



NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION – YEAR B

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Near the centre of Leeds are the ruins of Kirkstall Abbey, on the banks of the River Aire. On the evening of Palm Sunday 1999, I went there to a performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* done by the students of the University. The idea was that the audience moved around the ruins with the actors. As a result you got quite involved in the story, especially as it was pouring with rain and we got soaked. I remember that the crucifixion scene was dramatically staged on top of one of the side walls of the Abbey.

We're not supposed to be mere spectators in Holy Week. Rather we should try to enter prayerfully into the commemorations of the suffering and the joy of Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter. It all fits together very well, and in many ways the liturgies speak for themselves. I do hope that as many of us as possible will share together in this holiest of times in our year.

Fr Andrew

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Manuel Conceiczo RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Anthony Tanner RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Rev Fr Steve Reidh & Doug Reidh RIP
Bobby & Patsy Fitzgerald's Intentions	11.30 am		10.30 am	Ann Duffy RIP
Kevin Commins RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar Mass	6.30 pm			
Arch. Cornelius' Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Jacqueline Richard RIP
Chrism Mass - Portsmouth	11.00 am	Tuesday	11.00 am	Chrism Mass - Portsmouth
Sr Hedwig's Intentions	8.00 pm		7.00 pm	Eugene Herbert RIP
Bridie McGlynn RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Estelita Ayaquil & Arturo Tec RIP
Josie Gaffney RIP	7.30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00 pm	Gilda & David Evans RIP
Children's Stations of the Cross	10.00 am	GOOD FRIDAY	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to the Triangle Solemn Liturgy – Children in the Hall.
Solemn Liturgy	3.00 pm		3.00 pm	
Syro Malabar Mass	4.30 pm	Saturday – Easter Vigil	No morning Mass	
Bishop Hollis' Intentions	9.00 pm		8.00 pm	For all our parishioners
HOLY WEEK:				
MAUNDY THURSDAY – THE EASTER TRIDUUM			GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
HOLY SATURDAY				
No Exposition	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		No Exposition	
No Confessions	CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY		10 am	
Responsorial Psalm- Passion Sunday: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"				

COLLECTIONS FOR 29th MARCH 2009

Gift Aid:	£317.70
Planned Giving:	£48.00
Loose Plate:	£227.77
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£19.00
Candle Money	£26.13
Hall Hire	£262.50
Flowers	£19.58
TF3 (CAFOD)	£39.50
Donations (Altar Cruet Set)	£44.01
TOTAL	£1,004.19
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£209.32

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 12th April are Pat Toner and Angela Barry.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection on Friday, 10th April for the Holy Places.

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).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross this Tuesday, 7th April at 7 pm will be led by the Finance Committee in our Parish. *Everyone is welcome.*

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).*

LIFE

LIFE is offering an NFCE Level 3 Course in counselling skills and theory, starting after Easter. The course is ideal for nurses, social workers, etc, and for anyone wishing to acquire counselling skills for use in their professional or voluntary work. Please see the poster on the Church notice board for more details.

Due to several enquiries about this course from people seeking a shorter, more basic course, we are also able to offer a Level 2 Counselling Skills course starting on Monday, 20th April, to be held on consecutive Mondays (excluding Bank Holidays) until 6th July. Both courses will take place in the Small Hall here at St Joseph's. Please see details on the Noticeboard or contact *Nicki Richardson – Telephone No. 01993 881081 or email: nickirichardson@lifecharity.org.uk.*

LIFE

Many thanks to all who helped at our jumble sale last weekend. We made £204.

CAMEROONIAN MASS – EASTER SUNDAY

Fr Joseph will be celebrating Mass with some of his Cameroonian/African friends at 3 pm on Easter Sunday. Parishioners who would like a 'lie-in' on Easter Sunday morning are invited to attend Mass and come in to the hall after Mass for some Cameroonian food and drink.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Church cleaning for Easter will be after morning Mass on Wednesday, 8th April.

EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards are now available at the Repository. We also have a large selection of greetings cards for a variety of occasions, as well as Mass cards.

KNITWITS

The next Knitwits meeting will be at the home of Maureen English: 94 Blewbury Drive on Monday, 6th April at 8 pm.

PARISH PASSOVER WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH

A reminder to all those who so kindly offered to make lasagne or salads, could they bring them to the Church hall between 6 pm & 7 pm on the night. We would be grateful to receive any overdue ticket payments this weekend. If you have any tickets you can no longer use, please let us know soon – there is a waiting list – *Jo Boase: Telephone No. 967 2605.*

PENITENTIAL SERVICES/CONFESSIONS		
Wednesday, 8 th April –7.30 pm	Our Lady & St Anne's, Caversham	
Saturday, 11 th April 11am – 1 pm and 3-4.30 pm	Syro Malabar Malayalam Confessions – English Martyrs	
EASTER SERVICES		
ENGLISH MARTYRS		ST JOSEPH'S
8.00 am	EASTER SUNDAY 12th April - Masses	8.30 am
9.30 am		10.30 am + Children's Liturgy
11.30 am		
10.00 am	Easter Monday Mass	10.00 am

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.*

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Leo Daniel Conkas who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

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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. Feeny, 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING

EASTER SUNDAY - OPEN-AIR SERVICE OF WITNESS at Forbury Gardens, Reading - 12th April at 8.00 am (the Bandstand). See in Easter Morning with other Christians from around the area. Service lead by The Salvation Army and supported by the Band.

CHOIR ON EASTER SUNDAY

Children are welcome to come and sing together with the choir at the 10.30 Mass on Easter Sunday. They received lots of compliments last time and we hope they will be keen to sing again. Please arrive by 10.15 am and bring them to the choir area so we can get them seated and ready.

APF

It's time to empty the boxes again. Ideally, could I have your contributions by the end of the month, but don't worry, there is no deadline at this time of year.

The spring magazines are available at the back of the Church – Mike Tomas, APF Secretary.

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 details 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.

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES – YEAR 2009/10

The above envelopes are available for collection in boxes in the Church porch. They are in numerical order and each parishioner is asked to take their box as soon as possible in time for the commencement of the new year on Sunday, 12th April 2009.

RENEWAL OF ALTAR CRUET SET

Recently, the weekday altar cruet set was damaged. However, through the kind contributions made for the photographs taken on St Stephen's Day for presentation to the altar servers' medals, a new weekday cruet set has now been purchased.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Your Offering at Easter is for the personal use of the clergy, and forms a major part of their annual income.

READING HALF-MARATHON

Fathers Richard and John completed the run last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged them, waving them on and also through sponsorship for Duchess of Kent House. The sponsorship money is now being collected.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

The final practice for Holy Week ceremonies will be on Wednesday at 3 pm. Please contact me if you are unable to attend. Servers who have not attended practices or who have made no contact will not be able to serve this week's ceremonies – *Mike Tomas: 0770 803 2743*.

BRENDAN CARAVINE RIP

The parish has recently been advised of the death of Brendan Caravine. Apparently, he was well known to parishioners in both English Martyrs and St Joseph's. We have been informed that he was buried at Killglass, Co. Sligo.

