
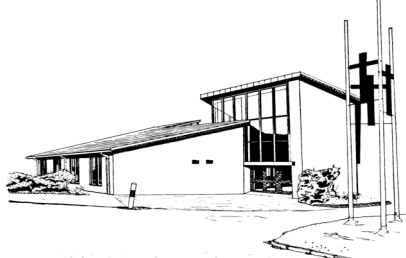


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

6/7 JUNE 2009

MONSIGNOR JOHN NELSON'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Parishioners usually experience the ministry of the priest in a very public way when he celebrates the sacraments with us, i.e. the Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, Funerals, etc. However, when he exercises his ministry in a personal way through spiritual guidance, comfort and support we indeed receive, through his priesthood, that love and care that God wants us to have.

Fr John has given this public and personal service to the Diocese over the past 25 years in a most dedicated way. After studying at the Venerable English College in Rome, he was ordained at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on 21st July 1984. Following his ordination he was appointed Assistant Priest at English Martyrs and in subsequent years served as Parish Priest at Francis de Sales, Wash Common and St Edmunds, Abingdon, before returning to Reading in 2006 as Parish Priest and Co-ordinating Pastor for our Pastoral Area of Central and West Reading.

In between his periods of parish ministry, Fr John has been Bishop's Secretary and Chancellor, Judicial Vicar and is currently one of the Vicars General and Moderator of the Curia. He also spent 2 years in Ottawa studying Canon Law. He was commissioned as a Territorial Army Chaplain in 1990 and his willingness to share his ministry with others could not have been more clearly demonstrated when, as part of this role, he spent 6 months serving in Kosovo followed by two periods of service in Iraq.

The communities of St Joseph's and English Martyrs join with him in thanking Almighty God for the many blessings He has given us through Fr John's priesthood and ministry.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate Fr John's Silver Anniversary of his Ordination at a special Mass of Thanksgiving at English Martyrs Church on Tuesday, 21st July at 7.30 pm. Bishop Crispian will be present and all members of our two communities are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

To recognise, with thanks, the service Fr John has given over the past 25 years, the Pastoral Council has also arranged for a special collection to be held in the two communities commencing this weekend. Special envelopes will be available at the rear of the two churches. Please be as generous as you can.

The Pastoral Council

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST JOSEPH'S
Rev Fr Walter Brazil RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Fred & Mary Burgess RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Eugene Herbert RIP
Bernard & Joyce Fyans RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Derek Bernie RIP
Aborted Babies RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar (Malayalam)	6.30 pm			
Joan Bryer RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Fr Peter Codd's Anniv. of Ord.
Patrick Heffernan RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Patrick & John Heffernan RIP
Teresa Farrell RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Gualberto De Rama RIP
Peter Duffy RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP
Funeral – Frank Brown RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Estelita Ayaquil RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	For a Special Intention
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tuesday – St Ephrem/St Columba		Thursday – St Barnabas		Saturday – St Anthony of Padua
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: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 31ST MAY 2009

Gift Aid	£360.98
Planned Giving	£81.50
Loose Plate	£242.10
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
TF3	£9.50
Candle Money	£90.20
Hall Hire	£0.00
Donations	£0.00
World Communications	£17.00
TOTAL	£801.28
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£480.32
World Communications	£267.61

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 14th June are John O'Shea & Clare McSoley.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 12th June will be a Swimming Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 9415636.

PAUL LEONARD'S ORDINATION

If you would like to attend the ordination to the Priesthood of Paul Leonard on Saturday, 4th July and would like to travel by coach, please add your name and telephone number to the list at the back of the Church. If there are sufficient numbers going, a coach may be an option. N.B. A decision will need to be made about a coach on Monday.

Meanwhile, RSVP your intention to attend the ordination by 12th June to *Canon John O'Shea, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton SO15 2EQ. Tel. 023 8033 3589 or email catholic14@btinternet.com.*

TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

One of our parishioners who lives in Lambourne Close, Tilehurst would like a lift to 8.30 am 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.*

LIFE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our sale last Sunday. We made £280. We will be having a stall at the League of Friends Hospital Fete at the Victoria Recreation Ground, Tilehurst, next Saturday, 13th June, and at Reading Waterfest the following Saturday, 20th June. Your continued support would be much appreciated.

As the abortion toll mounts, the attack on the sanctity of life becomes even bolder. Now abortion promoters want to advertise on TV and radio, and may be allowed to do so by the Advertising Standards Authority. The public consultation on this matter ends on 19th June. To express our views, we are urged to write to the A.S.A., Mid City Place, 71 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6QT, and to the Prime Minister and to our MP. Petition sheets will also be available after Mass **TODAY**.

A pro-life witness is to take place in Broad Street, Reading, next Saturday, 13th June, from 11 am – 12 noon. It is hoped for good attendance in order to show solidarity for the pro-life cause - *Christine Wall on 941 1605.*

THANK YOU FROM FR PETER CODD

Father Peter sends his thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of his 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If any parishioner is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if anyone knows of such a person, please inform the Parish Office or *Jo Boase on 967 2605*, so that visits can be arranged.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – 14TH JUNE

There will be a Corpus Christi procession at St Joseph's Church after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 14th June. First Holy Communion parents and parishioners are asked to bring rose petals for the procession and place them in the basket provided in the Church porch **before** the 10.30 am Mass - *Thank you.*

THE POLISH COMMUNITY OF READING

An invitation for you to join in their Corpus Christi procession on Sunday, 14th June 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.

READING HALF MARATHON

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Fathers John and Richard. £5,800 has been handed over to Duchess of Kent House and, with Gift Aid, this means we will have raised over £6,500.

REMINDER : ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

The practice for the Corpus Christi Procession will be on Saturday, 13th at 3 pm. Please contact me if you are unable to attend - *Mike Tomas: 9412786.*

FR COLM KELLEHER R.I.P

Thursday's Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Fr Kelleher, the day which marks the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination – *Mike Tomas.*

MR JOHN CASEY

This Sunday, we welcome Mr John Casey, the new Headteacher at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School. John is speaking at the 9.30 am Mass at English Martyrs and also at the 10.30 am Mass at St Joseph's. He is very keen to build and strengthen the bonds between our church communities and the School.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned beforehand.