
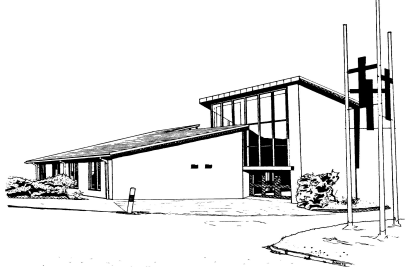


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

7TH/8TH August 2010

This is the time of year when most people who can afford it go away on holiday. Last year, thanks to the economic crisis, not many of us could afford to go on holiday. This year, as the economic situation has improved for some people, a lot more are taking a break, even if this means only visiting some part of the UK. I was thinking about taking a holiday myself, but when I mentioned this to a friend he said: "What do you need a holiday for? You are always on holiday at St Joseph's anyway."

That might be true for me but it is certainly not true for all priests. A recent study among clergy in the US has revealed that clergy are becoming more and more unhealthy and unhappy. This is especially true for those who are so driven by a sense of duty to God that they find it hard to say 'no' to anybody and anything that relates to their vocation. While research continues, a growing number of health care experts and religious leaders have settled on one simple remedy that has long been a touchy subject with many clerics: taking more time off. Time away can help bring renewal and prevent burnout and bring benefits for the priest himself as well as for the parish.

This is a lesson which Jesus teaches us in the Gospels. He always found time to go away and rest and draw strength from the Father to continue his ministry (Luke 5: 16; 21:37). When the Twelve returned, after casting out many demons and curing many sick people, Jesus said to them: "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while" (Mark 6:31) because the people continued to make demands on the apostles and they could not even find time to eat.

So make your holiday a time of rest and refreshment, a time of prayer and reflection. Take time to think about your family life, your work, your relationships. Ask God to give you the right balance in your life and to renew your strength and vigour when you get back to your parish, your family, your work, your school.

Fr Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S	
P.J. Morrissey RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Jacinta Baptiste RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Cathy Gallagher RIP
Bill O'Connor RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Vera Edwards RIP
Mary Jo Reagan RIP	5.00 pm			
Paddy Doherty RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Jack & Angela Barry's Intentions
Funeral – Jim O'Reilly RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Bessie Langan's Intentions
Ralph Mascarenhas RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	John Boyce RIP
Monica McKenzie RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Deceased Feely Family Members RIP
			11.00 am	Funeral - Frances Henry RIP
Hugh Faringdon Burrett RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Private Intention
		Saturday	10.00 am	Michael Conroy RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Tuesday – St Laurence Wednesday – St Clare Thursday – St Jane Frances de Chantal Friday – Ss Pontian & Hippolytus Saturday – St Maximilian Maria Kolbe				
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: "Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 1ST AUGUST 2010

Gift Aid	£308.30
Planned Giving	£48.00
Loose Plate	£261.64
TF3	£10.00
Candle Money	£35.00
Hall Hire	£1,430.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£40.00
TOTAL	£2,132.94
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£975.44

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 15th August will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

FRANCES HENRY RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Frances Henry. Frances' funeral will be held here at St Joseph's on Thursday, 12th August at 11 am. *All are welcome.*

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that St Joseph's Parish Office will be open this coming week on Monday and Thursday, 9th & 12th August. It will **not** be open on Tuesday.

WALK THE WORLD!

Saturday 28th August - An opportunity for young people (and not so young!) to walk (approx 8 miles) and raise funds for World Youth Day and CAFOD around Stubbington and Lee-on-the-Solent along the South Coast. The walk should be suitable for all and is approximately 8 miles along flat terrain and follows a circular route.

The day will start with a short liturgy and there will be checkpoints along the route to reflect on the work of CAFOD and the message for World Youth Day.

Start: Immaculate Conception, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL
Lunch: St John the Evangelist Church, South Parade, Lee-on-the-Solent. Finish: Immaculate Conception, Bells Lane, Stubbington, PO14 2PL. You can choose to raise money for World Youth Day or for CAFOD. Please register by August 16th.

For further details and to register your group of young people contact Dave dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/pastoralformation/youth/news.php> - David Hill - Advisor for Youth Ministry, Department for Pastoral Formation, Diocese of Portsmouth, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835583. Direct line: 01329 830947. Fax: 01329 833452.

WE DON'T NEED SUPERNANNIES

We need people with parenting experience to make a real difference to families struggling to cope.

Could you become a home-visiting volunteer for Home-Start Reading and give three hours a week? Families need your help for lots of different reasons – perhaps because of post-natal depression, disability, multiple births or because they are young and inexperienced. With your help parents can gain confidence to manage on their own and give their children the best possible start in life.

For more information contact 0118 942 9518, e-mail hsreading@ic24.net or check the website: www.home-start.org.uk.

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 plenty of time.

AFTER 52 YEARS!

Jack and Angela Barry would like to thank the Parishioners of St Joseph's for their friendship, support and prayers over the years. We are sorry to be leaving but take with us many happy memories of Parish Fetes and Parties, the Drama Group, St Paul's School, the SVP and the Union of Catholic Mothers. Our thoughts will be with you as we move North to be with family members. We will miss you all and will especially miss Fr Joseph and his cheerful encouragement. Goodbye.

P.S. Sorry - Jack and Angela were with us for 52 years, not 25 – typing error!

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.

APF

Fr Brian Oswald has contacted me to express his thanks for all those who supported his appeal last Sunday by either becoming box holders, promoters or life members. He also wished to thank those existing box holders, promoters and life members who have supported the APF over the years.

If you missed the appeal or were present but would like further information about the APF, then please contact me.

The summer magazines are available at the back of the Church – *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary. Tel. 941 2786/0770 803 2743.*

CAFOD – ETHIOPIA

Biera – pronounced Bee-er-a – the village in Ethiopia we have been twinned with, is a rural village set in a valley dwarfed by mountains. The oldest church in Biera is called the "Four Churches" built high up in the mountains nestled into the sides of the rocks - see noticeboard.

Through CAFOD, the families here would like to thank you for your help and support - £45.77 was donated during June. Thank you to everyone who contributed – *Margaret Chaplin.*

COUNTY ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BERKSHIRE

Churches Together in Berkshire (CTB) is seeking a County Ecumenical Development Officer. The post is for 15 hours/week, worked flexibly from home, on a salary of £8,800 pa; full working expenses will be paid. The applicant should be a Christian in good standing with one of the Denominations within CTB. (This is a genuine occupational requirement under Equal Opportunities Legislation).

More details are in the Application Pack obtainable from: The Revd. J.N.H.Thompson, 5 Chetwode Close, Rances Lane, Wokingham RG40 2LL or e-mail: seberks_circuit@talk21.com.

Deadline for applications is noon on 20th September. Interviews will be held on 7th October.