
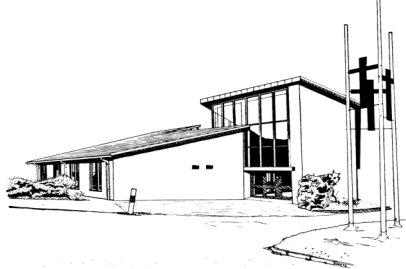


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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ST PETER AND ST PAUL – YEAR B

27/28 JUNE 2009

Together with the Parish Working Group, I have been considering over the past few months a suitable memorial for the late Fr Kelleher. It was felt by many parishioners that some permanent way of remembering him should be found. As part of this exercise the Parish was invited to submit suggestions. Several ideas were put forward including a plaque, a stained glass window, a commemorative tree, a font, support for the training of a priest and a foundation Mass.

In view of the liturgical and architectural implications involved in some of the above suggestions, the Working Group invited Canon Alan Griffiths, chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Buildings Advisory Committee, to give us advice and comment. Canon Griffiths kindly visited the Parish for this purpose on the 8th June.

Mindful of the comments and suggestions made by Canon Griffiths the Working Group met on the 22 nd June and have reached the following conclusions. The memorial will take the form of a stone memorial tablet with suitable wording and placed on the left hand side of the entrance to the Church together with a commemorative tree to be planted in the presbytery garden. In addition to the memorial, the committee have also agreed to commission a carved wooden font and are making further enquiries concerning the purchase of more suitable Sanctuary seating for the Altar Servers. The refurbishment of the Tabernacle was considered to be unnecessary at this time.

Pope Benedict has declared a Year for Priests which began on 19th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is also designed to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the death of the patron for priests, the Cure d'Ars, St John Vianney. The Pope has said that the year-long event is meant "to encourage priests in striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends." As priests, we know how much we are prayed for – and it makes a huge difference to us. With Paul Leonard's ordination fast approaching, this seems a good time to pray for more vocations so that our communities in this diocese will have the service and ministry of a priest.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
<u>ENGLISH MARTYRS</u>	<u>TIMINGS</u>		<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	
Louie Fearn RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
People of the Parish	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Pauline Fennessey RIP
Martin & Kathleen Gaynard, John Nevin & Michael Heneghan RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Kevin Spellman RIP
Eugene Herbert RIP	5.00 pm			
Susan Sweeney RIP	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Eugene Herbert RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Margaret Harper RIP
Josie Coll's Intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Bernadette Murphy's Intentions
Wilfrid Venning RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Jim Rafer RIP
Annie Toolan RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Joseph Geddis RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Bernard Stapleton RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tuesday – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Wednesday – St Oliver Plunkett Friday – St Thomas Saturday – St Elizabeth of Portugal				
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: "From all my terrors the Lord set me free."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 21ST JUNE 2009

Gift Aid	£346.30
Planned Giving	£61.00
Loose Plate	£244.03
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
TF3	£11.50
TF4 (Fr John)	£85.39
Candle Money	£17.19
Hall Hire	£367.50
Donations	£50.00
Donations (3 rd Order of Carmelites)	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,192.91
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£159.34
TF4 (Fr John)	£247.89
World Communications	£279.61

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 5th July are Tony Chaplin and John Macbeth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special collection **TODAY** for Peters Pence.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 3rd July will be the Family Fun Night at St Paul's School. 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Our prayers and congratulations go to all our candidates who completed the Confirmation course and received this Sacrament at a Mass with Bishop Crispian last Friday. May the Holy Spirit guide each of you throughout life's journey and may you always stay close to Our Lord

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.*

KNITWITS

The next Knitwits meeting will be on Monday, 6th July at 8 pm at the home of Colleen Collins: 40 Blewbury Drive.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the kind people who have sent flowers, cards, best wishes and especially their prayers. Thank you – Maria Forestiero.

UCM

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 1st July, will be a Poetry Evening – Please bring along a favourite poem, sonnet, nursery rhyme, ode or prayer to share. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

APF-MILL HILL MISSION MASS

The annual APF-Mill Hill Mission Mass will be celebrated on 13th July at Our Lady of Peace Church on Wokingham Road, Earley, starting at 7.30 pm. Many people support this work through donations and the Red Boxes all year round. Everyone is welcome to this Mass when we give praise and thanks to God for all he does through the APF and Mill Hill.

PAUL LEONARD'S ORDINATION

The coaches are now full! Departure from English Martyrs Church is **9 am sharp on 4th July**, returning from Southampton at **3 pm**. If for any reason you find you are unable to go, please advise the Office as early as possible. **Will the 8 parishioners from St Joseph's kindly ensure that the £10 per person fare is paid in to the office no later than 9 am on Monday, 29th June – Thank you.**

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*).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

There is a need for all volunteers who have contact with children or vulnerable adults, on behalf of the parish to undergo a brief training session, relevant to their needs, i.e. all children's liturgy, catechists, Eucharistic Ministers, SVP visitors & volunteer drivers. Apart from the sessions at St Joseph's on 26th September, volunteers might find the following venues & dates helpful:

Maidenhead	5 th September	AM	Adults	PM	Children
Windsor	9 th September			PM	Children
Windsor	16 th September			PM	Adults

All places must be booked, or if you have any queries please let Jo Boase know on 967 2605.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH BARBECUE

On Saturday, 18th July at 5 pm – Bring yourselves and a bottle! Everything else will be provided. Please complete and return the attached tear off slip for catering purposes, to the box in the Church porch – *Thank you.*

EVENT IN PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

JULY	EVENT/COURSE	VENUE
7 th 11 am – 3 pm	John's Gospel – A Magic Pool with Nicholas King SJ - £12.50 (incl. Light lunch and Refreshments)	St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke.

CAFOD FOCUS AFRICA

Many thanks to everyone who contributed during May - £47. On the notice board, you can read how your contributions are helping Sister Efrete Kiflom to feed malnourished children in her own diocese in Eritea, on the N.E. coast of Africa. Thanks to your help, CAFOD has given £220,000 of emergency support to their partners in this area. Sister Efrete was saying that because of your help, they have only lost one child in 3 months, this is of course, one too many. A bag of grain has increased in one year from 60p to £4.50 and there is just no food on the Markets to purchase anyway. So thank you for your help – *Margaret Chaplin.*