
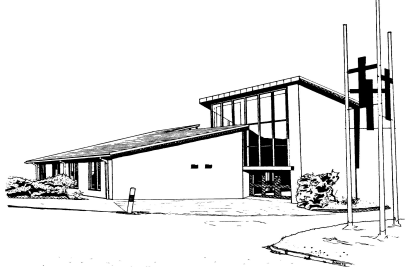


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

25th/26th SEPTEMBER 2010

Whenever you have a big event to look forward to, the excitement builds as the day draws near. Preparations are made and you hope that all will go well – and that everyone will enjoy themselves. But there is always that slight anxiety in case things don't go according to plan. This happens when couples prepare for their Wedding: the invites go out, everything is booked, the dress is chosen, the Reception organised. The day arrives and then often seems to pass all too quickly.

It was a bit like that with the visit of Pope Benedict to our country. From the moment his Alitalia plane touched down in Edinburgh he followed an exacting four day schedule that seemed to go like clockwork. He had meetings with the Queen, politicians and church leaders; he addressed members of Parliament and met survivors of abuse; he prayed in Westminster Abbey and with Bishops and Seminarians in Birmingham. He joined tens of thousands of people in Glasgow, then Hyde Park and finally in Birmingham to pray and to celebrate Mass. The negative publicity which filled newspapers before his arrival appeared to melt away. Many people, in London and Rome, breathed a sigh of relief that the visit had gone so well.

But now what? It cannot be enough to look back on those four days with gladness. Pope Benedict would be the first to encourage us to build on what happened during his time here. Perhaps a first step is for us to have a proper read of the addresses and homilies he gave whilst with us. It wasn't always easy to hear every word he said and the chance to sit and read his words is important. They will be published in a single volume in the near future but all his talks are already available on the Vatican's website: www.vatican.va/news_services/press/vis/vis_en.htm and anyone with internet access can find them there. The Pope spent part of his summer break at Castelgandolfo working on the scripts for these talks – I think we owe it to him and ourselves to look in detail at what he said. Our Bishops too will be considering carefully the impact of the Pope's Visit and reflecting on where that takes the Catholic Church in this country. Many of us were touched and affected by Pope Benedict's time here, short though it was. What happens next is really important, for us who are Catholic and for our society.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS	ST JOSEPH'S		
Bill O'Connor RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Nicholas Godfrey Williams RIP	9.30 am	8.30 am	Steve Carroll RIP	
Pat Leonard's Intentions	11.30 am		10.30 am	Epifanio Fernandes RIP
Michael Vaughan's Intentions	5.00 pm		NO MASS	
Eileen O'Kelly RIP	9.30 am	Monday		
Pat Leonard's Intentions	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm Kathleen Feeney RIP	
Pat McHugh's Intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am Reme Simoes' Intentions	
People of the Parish	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am Jim Avery RIP	
Peter Bendle RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm Indira Thomas' Intentions	
		Saturday	10.00 am Ian Avery RIP	
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St Vincent de Paul		Tuesday – Ss Wenceslaus, Laurence Ruiz & Companions		
Wednesday – The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael		Thursday – St Jerome		
Friday – St Teresa of the Child Jesus		Saturday – 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: "My soul, give praise to the Lord."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 19TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Gift Aid	£442.50
Planned Giving	£48.00
Loose Plate	£245.83
TF3	£12.00
Candle Money	£26.68
Repository	£15.00
TOTAL	£790.01
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,493.15
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£75.00

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 3rd October will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special collection **today** for the Cathedral.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 1st October will consist of an Equipment Night for Group One & a Swimming Night for the Teens. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 941 5636*.

PARISH SOCIAL MORNING

The social mornings are held on Wednesdays after 9 am Mass in the small hall. 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)*.

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 Philip on 961 5905 email: mphilip@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter). Telephone No. 942 8632.*

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*.

APF

Fr Brian Oswald MHM invites all promoters (both new and existing) to the small hall on Monday, 27th September at 7 pm to enjoy a glass of wine, as he gives a short talk and slideshow. Please could all promoters contact me to let me know whether they will be present or not – *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary (941 2786 or 0770 803 2743)*.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO ST JOSEPH'S – 10TH DECEMBER 2010

Just a note for your diary: Bishop Crispian will be visiting St Joseph's on the evening of Friday, 10th December to bless Fr Kelleher's Memorial Plaque and the new Baptismal Font. Further details will be announced in due course – *Fr Joseph*.

ANNUAL GREATER READING CATHOLIC CLUSTER MASS

At St James' Church on Monday, 27th September at 4.30 pm. All those involved in Catholic education are most welcome.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2010/2011

If you will be in Year 8 or above in September and are interested in joining the Confirmation program, please leave your name, phone number and email address (if checked regularly) with the parish office. There is a cut-off date of Sunday, 31st October, to allow us to plan the resources required. The program will begin with a Come and See evening in November.

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*.

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.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Happy's Circus is coming to St. Paul's on Saturday, 16th October. The fun and entertainment will be sure to brighten up an autumnal Saturday afternoon with gates opening at the school from 12.30 pm. Tickets are already on sale from the school office with individual ticket prices at £7 or a family ticket at £25. Infants under 2 will go free. Refreshments and stalls will further add to the enjoyment of the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you, family and friends at the St. Paul's Big Top on 16th October! On behalf of the St. Paul's SPSA, I'd like to thank you in advance for your support. *Chris Hughes*

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School and 6th Form Centre, Fawley Rd, Reading, RG30 3EP. Serving Reading's Catholic community for over 50 years. Year 7 Entry, September 2011 Open Morning – Thursday, September 30th 2010 – 9.15 am onwards. Open Evening – Thursday, September 30th 2010 – 6 pm onwards. Diocesan Inspection 2010 - "A good Catholic school". Best ever exam results 2010 – 81% of students achieved 5 Grades A* - C. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and are considering where to send your child in September 2011 then please come and visit us.

MARRIAGE REFRESHER IN READING

Are you married? Are you busy? Are you living life to the full? Take a day out to reflect in private on how you are living your marriage. You owe it to yourselves, to those you love and to those who love you! Saturday, 23rd October, 10 am – 4 pm, Christ the King, Reading. To book or for further information, phone *Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583*.

SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN READING SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT (MALAYALAM)

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.' (Mt. 11:28-29)

We cordially invite you all to participate in the Spiritual Renewal Retreat led by Rev Fr George Panackal, VC (Director, Devine Retreat Centre, Kerala, India) on Wednesday, 29th September from 2 pm – 9 pm here at St Joseph's. **Confessions will be heard during retreat. *Refreshments will be provided.* For further details please contact: *Mr Jerrymon Cherian (Trustee) on 07957468300/ 01189727300; Mrs Mariamma Varghese (Trustee) on 07728594523/ 0118 943 2692.*

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Governing Body currently has vacancies for two Parent Governors and two Foundation Governors. As a Parent Governor, you should have a child currently attending the school and have an interest in what we do, whilst being able to represent the views of other parents. As a Foundation Governor you should be a Catholic, and you should look to maintain the Catholic ethos within the school. On our Governing Body all members are equal, and each person's opinion is valued, there is no hierarchy.

If you feel you can help us in any way, or would like further information please contact *John Samuel (Chair of Governors) 07985 803527, or our clerk Mrs Woodcock on woodcm@hughfaringdon.reading.sch.uk.*

ZBYSH MAREK RIP

The funeral Mass of former parishioner Zbysh Marek will take place at St Joseph's Church in NEWBURY (RG14 1JP) on Wednesday, 29th September at 10.30 am. Anyone who would like to attend will be most welcome. Family flowers only - donations can be made to Diabetes UK.

KNITWITS

The Knitwits would like to invite you to join them in the large hall on Saturday, 9th October at 2.30 pm to help them celebrate their "21st Birthday". During this time (with your help) we have made a total of 12,465 garments and blankets. In many troubled countries across the world there are now over 12,000 children who are a little warmer and have some brightness in their often very sad little lives.

We know for a fact that many would have died without the help of this warmth.

To help with the cost of transporting this aid, we will have a Bring and Buy Table, Sales of Books and Handmade Cards and Raffle. Please come and join us and you will have the opportunity to see some of our recent work and enjoy a "cuppa". *Margaret Chaplin – 961 5223.*

CAFOD – ETHIOPIA

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the above during August - £112, this included £88 from the tax refund year ending 5/4/10. Thank you again. *Margaret Chaplin.*

DUCHESS OF KENT HOSPICE

Thanks all who sponsored Fr Richard Maniak who ran the Reading Half Marathon. The total collected from St Joseph's and English Martyrs was £2,296.24. *Well done Fr Richard!*

FREE TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Free training/meditation course for women suffering from relapsing conditions, e.g. stress, anger, depression, addiction, for 8 Wednesdays – 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, commencing Wed. 29th September, at the Alana Centre, PACT, South Street, Reading. Please contact *Marion on 971 35449* to book a place or for more information.

BBC LIVE IRISH EYE

BBC Live Irish Eye - Sunday, 3rd October, at the Irish Club, Thatcham Street, Reading, from 2 - 5 pm.

PAPAL VISIT 2010

Were you part of the congregation at either Hyde Park or Cofton Park? Would you like to share your experiences of the day with others? If so we would love to hear from you either by email to *martyrse@yahoo.co.uk* or in writing to the parish office. We will then publish as many as possible on the parish website for all to read. God bless as always - *Alan & Virginia White.*

THE POPPY CLUB

Fish & Chips and a social get-together fortnightly on Tuesdays starting 7th September 2010 from 11.30 am – 1.30 pm in the Youth Hall of the Methodist Church Hall, School Road, Tilehurst. To book, call *Sue Hunter on 0118 960 7034.* £3 set lunch includes tea & coffee. Further information is available in the Church porch.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Required for January 2011. L 16 – 20. OFSTED 2009 "Clearly an improving school". Sec 48 2010 "A good Catholic school". The Governing Body are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and ambitious Deputy Head teacher to join a successful school that is committed to continuing the journey of raising the levels of achievement for all of our students.

This summer, our 5 A*-C figure jumped from 62% to 81% but we aim to go higher. We are one of the most improved schools in Reading, with strong leadership and a desire to be the first choice for Secondary education in the Reading area. Key features are our Catholic ethos, successful OFSTED inspection, Performing Arts Specialist Status, good exam results, delivered through a team approach and strong ethos.

You should be:

- A practising Catholic
- An inspirational leader
- An outstanding teacher
- Able to lead our raising achievement agenda
- Able to work within a team and celebrate successes.
- Analytical and able to think strategically

Closing date - 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th September 2010. Interview Date – Friday, 8th October 2010. For an application form, please contact *Karyn Stiles, Human Resources Officer on 0118 918 3805 or email stilek@hughfaringdon.reading.sch.uk* Visits to the school are welcome.

NEWSLETTERS

Back copies (up to two years) of St Joseph's newsletters can be found on our web site: www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk

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.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If any parishioner is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if anyone knows of such a person, please inform the Parish Office or *Jo Boase on 9672605*, so that visits can be arranged.

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.*

REMINDER

St Joseph's Office hours are on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 am until 12.30 pm.

