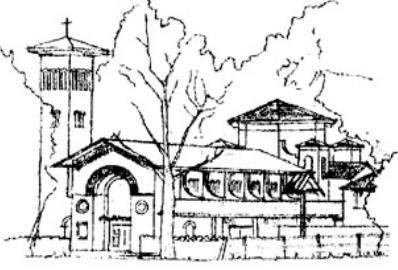
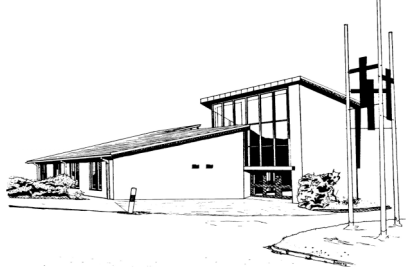


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

26/27th SEPTEMBER 2009

For me, the following story speaks volumes about our times.

Two weeks ago I was sitting in a car park in Scotland where I was due to meet someone. I had half an hour to wait. It was a local council car park but I was surprised to see on the board near the payment machine that charges did not apply on a Sunday. "Well" I thought to myself, "that's saved me a couple of quid." I sat back in my car but then noticed other people approaching the payment machine. Some put coins in and seemed to get frustrated that 'the machine wasn't working' because they simply came out in the tray below. Some people tried over and over again to insert their coins – and then went across the car park to find another machine, convinced that this one wasn't working. Other people, after a couple of attempts, read the board and looked delighted that they didn't have to pay. I heard more than one say: "it isn't often that you get something for free these days."

Even more interesting were the people who tried to pay, and were then told by others that it wasn't necessary. I wish I had had a camera with me. Rather than believe what they were told, some waited until the other person had gone and then went to look into the windows of parked cars to see if they had a ticket in the window. In other words they didn't believe what they'd been told. Perhaps they thought they were being misled or tricked. Perhaps they just never believe other people without checking. Perhaps they simply couldn't believe that a local council would allow loads of people to park for nothing on a Sunday morning! I saw one man, obviously worried that he might be clamped or fined, put a note in his windscreen which said: 'Ticket Machine not working'.

How have we become people who believe that we will be charged for everything – and that nothing is ever likely to be free? Why do we find it so hard to believe other people when they tell us something unexpected? Why have we become so suspicious and untrusting?

One of the greatest things about our faith in Jesus Christ is that his Good News comes at absolutely no cost – and his Word is something we believe without suspicion.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST JOSEPH'S
Bernadette Carvalho RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Louie Fearn RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Minerva Adams RIP
Nicholas Godfrey Williams RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Trevor Horrell RIP
Celine McKeever's intentions	5.00 pm			
Jim Rafter RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Sean Morris RIP
Sean Morris RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Reme's Intentions
Bridget May's intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Bernard Headd RIP
Jim Rafter RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Minerva Adams RIP
Funeral – Kathleen Gaughan RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Joseph Gill's Intentions
		Saturday	10.00 am	James McAdden RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – Ss Wenceslaus, Laurence Ruiz & Companions Tuesday – The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Wednesday – St Jerome Thursday – St Teresa of the Child Jesus Friday – The Holy Guardian Angels				
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 precepts of the Lord gladden the heart."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 20TH SEPTEMBER 2009

Gift Aid	£281.86
Planned Giving	£79.50
Loose Plate	£237.70
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£25.50
TF3	£4.00
CASE	£255.25
Candle Money	£27.89
Racial Justice	£5.00
TOTAL	£916.70
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£2,350.69

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 4th October are John O'Shea & Clare McSoley.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection **TODAY** for the Cathedral.

There will be a voluntary collection next Sunday, 4th October for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (which falls on Friday, 2nd October). *Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.*

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 2nd October will be a swimming night. For details, please contact *Nicola Ritchie 941 5636* 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.

CONFIRMATION JUNE 2010

If you will be in Year 8 or above in September and are interested in joining the Confirmation programme, 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 programme will begin with a Come and See evening in November.

CHRISTIAN AID – QUIZAID

At Tilehurst Methodist Church on Saturday, 3rd October at 7.30 pm. For further information, please contact *John Dimmock – Telephone No. 962 4651.*

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. Perhaps you are a Catholic who has been out of touch and would like to reconnect. The Journey in Faith group meets on Thursday evenings. For more details please contact the parish office or phone *Brigid Parkes on 942 7436.*

PARENT/CARER AND TODDLER GROUP

Held in the Church hall each Thursday between 9.30 am – 11 am during term-time. Here, your children can play and socialise in a safe environment and you can enjoy a coffee and a chat. *Please do come and join us.*

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL

From September 2010, the Governors have taken the decision that St Joseph's will become a co-educational school. On October 7th, there will be an Open Afternoon for the Preparatory School from 2.30 – 4.30 pm and an Open Evening for the Senior School from 6.30 – 9 pm. *Prospective parents, boys and girls are very welcome to attend.*

THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE IN OXFORD

St Thérèse's Relics arrive at the Oxford Oratory - 25 Woodstock Road, OX2 6HA on Wednesday, 7th October and leave on Thursday, 8th October. Further details are available from the web site: www.oxfordoratory.org.uk/ or by telephoning 01865 315800.

CATHOLIC MIRACLE SERVICE

Praise & worship, teaching and healing ministry evening at The Friends Meeting House, directly opposite Euston Station, London at 7 - 9.30 pm on Thursday, 8th October (no booking, donation-only event). The last similar Catholic Miracle Service was hugely enjoyable and very blessed. Feel free to invite others, including those who want prayer for illness or who are going through tough times. *Telephone No. 01932 565747.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 14th October and Wednesday, 21st October 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.

The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon. If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Brigid Parkes on 942 7436* or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

PARISH RETREAT – 7TH NOVEMBER

The parish liturgy group, in consultation with Fr Joseph, are in the process of making arrangements for a parish retreat to take place on 7th November 2009. The retreat will commence with Mass at 10 am in the Church and in the hall from 10.30 am until 3 pm. (Bring your own lunch). Primarily, the retreat is for persons with ministry responsibilities within the parish, i.e. Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Welcomers, Cleaners, etc, but all parishioners are welcome to attend. Parishioners from the other two parishes in the pastoral area are also welcome to attend.

LIFE

The AGM of Reading & District LIFE will be held on Tuesday, 29th September in the LIFE Care Centre, English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road, Reading at 11 am. *All supporters welcome.*

ALTAR SERVERS

Would your child like to train as an altar server? Any child who has made his/her First Holy Communion is eligible to serve, but it must be the child's decision to serve, not the parents. Practices are usually held on a weekday after school (whichever day is most suitable to the group) and last about ¾ of an hour. After approximately one year's service, servers are enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen (the patron saint of altar servers) and are formally presented with the Guild Medal. Please contact me for further details – *Mike Tomas: 941 2786.*

APF

It will soon be time to empty the boxes again. Could I have your contributions no later than 25th October please? Any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2009 accounts. If, by this date, it will be more than six months since your box was last opened, please contact me. The APF autumn magazines are available at the back of the Church - *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary: 941 2786.*

THE MARIST SENIOR SCHOOL

Vacancies exist for a Teacher of RE and a Teacher of Business Studies. *Further details are available in the Church porch.*

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN CHRISTIAN UNITY COMMITTEE

This year's forum is to be held on 17th October at St Bede's, Basingstoke, and all those involved with ecumenical work are encouraged to attend. The day will be led by Mgr Andrew Faley, and the theme which he will be addressing is "The Search for Christian Unity - an Audit for Today". It is essential to register for this day by contacting Mairead Boyce (on behalf of the Executive Committee). Telephone No. 01367 242494 email boycemairead@aol.com.