have a challenging experience in serving vulnerable people, and living in a community with other like-minded volunteers. Accommodation and living expenses provided.

Volunteer year is from September 2009 until July 2010. If you would like to know more please contact *Sr Barbara Quilty DC* at 0161 226 9561 or 0161 209 9156. Email: barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website: www.vincentianvolunteers.org.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL

St Joseph's Convent School in Reading is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils on Wednesday, 6th May from 9.15 am – 12.15 pm for the Preparatory, Senior and Sixth Form Departments (ages 3 to 18). No appointment is necessary – simply drop in. Further detail/s about St Joseph's can be found on their web site: www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or by calling 0118 966 1000. Scholarships and bursaries are available.

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ICT TECHNICIAN

Required as soon as possible. 25 hours per week, term time only. Grade C pro-rata.

St. Paul's is a large primary school of 304 pupils and 11 classrooms including a Music and Drama Studio. We wish to appoint an ICT Technician to support with the rapid development of ICT throughout our school. We are looking for a person who is IT literate and capable of problem solving independently, as well as able to organise the day to day work required.

Application packs are available from the school office, or can be sent by email. Closing date: Monday, 20th April 2009. Interview date: Thursday, 23rd April 2009

FULL-TIME KS2 CLASS TEACHER

Required for September 2009: The Governors of this highly effective and successful school wish to appoint a permanent full-time KS2 class teacher. Applicants need to be fully conversant with the requirements of the KS2 curriculum, and may be an experienced teacher or an NQT.

This vacancy comes with a guarantee of professional development and training opportunities, and the full support of a dedicated, hardworking and fun loving team.

Visits to the school and informal chats are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

Further details and application forms from Ms. J.P. Feeney, Headteacher. Closing date: Wednesday, 22nd April 2009. Interview date: Thursday, 30th April 2009

St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned beforehand.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If any parishioner is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if anyone knows of such a person, please inform the Parish Office or Jo Boase on 9672605, so that visits can be arranged.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Whether you are considering becoming a Catholic or would simply like to ask a few questions you are welcome to join the Journey in Faith group. Please phone *Brigid Parkes* - 9427436 for more details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUPPLIER

First Holy Communion supplier run by former catholic school governor. Dresses, veils, tiaras and accessories. Telephone *Clare* on 01442 258607 or go to www.fhc-online.com.



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