



NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

18/19 APRIL, 2009.

Have you ever had the feeling of being lost for words? That's how I feel at the moment. The main reason I think this is to do with all that has been taking place over the last few weeks and especially Holy Week. If we look for an example I am sure we have a very good one in Mary, for Scripture says, "She pondered all these things in her heart."

Beautiful and meaningful ceremonies in the Church's liturgy both raised the mind to sublime heights and penetrated the heart with its pruning and cutting edge. The Penitential service for me struck a cord, both in the reading from St Paul, where he speaks of looking into a mirror and not forgetting the image. This spoke to me of the honesty of facing ourselves. Likewise the passage about the woman who found the drachma she lost after first having to sweep out her house, filled with joy after finding it and inviting all her friends to celebrate. This struck a cord with me because a few days earlier I had lost my hospital pager. I had always put it under my pillow during the night – keeping it close at hand should I be needed in an emergency! But on this day I woke up and it was not there. All kinds of scenarios went through my mind – had I dropped it on the road, or left it in the car, had someone taken it, had it dropped off my belt? What was I to do now? If I was needed in the hospital there was no way they could reach me. The whole episode had left me feeling so low. The next day I asked the switchboard in the hospital to page me and I was determined to listen if I could hear it in the house. I could hear a sound which I thought was the neighbour drilling. I lifted up my bed and there was the pager rumbling away on the floorboards. What a relief! I thought I'd lost it and it caused me so much grief and now it was found. What a joy!

May we all celebrate this Easter Joy for though we were lost the Lord has searched high and low and found us.

Alleluia!!!

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST. JOSEPH'S
Eugene Herbert RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Paddy Smith RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	John Winship RIP
Michael Ryan RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Eugene Herbert RIP
Michael & Mary Herbert RIP	5.00 pm			
Willie & Mary Lee's Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Ann Morris' Intentions RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Edwiges Figueira RIP
Funeral – Herbert Almeida	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Antanas Kusta RIP
Fr George Curton RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Eugene Herbert RIP
Vincent Moran RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Isobel O'Reilly RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Eugene Herbert RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tuesday – St Anselm	Thursday – ST GEORGE	Friday – SS Fidelis of Sigmaringen and Adalbert		
	Saturday – ST MARK			
Thursday 7-8 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			Saturday 9.30-10 am
5.30-6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY			10.00-11 am
Responsorial Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 12th APRIL 2009

TF3	£2.00
Hall Hire	£1,575.00
Lorry Parking	£50.00
Easter Offering	£2,706.01
Holy Places	£452.84
TOTAL	£4,785.85
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£209.32
Easter Offering	£2,716.01
Holy Places	£611.41

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 26th April are Sean Murphy, Peter Chesworth & Rosalind Gilbert.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 26th April for the Clergy Training Fund.

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).

UCM

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 22nd April will begin with a showing of this year's Christian Aid presentation, after which we will have a birthday celebration. We will be meeting in the small hall. Please be ready for a prompt start at 7.30 pm.

FOR SALE

Brand new folding wheelbarrow with detachable bag - £9. Please telephone or speak to *Caroline* on 926 1709.

ENGLISH MARTYRS SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday, 4th July, American Independence Day. Lots of helpers will be needed especially for setting up and clearing away on the day. The handicraft stall will again be selling toiletries, gifts, ornaments, jewellery, plus knitted items and other handmade crafts. If you have any items for this stall please ring *Kathleen Hamilton* on 942 9245. We will be collecting tombola prizes, bottles, groceries, etc., and selling raffle tickets in June.

REMINDER

St Joseph's Office hours are on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 am until 12.30 pm.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 24th April will be a trip to watch Joseph at The Hexagon. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 9415636.



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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.

FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT

Will parishioners kindly note that In the event of fire, the Health & Safety Officer has designated the car park area opposite the main red doors of the large hall as the Fire Assembly Point.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to ensure that we celebrated Holy Week and Easter in a such a special way: including the musicians, readers, servers, flower arrangers, cleaners. Thanks also to those who organised and prepared our Passover Meal.

As parishioners will know, Fr Joseph is visiting Cameroon for six weeks, as part of his university studies. The Easter offering, which is a personal gift to the clergy, is now running at approximately £2,800, and this will be given to Fr Joseph on his return, but he asked that a note be placed in this newsletter thanking everybody for their most generous Easter offerings.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

Due to pressure experienced on producing the newsletter on Thursday mornings, all items for inclusion must be submitted to the Office by the *previous Wednesday*.