



# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

25/26 APRIL 2009

Whilst still studying for my A Levels in 1978, I was in contact with Bishop Anthony Emery about the possibility of studying for the priesthood. My family lived in the Diocese and we were part of Holy Ghost Parish in Basingstoke. As part of the process, the Bishop sent me to the Selection Conference held at St John's Seminary, Womersley. I was accepted and started my studies that autumn in Rome – where I lived for the next eight years. Having been ordained as priest in 1984 and spending two more years in Rome, I was appointed as Assistant Priest (to Father Tom Taaffe) here at English Martyrs.

In days gone by, individuals and their families would often fund their own training for the priesthood. You can just imagine how that arrangement restricted the kind of people who came forward – and how many others were excluded due to the fact that the finance was not available. These days it is the Diocese for which you train that provides the funding to cover a long, and quite expensive, process of formation and training. If I was to tell you that it now costs about £20,000 per year to train a student for the priesthood, and that most spend six or seven years in Seminary, you can see the kind of sums involved. Our Diocese currently has nine men training for the priesthood which results in a significant annual bill that has to be paid.

Next Sunday we will pray for vocations to priesthood, and religious life. It is vital that we do this because we need to make it possible for more to respond to God's call in this particular way. But we make no excuses either for asking that you give financial support through the Special Collection so that we can continue to fund the training for those who do come forward to test their vocation to the priesthood. Without your support and contributions we might be unable to accept more students for training – and that would be a disaster.

As I near the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination as a priest, thanksgiving is very much on my mind. Part of that is thanksgiving for those who supported me – by their prayers and with finance – because without them it may not have been possible for me to train and be ordained. Now, our current students need your support. **Fr John**

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Eamon McIntyre RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
J.H. King RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Roche Figueira RIP
Norman Cullity RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Napoleon Alnaida RIP
Mick Lavell RIP	5.00 pm			
Patrick Heffernan RIP	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	No Mass	
Kath Conroy's Intentions	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Antanas Kusta RIP
Kitty Neary's Intentions	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Cathal Kelly's Intentions
Louiza Fearn's RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Eugene Herbert RIP
Michael Markey RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Trevor Williams RIP
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Maisie Cleary RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tuesday – SS Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort		Wednesday – St Catherine of Siena		
Thursday – <b>St Pius V</b>		Friday – <b>St Joseph the Worker</b>		Saturday – St Athanasius
Thursday 7-8 pm	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>			Saturday 9.30-10 am
5.30-6.15 pm	<b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY</b>			10.30-11 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009

Gift Aid	£331.10
Planned Giving	£48.60
Loose Plate	£238.54
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
TF3	£7.50
Easter Offering	£27.00
Holy Places	£4.00
Candle Money	£78.58
Hall Hire	£63.00
Donations	£0.00
Flowers	£110.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£908.77</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Fr Zvonko	£209.32
Easter Offering	£2,743.01
Holy Places	£456.84
TF3 (CAFOD)	£9.50

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May are Tony & Jill Flint and Pat Knowles.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION – CLERGY TRAINING FUND

There will be a Special Collection **TODAY** for the Clergy Training Fund. Mindful of the fact that the diocese is always in need of more priests, Bishop Crispian has asked that parishioners be particularly generous in respect of the above special collection. Please read carefully Fr John's reflection on the front of this newsletter.

### REVISED LITURGY TIMES

#### – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY: 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Will parishioners kindly note that due to the celebration of the children's First Holy Communion at 11 am, there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.30 am, no normal Saturday Mass at 10 am and no Confessions at 10.30 am on that day.

### WELCOME BACK

I am sure that all parishioners in St Joseph's parish will warmly welcome back Fr Zvonko. He will be with us for the next three Sundays and returns to Vienna on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May – Fr John.

### ENGLISH MARTYRS SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May will be an Equipment Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

### 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.

### 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*.

## THE MARIST SENIOR SCHOOL

(Independent Catholic Day School for Girls aged 11-19).

HEAD OF HISTORY - January 2010 (Full-Time). To deliver History at KS4 and 5. A commitment to extra-curricular activities is essential. The school is able to invest in professional development. An attractive benefits package is available in addition to CPS reward levels.

For a detailed job description and an application form please contact the Head Teacher's PA, The Marist Senior School, Kings Road, Sunninghill, Ascot, Berks SL5 7PS. Tel. 01344 624291, or email [pa2head@marist.ascot.org.uk](mailto:pa2head@marist.ascot.org.uk). An enhanced CRB check is mandatory.

## WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

Woodley Jumbulance Group has vacancies for two volunteer helpers for their holiday to Brittany from 24 - 31 August. No overnight travel. Anyone who would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact *John Gill 9694769, Marie O'Gorman 9691927 or Anne MacDonald 9585841*.

## DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH YOUTH DAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CORNELIUS OF BAMENDA SAYING 'YES' TO GOD

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 am – 5 pm at Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville, PO7 7BW. African Drumming, Art and Crafts, Drama, Music, Prayer Stations, Bishop's Catechesis, Celebration of Mass, B-B-Q. Cost £5 (incl. B-B-Q).

Further details from Dave Hill, Advisor for Youth Ministry, Dept. of Pastoral Formation, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hants PO17 5HA, or Tel: 01329 835583, or email: [dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## YMCA JOB VACANCIES

We are looking for energetic people who have a passion and zeal for supporting young people. Are you looking for a change and would you like to work in a team of paid and voluntary staff delivering a range of Children's activities, Youth Engagement & Inclusion initiatives & projects, Community facilities, clubs & activities through promoting Inter-generational work? Could you support us in fulfilling our Christian aims & purpose? If your answers were yes, yes & yes, then please apply for one of our posts in Supported Housing, working with young people aged 16 to 23 who live in our modern self-contained accommodation.

Housing Key Worker's (a cross between a Youth Worker & Social Worker).

Day & Night Housing Support Workers support Key Work plans through ensuring that young people live safely "in a community setting"

HR/Trainer (Part time) – to provide HR support, administer staff records, organise staff training. Salary negotiable depending on experience and hours agreed.

Application details (please indicate which posts) by telephone 0118 9575746 or in writing to *Staff Vacancy NQRY, Reading YMCA, 34 Parkside Road, Reading, RG30 2DD*. Applications will close on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## YOUTH RETREAT AND SOCIAL FOR YOUTH OF ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S

To celebrate the involvement and commitment of our Youth, we are hosting an event on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, in St Joseph's hall from 4 - 8 pm to include Mass.

If your faith is important to you and you would like to be part of this Youth get-together, we warmly encourage you to attend. Different groups will be organised for different age groups from age 10 right up to young adults, so you will be mixing with people of your own age.

If you would like to come, or want more information, please leave your name, telephone number and email addresses with the Parish Secretary at either Church. Any musicians – please let us know and bring your instruments on the day.