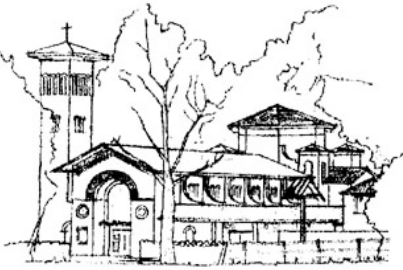
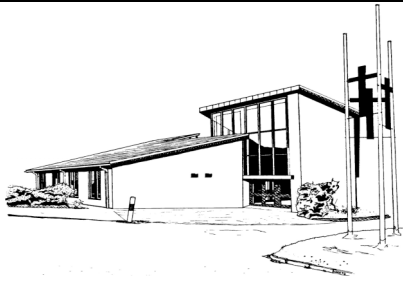


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**3RD/4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

Fr John and I were at the ordination in Westminster Cathedral earlier this week of Bishop Richard Moth as the new Bishop for the Armed Forces in Britain. Bishop Richard, unlike the other Bishops in this country does not have a territorial area. Rather his Diocese is the people of the Armed Forces: the service personnel, their families and the chaplains. Archbishop Kevin McDonald, who presided at the ordination commented on this in his homily and he said, "Whatever we are called to by God, we're called for and to people, people who, for a bishop, become his people, his responsibility". At a time of change in the Church, I think it is important always to return to focus on people. In the end all the buildings, ceremonies, ministries, training, education and community activities are about helping to make us better people.

And it is with this in mind that I am sure we have all seen the pictures on television of the devastation in Samoa and Indonesia as a result of an earthquake and a tsunami. Last weekend there was terrible flooding in the Philippines as a result of Typhoon Ketsana. Many of you in our communities in English Martyrs and St Joseph are from the Philippines and I have no doubt that you will be worrying about people in your lives: your families and friends back home. At a practical level, I do know that CAFOD has pledged immediate financial support to Caritas Philippines (NASSA) and is in contact with local aid workers in the Philippines to see what other help might best be given.

The Philippines, Samoa and Indonesia are the other side of the world and it is difficult to comprehend what has happened, but we do not need to be bound by territory. The right thing to do, is to concentrate on the people who have suffered, and to continue to hold them in our prayers. The strong bonds of family and love which are so clearly evident among our own Filipino community are what the readings today are leading us to cherish and to do our utmost to preserve.

So as a Catholic family we say to each other, and especially to our Filipino brothers and sisters, at this time of tragedy, we are supporting you with our prayers, our love and our concern.

**Fr Andrew**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>			<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>
Robert Clifton's intentions	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Mary Coutinho RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>		8.30 am Jane McClusky RIP
Bridie McGlynn RIP	11.30 am			10.30 am Tony Williams RIP
Frank Brown RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar	6.30 pm			
<b>Funeral – Jose Marino RIP</b>	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Jim Rafter RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass
Thanksgiving-Noronha family	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass for all parishioners
Jim Rafter RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Fr Frank Cama RIP
Ann Campbell RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Indira Thomas' Intentions
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	James Donnellan RIP
<b>FEASTS OF THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday – St Bruno	Wednesday – Our Lady of the Rosary	Friday – Ss Denis & Companions & John Leonardi		
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: "May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

Gift Aid	£352.90
Planned Giving	£73.50
Loose Plate	£188.21
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£23.00
TF3	£3.02
Repository	£70.00
Candle Money	£33.33
Hall Hire	£1,140.00
Donations	£285.00
Youth Group	£70.00
Cathedral	£330.51
CASE	£15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2584.47</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
<b>TF5 (Fr Zvonko)</b>	<b>£2,373.69</b>

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October are Sean Murphy, Peter Chesworth and Rosalind Gilbert.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a voluntary collection **TODAY** for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (which was on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October).

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October will be a retreat group fundraising 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, 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 programme will begin with a Come and See evening in November.

### 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.*

### THE RELICS OF ST THÉRÈSE IN OXFORD

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

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Following the success of last year's Christmas Hamper project, the Parish Working Group has decided to hold another hamper draw this year. Parishioners were very generous in donating items suitable for the draw and it would be appreciated if everyone could make similar contributions from now on. A basket will be available in the Church porch for all donations. Proceeds from the draw will go to parish funds and the date of the draw will be Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 following the 10.30 am Mass in the large hall.

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Parish Christmas cards will be on sale from today after each Mass. All profits will go to parish funds.

### BAPTISM COURSE

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

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Due to the clash of dates with the Diocesan Stewardship Day to be held at St William of York, the parish retreat has been cancelled. Arrangements will be made for the parish retreat to take place during Lent 2010.

### APF

It will soon be time to empty the boxes again. Could I have your contributions no later than 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to Lottie Mae Stretton who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

### CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

If you get a place in the ballot for the London Marathon (or any other event) why not run on behalf of your local children's charity, **Cabrini Children's Society**? Cabrini provides services for children, families and adults with learning disabilities and has been doing so since 1887. If you are interested please contact *Ann Hoggan* on 0208 668 2181 or email [ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk](mailto:ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk).

### SAFEGUARDING ADULTS & CHILDREN

Are you a doctor, social worker or police officer with current or recent experience of safeguarding adults or children? Would you like to offer your skills and experience to the Diocesan Safeguarding Commission? If interested, please contact *Angela McGrory*, Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator for an informal chat on 02392 816396 or 07554427064. This is a voluntary role that is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB Disclosure.

### LIFE JUMBLE SALE

LIFE will be holding a JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October in the English Martyrs Parish Centre starting at 1 pm. Jumble may be taken there during the morning. *Contact: Christine Wall – Telephone No. 941 1605.*

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next UCM meeting will be on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October when we will be holding a Bring and Buy sale in aid of Feed the Children, who need funds to pay for transport to get their aid to areas of need. The meeting will be at 7.30 pm in the small hall. All ladies are welcome to join us.

### CENTRAL & WEST READING PASTORAL AREA

A bereavement service will be held at St Joseph's Church at 3 pm on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. All parishioners in the Pastoral Area are invited to attend and pray for deceased members of their families and friends. Light refreshments will be available in the large hall after the service.