
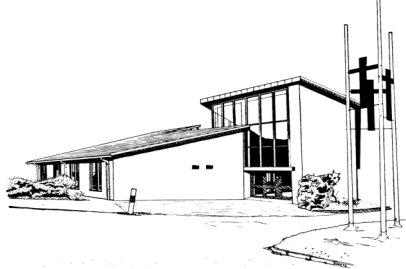


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

4/5 JULY 2009

I am writing this on Wednesday afternoon. On Monday Andy Murray went through to the last eight of Wimbledon, the match having been played under the roof for the first time and with floodlighting. He is due to play later today, and who knows, he may be heading towards being Wimbledon champion by the time we are together for Mass.

Clearly the atmosphere inside the Centre Court was electric and the crowd was quite partisan, and he seemed more popular than ever before, especially among younger people. I hope you have noticed, while he is winning at least, that the commentators are very careful to describe him as British rather than Scottish!

In many ways the reaction to Andy Murray's success is the opposite of what is heard in the Gospel: "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house". But perhaps that's the difference between a prophet and someone who is clearly enjoying success. We all like to be associated with winners and achievement.

The prophet has the task of telling the truth, no matter how unpalatable it may be; or of encouraging a change in behaviour and attitude so that the word of God is respected, and the love of God is shown to all. A prophet isn't simply someone who goes around making life difficult for the sake of it, but rather someone whose life and teaching is based in God-given truth.

I do wonder sometimes whether we are living in a time when the Catholic Church has a more prophetic role than it may have done in the immediate past. There was a time when our conviction about the dignity of life and the importance of moral and social conduct was widely shared and accepted. There was a time when our language about the love of God and the fact that Jesus lived and died among us was shared by the majority. These days that is just not the case.

It is clearly pretty easy for young people to identify with the success – so far – of Andy Murray and others like him. It's probably less easy for them to identify with the "success" of the prophetic stance of the Church and some of the teaching that our faith calls us to take up. We need to do all we can to support them and guide them.

Fr Andrew

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S	
Ethel Cole RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Iris & Frank Caulfield-James RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Pat Gavaghan RIP
Joe Hickey RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Jim Rafter RIP
Kate Knollys RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar Mass	6.30 pm			
Eugene Herbert RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Parishioner's Private intention
Percy & Leslie Pereira RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Eugene Herbert RIP
Requiem: Flora Anne Lerwill	11.30 am			
Bishop Hollis' Intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Jacqueline Richard RIP
Ina Flood RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Deceased Members of the MacSharry family
Lucy & Alan Underdown's Ints	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Jim Grelis RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Margaret Kelly RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St Maria Goretti	Thursday – SS Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions	Saturday – St Benedict		
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: "Our eyes are on the Lord till He shows us His mercy."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 28TH JUNE 2009

Gift Aid	£473.50
Planned Giving	£70.50
Loose Plate	£259.89
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£22.00
TF3	£4.00
TF4 (Fr John)	£81.50
Candle Money	£53.36
Hall Hire	£190.00
Lorry Parking	£50.00
Youth Group	£170.00
Peter's Pence	£378.64
TOTAL	£1,753.39
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko (Revised)	£507.32
TF4 (Fr John)	£329.39

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 12th July are Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

SEA SUNDAY - THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. They reach out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care. AOS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations to continue its work; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and is your chance to help AOS make a real difference to the lives of seafarers. Everything AOS does is on behalf of Britain's Catholic community, but it receives no statutory from either the Church or the government. Please give generously next Sunday - their ministry cannot continue without your support.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 10th July will be a summer barbecue. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE CHURCH

On 11th July, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and the Department for Pastoral Formation are holding a Domestic Abuse awareness and training day. The day is free to all but attendees need to book. This day will provide important information for all of us, clergy and lay, who come into regular contact with people through our ministry. This day may be of particular interest to those who work as teachers or those involved in safeguarding, family ministry, catechesis and youth ministry. For more information, check the diocesan website or contact *Eileen Stephenson on 01329 8358853*.

KNITWITS

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

FREE

Girl's 5 gear bicycle for age approximately 12 – 15 years. For further details, please telephone 961 5237 – *Maria Forestiero*.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Our last session before the summer break will be on Sunday, 12th July. We wish you all a happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again when we resume on Sunday, 6th September - *Margaret, Ann, Maria, Sue & Virginia*.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH BARBECUE

On Saturday, 18th July at 5 pm – Bring yourselves and a bottle! Everything else will be provided. There are extra tear off slips available for catering purposes. Please post completed slips in to the box provided – *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.

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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Charley Craig Pearson who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE

There will be no tea/coffee served after 10.30 am Mass from Sunday, 19th July – Sunday, 30th August inclusive. A big thank you to all those who support this venture throughout the year and especially to the Youth Group who now organise things on the first Sundays of the month. This year we have raised around £80 for CAFOD (proceeds on 1st Sunday) and around £250 for Fr Zvonko's training fund (proceeds on all other Sundays). The final sums will be known once we have finished for the summer - *Ann Epps*.

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY and CLIMATE JUSTICE MASS

On Saturday, 12th September from 10.30 am - 3pm (Mass at 3.30 pm at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. All CAFOD supporters are welcome to come along to hear about CAFOD's work in Bangladesh and Ethiopia and about upcoming plans for Harvest Fast Day 2009. We will be joined by Maurice McPartland, Head of Africa. The day will end with a special Vigil Mass for Climate Justice. Please note that everybody is welcome to attend the Mass - even if they do not come for the whole day). To book a place please email *portsmouth@cafod.org.uk* or telephone *01252 329 385*.

RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

A day for Confirmation Catechists – Saturday, 19th September 2009 from 9.30 am – 1 pm at 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* Telephone No: *01329 835583*.

ST JOSEPH'S PARENT/CARER TODDLER GROUP

The last session before the summer holidays will be held on Thursday, 16th July, 9.30 am – 11.30 am and will resume again on Thursday, 10th September.

If you haven't attend before, please do join us in the Church Hall where your children can play and socialize in a safe and stimulating environment and you can enjoy a coffee and a chat.

A NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL

Two weeks ago, attached to the Newsletter, was a description of the new Pastoral Council which will serve the communities who worship at English Martyrs, St Joseph's, St James with William of York. We asked for names of those willing to be part of the new Council. So far only a few names have been received. The deadline is Sunday, 12th July, so please do give this serious thought. Anyone can put themselves forward, or nominate someone else (with their agreement).

It must be stressed that the Pastoral Council we are now forming is absolutely key in the thinking which must be done as we continue to build up our Catholic community, and identify new ways of bringing the Good News to the world of today.

Please consider being part of this Pastoral Council. Names can be given in to any of the three Parish Offices.