
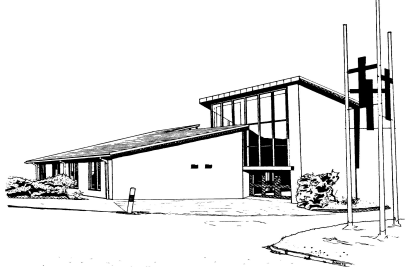


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

11th/12th SEPTEMBER 2010

Susan Boyle has described the opportunity to sing for Pope Benedict XVI as a dream come true. She says she is "honoured and humbled" by the invitation. After reading and listening to so much depressing stuff about the Pope and the Catholic Church and listening to what some secularists have had to say about the Pope's visit to England and Scotland, it was uplifting to read what Susan said about the invitation to sing for the Pope and what her faith means to her.

"The Pope's visit is a very big event for Scottish Catholics. My own faith is the backbone of my life, I pray and say the rosary each day and am very close to my religion. I am humbled and honoured by this invitation and I hope I can do my best."

One would have thought that a world famous singer like Susan wouldn't think it is cool to wear her faith on her sleeve in this way. Even those of us who are not known outside our family and our very limited circle of friends find it difficult to be upfront about what the Church means for us and what role faith and religion play in our lives.

At a time when the Catholic Church is going through possibly the worst crisis in her history since the reformation, we all need a great dose of courage to declare our allegiance to the Church and to acknowledge the place which faith has in our lives. I find Susan a great example of courage and honesty. As the Pope's visit draws near and as secularist and anti-Pope voices grow louder, I hope that Susan's example will inspire Catholics in this country to stand up for what they believe. The Church has made mistakes which we must acknowledge and for which we must ask forgiveness, but it is also true that for many of us and for many Catholics around the world, the Church and our faith are the backbone of our lives.

Let us continue to pray that the Pope's visit will be a success and a source of inspiration and strength to Catholics in this country and around the world.

Fr Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S	
Patricia Reidy RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Bill O'Connor RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Eammon McGee RIP
Thanksgiving for God's Mercies, Protection & Provision	11.30 am		10.30 am	Paddy Doherty RIP
Betty Smyth's Intentions	5.00 pm			
Phil Harris' Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	For Joan Bailey's Friends
Mass of Thanksgiving for Parishioners	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP
Eileen O'Kelly RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Bert Minister RIP
Kate Knollys RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Violet Mills RIP
Bernadette Jack's Intentions	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Joan & Norman Bricker RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Paul Spackman's Intentions
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St John Chrysostom		Tuesday – The Triumph of the Cross		Wednesday – Our Lady of Sorrows
		Thursday – Ss Cornelius & Cyprian		Friday – St Robert Bellarmine
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: "I will leave this place and go to my Father."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 5TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Gift Aid	£561.70
Planned Giving	£71.50
Loose Plate	£183.30
TF3	£85.00
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£25.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£10.00
Candle Money	£37.19
Repository	£90.00
Hall Hire	£214.00
Youth Group	£1,230.00
TOTAL	£2,507.69
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,473.15

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 19th September will be Tony & Jill Flint and Pat Knowles.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 17th September will be an Equipment Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 941 5636.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Erin O'Malley and Ethan Winterbourne who are to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

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 is due to begin shortly 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.

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*.

CARMEN

Carmen will be 70 on the 24th September and parishioners are invited to come and celebrate the occasion with tea, coffee and cake after 10.30 Mass on Sunday, 26th September.

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. 957 2992.

HANDBOOK FOR THE PAPAL VISIT

The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. For those attending a Papal Mass or the Hyde Park Vigil, please do make sure you take a copy. Although there are not copies for everyone, there are enough for one per family or household. We would like to invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook if you are able. £2.00 per copy would help to cover the costs. Please use the Handbook when following the Pope's visit on television or the internet.

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. Those taking part 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!

After both Masses at St. Joseph's on Sunday, 26th September I shall be carrying out my own challenge in the parish hall, when I will read aloud 40 Shakespeare sonnets, 20 after each Mass. Refreshments will be available for anyone who comes along to sponsor me. My aim is to raise at least £100. *Christine Wall*.

LIFE AGM

The AGM of the Reading and District LIFE Group will take place on Tuesday, 28th September, in the LIFE Pregnancy Care Centre, English Martyrs Church, at 11 am. The meeting will include a short talk on LIFE HOUSING. All supporters are welcome. For more information contact *Christine Wall*, 941 1605.

DUCHESS OF KENT HOUSE RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you – A good listener, a team worker, Friendly, Calm, Flexible? Duchess of Kent house is a Specialist Palliative Care Unit caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses. We are looking for kind, friendly people to give three or four hours a week to help on the ward reception desk. We can offer you: Full training and support, an understanding of Specialist Palliative Care, mileage/travel expenses, social events and most importantly a rewarding experience. For more information, please contact: *Julia Morpeth*, Volunteer Services Co-ordinator, Duchess of Kent House, Liebenrood Road, Reading. Tel. 955 0486 or julia.morpeth@berkshire.nhs.uk.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

News from St Paul's Primary School is contained in its weekly newsletter and is displayed in the Church porch.

FRIENDSHIP WALK

INVITATION to take part in a FRIENDSHIP WALK TODAY. Starting at 2.30 pm from Forbury Gardens, visiting South Street Mosque, Christchurch and Reading Hindu Temple, the Sikh Community are to lead the event, organised by Reading Interfaith Group. This is a great opportunity to discover other faith communities in Reading.

COULD YOU BEFRIEND SOMEONE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY?

West Berkshire Advocacy, a small local charity, has started a new befriending service for adults with learning disabilities throughout West Berkshire. We want to offer learning disabled people the opportunity to establish links with their community, and feel that they belong. Maybe you have an interest or hobby you could share with someone or meet for a cup of coffee and a chat now and then? Can you spare one or two hours a month? Our volunteers are given our full support, training and an introduction to their friends; we offer as much help as you need.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information call Emma on 01635 36044 or email emma@webcas.org.uk for more information.

HOLY HOUR IN PREPARATION FOR THE PAPAL VISIT

Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Great Britain commences on Thursday, 16th September. It is important for us as a catholic community to pray for God's blessing on Pope Benedict on this special occasion.

I have therefore made arrangements for a Holy Hour of Meditation and Prayer to be offered for the Holy Father on Thursday, 16th September, 7 – 8 pm.

I invite all parishioners to make a special effort to attend – Fr Joseph.

THE INTER FAITH YOUTH TRUST (UK)

The Inter Faith Youth Trust (Alma Royalton-Kisch Trust), the only UK charitable trust solely to fund inter faith projects for young people' has announced that it has launched a small grants programme for organisations running events in and around Inter Faith Week 2010 – 21 - 27 November 2010. Grants of between £300 and £500 will be awarded for proposals for inter-faith learning by children and young people from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and other faiths and those of no formal faith in understanding and co-operation. The age limit for young people is 25. Proposals are preferred which involve young people actively in planning, running, and evaluation, and which promote equal opportunities. Grants can provide part-funding. Grants are not available for converting young people to a different faith, or for work which includes young people from different faiths but which does not include inter-faith educational work. Preference is given to non-statutory organisations, such as youth clubs, scout/guide groups, local voluntary and community organisations. The closing date for applications is 13th September 2010. <http://www.ifyouthtrust.co.uk/grants>.

THE WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND (UK)

The William and Jane Morris Fund is open to applications from churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896. The Fund offers grants of up to £1,000 towards work concerned with the conservation of decorative features such as, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs, and wall paintings. Grants towards major structural repairs and fabric maintenance may be considered under exceptional circumstances. There are two application deadlines a year, the 31st August & 31st March. <http://www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris>.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned beforehand.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Please support Harvest Fast Day on Friday 1st October. As you know, it has been a particularly difficult year in global terms and this day is as crucial as ever to CAFOD's many partners around the world who rely on us all for support. Please stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters this Harvest. Envelopes for the Fast Day will be available at the back of the Church from Sunday, 26th September and a second collection will be held on Sunday, 3rd October.

UNDERSTANDING CAFOD

Saturday, 25th September at St Peter & St John Parish Hall, 1 Caesar's Camp Road, Old Dean, Camberley, GU15 4ED (10 am - 3 pm). The day gives an overview of all aspects of CAFOD's work (origins, values, structure, funding, work overseas and volunteering opportunities). Everybody welcome, booking essential - please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office (01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk).

WHO AM I? RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND YOUNG PEOPLE AN INTER-FAITH CONFERENCE

Date: Thursday, November 25th 2010 5.30 - 9.00 pm. Venue: The Friends Meeting House, 2 Church Street, Reading RG1 2SB.

Draft Programme:

5.30 - 6.30 pm: A meal will be served (vegetarian and halal)

6.30 pm: Dr Eleanor Nesbitt, Professor of Religious Education, Warwick University Talk

Who am I? Religious Identity and Young People

7.10 - 7.30 pm: Questions and General Discussion

7.30 - 8.00 pm: Responses from young people of various faith communities

8.00 - 8.30 pm: Discussion in Groups

8.30 - 9.00 pm: Feedback and Plenary Discussion

Conference organised by Oxford Diocesan Committee for Inter-faith Concerns in collaboration with Churches Together in Berkshire, Reading Faith Forum and Reading Interfaith Group as part of National Interfaith Week.

BBC ANNOUNCES EVENT COVERAGE FOR THE POPE'S VISIT

The BBC will be covering all the key events of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Britain from the 16th – 19th September across TV, Radio and online, and has announced details of coverage of the major live events, anchored by Huw Edwards for TV and Edward Stourton for radio.

BBC Television's special live programmes will begin on BBC One on Thursday, 16th September with The Pope's arrival and Official State Greeting by Her Majesty The Queen in Edinburgh. This will be followed later in the day on BBC Two with a live broadcast of Pope Benedict's first celebration of Mass in Britain at Bellahouston Park in Glasgow, with Sally Magnusson leading the commentary.

On Friday, 17th September, BBC Two and Radio 4 LW will broadcast live from Westminster Abbey where the Pope will join the Archbishop of Canterbury in a celebration of Evening Prayer.

BBC Two Daytime will broadcast a live relay of the Papal Mass from Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 18th September, when Pope Benedict will celebrate Mass with the Bishops of England and Wales and representatives from Dioceses and organisations from across the country.

Over 65,000 worshippers are expected at Cofton Park for The Beatification Mass of John Henry Newman on Sunday, 19th September. BBC Two Daytime will provide full coverage of the Mass of Beatification where Pope Benedict will declare Cardinal John Henry Newman, 'Blessed'. Radio Four's Sunday Morning Programme, and a special edition Sunday Worship will both also be broadcast live from the scene in the lead up to the main ceremony.