
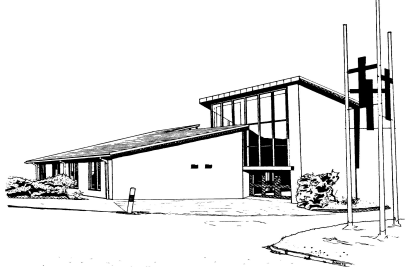


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

## The Visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Britain

In less than two weeks Pope Benedict will be arriving for his visit. This weekend the Missal for the visit is being distributed in all the parishes in England, Scotland and Wales. [Called *Magnificat* it has a gold-coloured cover]. It contains all the celebrations at which the Pope will be present, as well as information about the places the Pope will be visiting. There is also morning and evening prayer starting from next Sunday and continuing for the week after the visit. It's a lovely book and there are enough copies for all those who will be going to Hyde Park and Cofton Park in Birmingham, as well as approximately one copy for every family. We are asking for donations from everyone who can afford it of £2 per copy. The book will be a great help to all those who wish to follow the Papal Visit on television and a very nice souvenir of the visit.

As I write this all the places for the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park have been allocated but there are some places left for the Mass in Cofton Park when Pope Benedict will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman. If you do want to have a chance to see the Pope in person, he will be travelling through central London in the Popemobile on his way to Hyde Park late on Saturday afternoon (18 September). His route will take him along the Mall and by the side of Buckingham Palace into Hyde Park. The roads will be closed and the flags will be out. Anyone who wishes will have the chance to see Pope Benedict as he travels slowly by. It should be an enjoyable time and will give tens of thousands of people the chance to greet Pope Benedict in public. Something similar will have taken place in Edinburgh on the day he arrives.

Everything is now more or less ready: so please pray that the Visit will be successful, and that the weather will be good!

*Fr Andrew*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>		<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>	
Tillie, Pat & John Ryce RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Norman Snow RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Ellen McCormack RIP
Mohamed Lamin RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	John Boyce RIP
Marjorie Hannington RIP	5.00 pm			
Mary Gouge RIP	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Ona Rowberry's Intentions
Margaret Smith RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Mary Gale RIP
Peter Hoppner RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Margaret Dunne's Intentions
Sadie Lynch's Intentions	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Friendship Reconciliation - Intentions
Peggy Pich RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Kathleen Feeney RIP
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Eileen Harrington's Intentions
<b>FEASTS OF THE WEEK:</b>				
Wednesday – The Nativity of Our Lady		Thursday – St Peter Claver		
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: "O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010

Gift Aid	£372.89
Planned Giving	£47.50
Loose Plate	£247.40
TF3	£2.00
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£258.43
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£178.59
Candle Money	£40.43
Repository	£190.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,337.74</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,463.15
CAFOD (Pakistan Appeal)	£1,746.49

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September will be Sean Murphy & Peter Chesworth.

### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

I am hoping to establish a social morning in the parish. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 957 2992.

### BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON

I am delighted to be able to share with you the results for this year's GCSE examinations. Of the 27 subject examinations taken, only 4 did not improve on last years results. The overall percentage of pupils gaining 5A\* - C was 81%, this is a fantastic result. I can assure you that with your prayers we will be continuing on our journey of sustained improvement. Blessed Hugh Faringdon School is now a real choice for Catholic parents. - *John Samuel*, Chair of Governors.

### 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.

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The first UCM meeting of the new term will be a Welcome Back session on Wednesday, 8th September. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

### CAFOD – PAKISTAN APPEAL

I am pleased to be able to inform parishioners that the parish, this week, has sent to CAFOD Headquarters, the sum of £1,746.49. Many thanks for your most generous support – *Fr Joseph*.

### CELEBRATING CHRIST THE HEALER

At St John's Cathedral on Saturday, 11th September from 9.30 am - 4.00 pm. Led by Revd Dr Russ Parker (Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation) and Canon David Hopgood.

During the day there will be the opportunity to attend 2 workshops from the following list (all 6 will be run in the morning and afternoon):

1. The role of Christian spirituality in professional health care  
Dr Andrew Fergusson, Head of Communications for Christian Medical Fellowship.
2. Listening: the new radical act of healing  
Barbara Bolton, Acorn Christian Listeners Tutor and Colin & Marja Thornton, Wardens at Carisbrooke Priory, IOW.
3. Healing Broken Relationships  
Revd. Dr. Russ Parker, Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation.
4. Beginning a healing ministry in the parish (especially for Clergy and Lay Leaders in the Church)  
Archbishop Sean Larkin (Anglican), who serves Churches in Europe & Canada, working alongside those of many Christian Traditions, and who has a great desire to help equip people for the Healing Ministry.
5. Listening to Difference; being a reconciler  
Sarah Buckwell, Acorn South West Regional Staff Member.
6. Log in, Listen in: Acorn's new schools course for young people  
Heather Housden, Acorn's Schools Director.

Cost £10 (Cheques should be made payable to PRC DTR Dept for Pastoral Formation) and sent to Eileen Stephenson, Dept for Pastoral Formation, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Rd, Wickham, Hants PO17 5HA. Book by phone: 01329 835583 or email: [estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) (stating workshop choices and any special requirements) or online at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).