
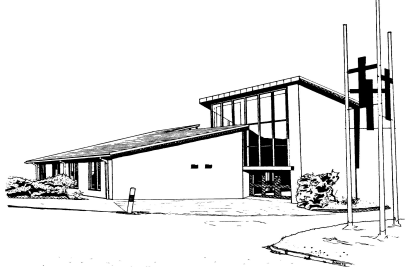


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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THE TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

28TH/29TH AUGUST 2010

COLLECTION FOR THE CAFOD PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL

Last weekend we informed you that CAFOD was not asking us to have a Special Collection for the people of Pakistan. However, as you will have seen on television and in the newspapers, the situation has grown rapidly worse and CAFOD are now asking for immediate help. For that reason we are arranging a collection as you leave today. It is quite possible that you would like to contribute but cannot do so on the spur of the moment. Not to worry: you can contribute today or use a CAFOD envelope to donate next weekend, or drop anything you would like to give in to the Presbytery, in a marked envelope. Your help is desperately needed.

The devastating floods now stretch for more than 600 miles and have killed at least 1600 people. In addition up to 20 million are in need of emergency assistance. People have lost homes, crops and livestock and are now at risk from deadly water-borne diseases such as cholera. The partner agencies that CAFOD works with have reached 23,000 people so far but so many more need help now and to recover in the long term. With your support, CAFOD's partner agencies can provide:

- Emergency kits including plastic sheeting, blankets, water purification tablets and soap
- Temporary latrines to improve sanitation and prevent disease from spreading
- Life-saving medicines and emergency health care

Colette Fearon, CAFOD's Head of Asia Programmes, says: "We are very concerned by reports of cholera, because we know it can spread quickly in cramped conditions. Our partners have experience of providing relief to people in disasters, so we are confident that we can get help to those that need it most and help them recover in the coming months and years." People sometimes talk about 'donor fatigue' because many requests for help are put before them. But with a situation like the one in Pakistan now it is right that we should respond in any way we can.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS			
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S
George Joseph RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass	
Louie Fearn RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am Private Intention
Valerie Arthurs RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am Tony James RIP
Mohamed Lamin RIP	5.00 pm		
Ted McDonnagh RIP	10.00 am	Monday	10.00 am Noel Broderick RIP
John O'Brien RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm Bill O'Connor RIP
Hugh Faringdon Burrett RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am Molly Thompson RIP
Carmelite Sisters Intentions RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am Kathleen Feeney RIP
Paddy Doherty RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm Kevin & Teresa McEaney RIP
Brother Simon RIP	7.30pm		
		Saturday	10.00 am Patrick Morrissey RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:			
Monday – Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward		Tuesday – All Saints of Lindisfarne	
Friday – St Gregory the Great		Saturday – St Cuthbert	
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: "In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor."			

COLLECTIONS FOR 22ND AUGUST 2010

Gift Aid	£378.50
Planned Giving	£63.60
Loose Plate	£305.66
TF3	£2.00
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£100.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£20.00
Candle Money	£43.20
Hall Hire	£38.50
TOTAL	£951.46
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,284.56
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£1,488.06

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 5th September will be John O'Shea & Clare McSoley.

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

I am hoping to establish a social morning in the parish. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th September after 9 am Mass in the small hall, and every Wednesday following. Tea, coffee, cakes and a chat. Everyone is welcome and all are free. If we have enough people, perhaps a game of bingo – Maria Forestiero (961 5237).

1ST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2010/2011

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 Tuesday and Thursday 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 Thursday, 16th September so please do not forget to register in time of time.

Fr ZVONKO'S TRAINING FUND

As in previous years, friends of Fr Zvonko have made contributions to his Training Fund. Fr Zvonko continues with his studies while he is helping in a parish in Vienna. Fr John has again agreed that voluntary contributions towards his Fund will take place during August. Special envelopes are available in the Church Porch.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 6th & 13th October from 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 *Mary Phillip* on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter). Telephone No. 942 8632.

FISH 'N' CHIPS SUPPER

Arrangements have now been made to hold a fish 'n' chips supper on Saturday, 2nd October 2010, starting at 6.45 pm. Tickets are £5 per person and include fish 'n' chips, apple pie and cream pudding, complimentary drinks, quiz entertainment and tea & coffee. Tickets will be available from Sunday, 19th September 2010 on the basis that 50 tickets will be for St Joseph's and 30 tickets will be for our friends at St Catherine of Siena. The complimentary drinks bar will be available from 6.45 pm and the fish 'n' chips will be served promptly at 7.30 pm – *Fr Joseph*.

KNITWITS

Knitwits next meet on Monday, 6th September at 7.30 pm at the home of Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close, Tilehurst – *Margaret Chaplin*.

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.

FOR SALE

Casio Tone Bank CT636 Five Octave Keyboard. Ideal for beginner. £25 to Fr Zvonko's Training Fund. Stand available, but needs attention. Please contact *Rita Williams* – Tel. No. 0118 957 2992.

BROTHER SIMON RIP

On Friday evening, 3rd September, at 7.30 pm Mass will be celebrated at English Martyrs Church for the Repose of the Soul of Brother Simon. A member of the Presentation Brothers Community, Simon had lived in Reading since 1948 and served as Headmaster of Presentation College for a number of years. He died recently whilst on Ireland in holiday and his Funeral took place there. The Mass on Friday is an opportunity for friends and parishioners to gather, to thank God for Simon's long ministry as a Religious and to pray for him, that he may rest in peace.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE THAMES VALLEY BERKSHIRE AREA

Cruse Bereavement Care are running a pilot drop-in service at Tyndale Baptist Church Hall, 2 - 4 Cressingham Road, Reading, on 2nd & 16th September, between 6.30 - 8.30 pm. The service is open to all and is manned by Cruse trained bereavement supporters. Telephone No. 0844 736 0441 or e-mail: cruse.tvberks@btconnect.com. For more information, ring *Deacon John Foley* on 01189 333420.

THE BERKSHIRE SECTOR OF GHANA CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

The parish has recently received a letter from Fr Joseph Akono who is the chaplain to the above organization. Although the parish is not aware of any parishioners from Ghana, Fr Joseph Akono requested that we put this short message in our newsletter: "All Ghanaians are requested to call their Sector Representative (Mrs Barbara Ntow-Boahene. Tel: 0118 987 3746/0795 876 9859) to discuss membership of the Ghanaian Catholic Chaplaincy. Alternatively, you can call Rev Fr Joseph Akono on 0790 382 9397".

LIFE IS 40!

This year LIFE is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and has planned a nationwide fundraising challenge - "Forty Feat". On the weekend of 24-26 September the country will be challenged to come up with the most ingenious feat to be completed 40 times, e.g. swim 40 lengths, run for 40 minutes, cycle 40 miles, bake 40 small cakes, knit 40 booties, etc. Participants will ask for sponsors, and must register online at lifecharity.org.uk/40feat or by post to LIFE, 1 Mill Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 1ES. Sponsor forms and an A-Z of ideas will be sent to everyone who registers. Prizes will be awarded to the individual who raises the most money and to the person who completes the most original feat!

LIFE AGM

The AGM of the Reading and District LIFE group will take place on Tuesday 28 September in the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre, English Martyrs Church, Reading, at 11am. The meeting will include a short talk on LIFE HOUSING. All supporters welcome. Contact *Christine Wall*, Chairman Reading & District LIFE, tel. 0118 941 1605.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

There will be an altar servers' practice for new and inexperienced servers on Thursday, 2nd September at approx. 3.40 pm. If your child would like to become a server (and it's the child's decision, not the parents), then please bring him/her along. Alternatively, please ring me for further information – *Mike Tomas*.