



# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**8/9 AUGUST 2009**

Recently, I found a poster in the sacristy at St Joseph's which read: ***Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10). Please, talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass outside the Church.*** I know that this conversation has come up before but I still think it is important for us to get some things right. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us "In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father...with his Son, Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit." (CCC 2565). As such, we cannot emphasize the importance of prayer enough. That is the reason the Church provides us with so many opportunities to pray, to nourish this unique relationship with God. Apart from personal prayer and devotions which the Church encourages us to take up, we have daily Mass, weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the weekly Rosary devotion in all the Churches in our Pastoral Area.

It is understandable that some people make more use of these opportunities than others. There are some who say their daily prayers and devotions without fail, go to Mass daily, and go to the weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. But it is also understandable that not everyone in the community can find time to do all these devotions. In fact, the only time some people can find for meaningful prayer is when they come to Mass on Sunday. And that is why, I think, it is absolutely important for us to let them have quality time with the Lord. Sometimes we are excited at seeing friends we haven't seen for some time, but that does not give us licence to chat away and disturb everyone else around us who wants to say a prayer and who, maybe, has only this one time in the week to do so properly. Maybe we should put that poster at the entrance of each Church to remind ourselves of what Jesus himself said: ***My house will be called a house of prayer*** (Matthew 21:13).

One last thing: it is important that all parishioners read the newsletter, not only for the priest's thought for the week but also for all the announcements and news items. But, would it be better if we read the newsletter after Mass as well?

**Fr Joseph**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>			<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>
George Bennett RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Jacinta Baptiste RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Eileen Mitchell RIP
Deceased Members of D'Cruz Family RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Pierre Dolla RIP
Marita Marron RIP	5.00 pm			
Gladys Taylor RIP	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Albert Joseph RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Sara Grenzi RIP
Eugene Herbert RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	John O'Brien RIP
Hugh Faringdon Burrett RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Ted O'Riordan RIP
Tom Willingale RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Private Intention – Friendship Reconciliation
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Nicole Figueira's Intentions
<b>FEASTS OF THE WEEK:</b>				
Monday – St Laurence		Tuesday – St Clare		Wednesday – St Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday – Ss Pontian & Hippolytus			Friday – St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	
Thursday 7-8 pm	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>			Saturday 9.30-10 am
5.30–6.15 pm	<b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY</b>			10.30-11 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2009

Gift Aid	434.00
Planned Giving	64.00
Loose Plate	202.07
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	62.00
TF3	4.16
Candle Money	29.90
Apostleship of the Sea	0.00
Hall Hire	109.35
TF0	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>915.48</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	894.32
Apostleship of the Sea	

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2009 are Sean Murphy, Peter Chesworth & Rosalind Gilbert.

### YOUTH GROUP

For 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.

### NEW PARISH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS: ST JOSEPH'S

Please note the new St Joseph's Parish Office email address: [sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) in keeping with the format outlined by the Portsmouth Diocese. The old email address will be monitored until the autumn, when we will cease to use it.

### 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD

Bishop Crispian invites us to an introduction to Stewardship in Portsmouth Diocese. What is it and why is it important? This day will take place on: 7th November – at St Joseph's Convent School, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Cost £5 (will be covered by the parish) + bring your own packed lunch. For details and booking: Dept. for Pastoral Formation, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, Hants PO17 5HA. Tel. 01329 835583 or email [estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### Thank you Gift Aid

Many thanks to all parishioners for the support given to the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. In the year ending 5th April 2009 the parish received back from the Inland Revenue the sum of £9108. If any parishioner requires, for Tax Return purposes, the details of their individual contributions please contact Harry McSoley/Sean Murphy at the Parish Office. *Fr John*

### FR ZVONKO

*During his recent brief visit to St Joseph's, Fr Zvonko once again expressed his sincere thanks to the parish for the financial support given to him to help with his university studies.*

*Fr Zvonko receives no financial assistance from his home diocese of Banja Luka and relies on donations from family and friends.*

*With Fr John's approval, St Joseph's Parish will be having a special voluntary collection for Fr Zvonko during the next few weeks and envelopes are available at the rear of the Church.*

*With the help of all Fr Zvonko's friends here at St Joseph's, we hope to be able to send him some further financial assistance in time for the new academic year in October. Please be as generous as you can.*

### CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY and CLIMATE JUSTICE MASS

On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 01252 329 385.

### MIKE SCHOLES RIP

Thank you to everyone who supported us recently in any way after Mike's death - *Anne, Bernadette and Angela*.

### TRIP TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Fr Dominic at St James is planning a trip to Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The coach will leave St James at 10 am arriving in Winchester for the lunch time Mass at St Peter's Church, the local Catholic Church. After time for lunch, there will be a private guided tour of Winchester Cathedral which will take approximately one hour. The coach will leave for the return journey to St James at 4.30 pm. The cost is £10 per person and we would like payment when you book your seat. If you find, nearer the time, that you can't come, the payment will be refunded. If you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office at St James on 957 4171 or email [parish@jameswilliam-reading.org.uk](mailto:parish@jameswilliam-reading.org.uk).

### KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 8 pm at the home of Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close.

### AUGUST HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed for two weeks from the week commencing Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Sheila Jones will be back in the Parish Office on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. It is anticipated that a newsletter will continue to be published during this period. For urgent matters, i.e. sick calls and funerals, please continue to ring St Joseph's Church on 942 8632.

### SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Arranged by Reading Churches Men's Group - 8.15 am for 8.30 am on Saturday, 5th September in the Cedar Room, Park House Reading University (Pepper Lane entrance). "Hong Kong Before and After" - 40 years of amazing Christian work in Hong Kong. Guest speaker - Jackie Pullinger, author of "Chasing the Dragon". Bring a friend/relative/neighbour/colleague to hear this remarkable woman. To book £10/head - send cheque 'RCMG' and SAE to John Ledger, 27 Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading, RG6 5RX. Tel: 9861917 (or *John Broady* 9543879). Please book by 1st September latest.

### PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

The August/September 2009 edition of the Portsmouth People is now available in the Church porch – *Please help yourself to a copy.*