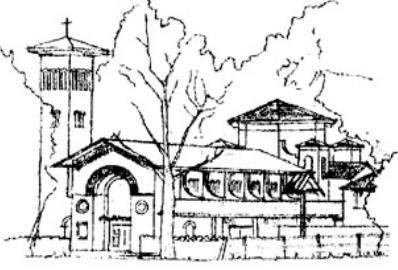
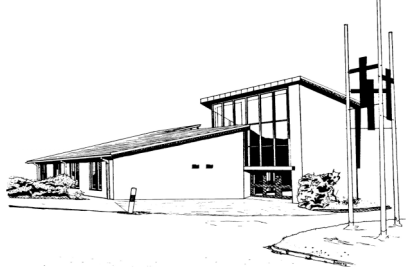


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – YEAR B

13/14 JUNE 2009

Last week, I was talking to one of our parishioners about some of the crises my diocese back home is going through. She listened very attentively and then asked me, "Do you pray about these problems?" I said I do. And God knows I do pray that God would guide my home diocese through our period of crisis.

I have talked to a good number of parishioners in our communities recently about the creation of pastoral areas, the changes in our communities, the direction we are taking as individual communities and as a pastoral area, and how they feel about these things. Of course there are some things they like about coming together or working together or pooling resources together. But there are other things they don't quite like. I think all this is normal. It is never easy to embrace change. People generally like to do things the way they have always done them, although we must accept that change is part and parcel of every person's life, as it is part and parcel of every institution's life.

While change is often necessary, it can sometimes be very painful, which is why some people object very passionately to any changes in the life of the community. Other people won't talk about the changes even though in their hearts they deeply resent them and they just carry on passively coming to Mass and other activities but never acting in any way to help move things forward.

Maybe it is time to remind ourselves that in his own 'crisis moments', Christ turned to His Father in prayer – at the beginning of his ministry, before he chose his apostles, and before his Passion. If Christ prayed for direction, how much more should we pray for guidance as we consider what is best for our communities and for our Church? St James reminds us to pray for wisdom (James 1:5) and I think we need lots of it in our communities now.

I think the parishioner who talked to me last week asked the perfect question we should be asking ourselves as we discuss and argue and quarrel about issues in our communities and our pastoral area: Do we pray about these things, asking God for wisdom and guidance or do we think he shouldn't be interfering?

Fr Joseph

| MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| ENGLISH MARTYRS | TIMINGS | | ST JOSEPH'S | |
| Anna & George Caines RIP | 6.30 pm | Vigil Mass | | |
| Michael Conneely RIP | 9.30 am | Sunday | 8.30 am | Ettwein Family's Intentions |
| Eugene Herbert RIP | 11.30 am | | 10.30 am | Peter & Veronica Hoppner's Intentions |
| Kevin Commins RIP | 5.00 pm | | | |
| Maureen Bowler RIP | 9.30 am | Monday | No Mass | |
| Marian Pillai RIP | 9.30 am | Tuesday | 7.00 pm | Indira Thomas' Intentions |
| Fr Emmanuel Dinyuy Lukong RIP | 9.30 am | Wednesday | 9.00 am | |
| Eugene Herbert RIP | 8.00 pm | Thursday | 9.00 am | Maureen Conan RIP |
| Annie Toolan RIP | 9.30 am | Friday | 7.00 pm | Tom Wellingale RIP |
| | | Saturday | 10.00 am | Joan O'Brien RIP |
| FEASTS OF THE WEEK: | | | | |
| Tuesday – St Richard of Chichester | | Friday – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS | | |
| Saturday – THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | | | | |
| Thursday 7-8 pm | EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT | | Saturday 9.30-10 am | |
| 5.30–6.15 pm | CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY | | 10.30-11 am | |
| Responsorial Psalm: "The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name." | | | | |

COLLECTIONS FOR 7TH JUNE 2009

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| Gift Aid | £364.66 |
| Planned Giving | £64.50 |
| Loose Plate | £257.70 |
| TF5 (Fr Zvonko) | £5.00 |
| TF3 | £9.00 |
| TF4 (Fr John) | £12.00 |
| Candle Money | £34.37 |
| Hall Hire | £101.25 |
| Donations | £10.00 |
| Sale of Guitar | £35.00 |
| World Communications | £12.00 |
| TOTAL | £905.48 |
| Running Totals | |
| Fr Zvonko | £159.34 |
| World Communications | £279.61 |

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 21st June are Sean Murphy, Peter Chesworth & Rosalind Gilbert.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 19th June will be a Cinema Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 9415636.

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

One of our parishioners, who lives in Lambourne Close, Tilehurst, (opposite the British Legion Club), would like a lift to 8.30 Mass on Sundays. Can you please help? If so, can you please contact *Eileen Kerrigan* on 941 2757 or *Sheila Jones, Parish Secretary* on 942 8632.

THE POLISH COMMUNITY OF READING

An invitation for you to join in their Corpus Christi procession **TODAY** from 2 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 61 Watlington Street, followed by the procession which will end at Reading Abbey Ruins. Free refreshments will be served in their hall afterwards. All are welcome.

REGENERATE MIDSUMMER PARTY

This year, Churches Together and RCN, as a sign of unity to our Saviour, will share a Midsummer Party from 12 noon to 6 pm on Saturday, 20th June in Forbury Gardens, Reading. Events include: Bouncy Castle, Ball Pond, Children's Slide, Ball Skills Workshops, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Puppet Show, Clay Modelling, Craft, Prayer and Youth Tents (for young people to 'chill out'), stands for Christian organisations to publicise their work, and Church Information Point – and more. *Please see notice board for full details and contacts.* Volunteer **NOW** to make this possible!

JUST LISTEN!

This one day course offered by the Acorn Christian Listening Trust will take place at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 20th June. It is open to anyone interested in learning how to listen more effectively, and is particularly suitable for catechists, visitors to the sick and housebound, pastoral council members, and those involved in bereavement support. Further details on the poster at the back of church, or from *Keith Chappell* kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 01329 835583. Cost £20 including a light lunch.

DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE CHURCH

Saturday, 11th July at St Bede's, Basingstoke. This day aims to raise awareness of physical, psychological or emotional abuse suffered by both men and women, and to offer practical advice on recognising domestic abuse, supporting the victims and helping the cycle to be broken. Further details on the poster at the back of church, or from *Keith Chappell* kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 01329 835583. No charge.

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all those who helped with Christian Aid. We raised £883.69 – John Macbeth.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

CHEESE & WINE PARTY FOR PARISH HELPERS

Fr John and Fr Joseph, as a thank you to all parish helpers, have arranged for a Thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated on Saturday, 5th September at 5 pm followed by a Cheese & Wine party. *Further details will be announced in due course.*

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

THE VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX TO ENGLAND AND WALES

As part of the visit of the relics of St Thérèse to England and Wales, the relics will be arriving in Portsmouth on 16th – 17th September and provisional arrangements are in hand for parishioners from St Joseph's and English Martyrs to visit Portsmouth on one of these days. Hopefully, it may be possible to organise a coach for this trip. *Further details will be available in the near future.*

UCM

At our next meeting on Wednesday, 17th June, we will be joined by Maggie Miklof, who will introduce the subject of Reflexology. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

REPOSITORY

New rotas have been drawn up for running the repository after Sunday Masses. Those who have not done so can collect their copy from the repository.

DIocese OF PORTSMOUTH

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Administrative Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham. *Further information is available in the Church porch.*

PAUL LEONARD'S ORDINATION

Two coaches have been booked to Southampton on 4th July, leaving English Martyrs Church at 9 am sharp, at a cost of £10 per passenger. Please have your exact money ready to hand over on the coach. If for any reason you are unable to go to this event please advise the Parish Office as early as possible.

ST BIRINUS PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage will take place on 21st June from Churn Knob to Dorchester. Bishop William Kenney C.P. is the preacher.

This year a Youth Challenge will be incorporated. Please see further details on the notice board, the website www.stbirinuspilgrimage.org.uk, or phone *Susan Jupp* on 07801 670438.

WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

Woodley Jumbulance Group have a vacancy for a male volunteer helper to complete the Group for our holiday with the disabled to Brittany in August 24th to 31st. For more information please ring *John Gill* on 9694769 or *Marie O'Gorman* on 9691927.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, READING

A Foundation Stage teacher for September 2009. For further details from the school telephone 0118 901 5434 or e-mail: admin.christtheking@reading.gov.uk.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 1st July and Wednesday, 8th July 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, 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).