



NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

18/19 JULY 2009

PRECIOUS IN MY EYES

We are losing our young generation
Ignored by the whole population.
Michael Jackson was right
“Fame and fortune are an illusion”
They send young people into confusion.

The expectation is to achieve.
Having a BMW I believe.
But the short cuts that are offered is to sell their soul
to those who are not bovered.
For them life is cheap.
They don't care if you end up in a heap.

So let us listen to our young generation,
together find meaning, values and motivation.
Let us not lose a soul
they are precious you know,
everyone has a unique vocation!

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST JOSEPH'S
People of the Parish	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Michael Conroy RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Mark Phillips RIP
Agnes Shields RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Nancy Frame RIP
Susan Crowley RIP	5.00 pm			
Robert Bradley RIP	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Fr John Nelson's Intentions	9.30 am	Tuesday	9.00 am	Edwiges Figueira RIP
Fr John's 25 th Anniversary Mass	7.30 pm		11.00 am	Funeral: Mike Scholes RIP
Danny Moore RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Maureen Meacher's Intentions
Consuelo Brandariz RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Thomas Duffy RIP
Eugene Herbert RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Ted Akerman RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Hopper family - Thanksgiving
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St Apollinaris	Tuesday – St Laurence of Brindisi	Wednesday – St Mary Magdalen		
Thursday – St Bridget of Sweden	Friday – St Charbel Makhluf	Saturday – St James		
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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”				

COLLECTIONS FOR 12TH JULY 2009

Gift Aid	£366.49
Planned Giving	£74.00
Loose Plate	£191.97
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£275.00
TF3	£105.00
TF4 (Fr John)	£108.00
Candle Money	£32.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£263.05
Peter's Pence	£1.50
Hall Hire	£166.25
TOTAL	£1,583.26
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£832.32
TF4 (Fr John)	£487.39
Peter's Pence	£396.34

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 26th July 2009 are Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Bishop's Conference for England & Wales have authorised a special collection to take place in parishes on Sunday, 26th July in support of the Day for Life.

The day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death – will this year focus on the theme of suicide. The main emphasis of Day for Life 2009 will be on the pastoral dimensions of this difficult and sensitive subject. It will highlight why the Church believes that every life is worth living and look at the reasons why people contemplate suicide, including acute mental illness and the possible spiritual factors involved. It will also point towards the support that the professional services can bring and hopefully help to reduce the stigma too often associated with mental illness and depression.

Building upon last year's focus on mental health; the bishops hope that this year's day with its particular focus on suicide will help raise awareness of the vital role played by families and a supportive parish community in supporting and sustaining those who may be struggling to cope. Further information available from: www.dayforlife.org. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church. *Please be as generous as you can.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: 2009/2010

St Joseph's Parish Programme will begin next term in preparation for reception of the sacrament next May. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September, you are invited to register for the programme as soon as possible. If your child attends St Paul's school, please collect an application form from the **SCHOOL OFFICE** and hand it in to the **PARISH OFFICE** (open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am -12.30 pm). Parents of children at other primary schools should collect the form from the Parish Office. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept applications received after **Friday, 18th September**, so please do not forget to register in plenty of time.

CONFIRMATION JUNE 2010

If you will be in Year 8 or above in September and are interested in joining the Confirmation program, please leave your name, phone number, home address and email address with the Parish Office. There is a strict cut-off date: **Monday, 19th October**, to allow us to plan the resources required. (Late applicants will be asked to re-apply the following year). The program will begin with a Come and See evening in November.

RENEW THE FACE of THE EARTH!

A day for Confirmation Catechists – Saturday, 19th September, 9.30 am – 1 pm - St Peter's School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester, SO22 4JB. The Diocesan Pastoral Formation Team and CAFOD are holding a half-day for Confirmation catechists to look at the NEW free resources for Confirmation produced by CAFOD. Refreshments provided. To book a place, please contact Eileen Stephenson (Pastoral Formation Department): estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 01329 835583.

ST JOHN BOSCO

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP – WOODLEY

A national climate change rally is to be held in London on 5th December 2009. The St John Bosco Action Group at Woodley is anxious to organise a coach to take people from the Reading area to the rally. If anybody is interested in this subject and would like to participate in the rally, would you please contact Kevin Boyle at Kevin.boyle1@btinternet.com or leave a message at St John Bosco, Woodley, on telephone no. 969 3423.

MIKE SCHOLES RIP

The Parish offers condolences to Ann Scholes and family. Please pray for the repose of Mike's soul. Mike's requiem Mass will be held here at St Joseph's at 11 am on Tuesday, 21st July, followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are invited.*

FR JOHN'S SILVER JUBILEE

You are warmly invited to a Celebration Mass at 7.30 pm at English Martyrs Church next Tuesday when Fr John will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination. Bishop Crispian will join us for the Mass, Presentation and Refreshments. Gift envelopes can still be handed over to your Parish Secretary. Any help to set up the hall, serve refreshments and clear away afterwards would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to sign the sheets for Fr John's Silver Jubilee card, they will be available in the porch **today**.

MASSES: TUESDAY, 21ST JULY 2009

Will all parishioners please note that there will be a **9 am** Mass on Tuesday, 21st July, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 am for Mike Scholes RIP. This will be followed, in the evening, by the 25th Anniversary of Ordination Mass for Mgr John Nelson, at English Martyrs Church.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group sessions will re-commence on Friday, 4th September with an Equipment Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 9415636 or check the web site for forthcoming events or to print off application forms: <http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk>, then follow link for the Youth Group.

TEA/COFFEE

The final sums collected this year were £100 for CAFOD (generously rounded up to this amount by an additional donation from a parishioner) and £255 for Fr Zvonko's training fund. An excellent result and many thanks to all concerned.

FR PAUL LEONARD

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those from English Martyrs and St Joseph's who travelled to Southampton the other weekend for my Ordination to the Priesthood. It was a truly joyful weekend for me and my family.

I wish to thank all those who have accompanied me and supported me on this journey and for the many cards, good wishes and generous offerings. I am most grateful for all those who have prayed for me and my one request is that you continue to keep me in your prayers, that I become a Priest after the heart of Jesus.

I am also pleased to inform you that I will be celebrating the 9.30 am Mass at English Martyrs on Sunday, 23rd August, when I shall be able to meet up with some of you - *Fr Paul Leonard*.