
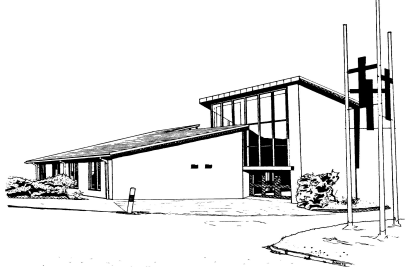


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**23<sup>RD</sup> /24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

Two weeks ago I received a manila envelope in the post with 'On Her Majesty's Service' printed across the top. Inside were formal call-out papers from the Army telling me that I am to be mobilised for service in Afghanistan. I knew this was coming because I've been involved in discussions with the Royal Army Chaplains Department about the possibility of me going as a Chaplain to the British Field Hospital in Helmand Province. Nevertheless it is always a bit strange to read the language of an official order, detailing the place, date and time when I must report for the pre-deployment process. This means I shall be away from the 29<sup>th</sup> November for two weeks doing the necessary training in preparation for Afghanistan. The deployment begins soon after Christmas and I should be back by Easter, towards the end of April.

The last time I deployed was to Iraq in the autumn of 2007 and one of the things that meant a lot to me then was the level of support I received from parishioners here in Reading. That was expressed in what people said before I went, through cards and emails (you may remember I was there over Christmas) and when I returned. Above all, I was impressed with the generosity of spirit shown by parishioners prepared to let go of me for those months so that I could make a contribution in the lives of Service men and women far from their homes. I know that it is not ideal having a Parish Priest disappear for four months but no one is indispensable (!) and I have no doubt that life here will continue to flourish in my absence. I am working hard to try and ensure adequate cover between Christmas and Easter and will let you know how we intend to manage during those months in terms of priests.

You hardly need me to tell you that the level of activity in Afghanistan is high and that the hospital at Camp Bastion is working very hard to care for the injured. I will be deployed with personnel from a Territorial Army Field Hospital Unit based in Sheffield and although obviously we hope that the current level of casualties will reduce, we will be prepared for a fairly demanding Operational Tour. When I was approached by the Army Chaplains Department about going to Afghanistan my first thought was that I was probably getting a bit too old for this, but on reflection I am keen to do what is likely to be my last deployment. Bishop Crispian has been very supportive in all of this, which is crucial.

I wanted to let you know the situation now, even though it is a few months before I go. And I hope that your support this time will match what I received in 2007 - because that is important to me.

**Fr John**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>		<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>	
Rita Carvalho RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Bridget O'Neill RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Frances Henry RIP
Ina Flood RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Jack & Angela Barry's Intentions
Breda O'Brien RIP	5.00 pm			
Fr Pennicott's Intentions	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Mary & Jack Guidera RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Ted McDonagh RIP
Louie Fearn's RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Frances Henry RIP
Ted McEniry RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	<b>Funeral: Bridie Baverstock RIP</b>
Mathias Family Intentions	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Brian McGuigan RIP
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Dominic Clark's Intentions
<b>FEASTS OF THE WEEK:</b>				
Tuesday – Ss Chadd & Cedd		Thursday - Ss Simon & Jude		Saturday – Blessed Winchester Martyrs
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: "This poor man called; the Lord heard him."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

Gift Aid	£503.80
Planned Giving	£47.00
Loose Plate	£307.64
TF3	£7.00
CAFOD Family Fast	£5.00
Hall Hire	£40.00
Candle Money	£79.34
Donation (3rd Order of the Carmelites)	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£999.78</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,618.15
CAFOD Family Fast	£661.10
Cathedral Fund	£454.45

**\*\*There will be a Mass Count every weekend in October\*\***

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October will be John O'Shea & Clare McSoley.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special collection today for Mission Sunday.



**REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS  
NEXT SUNDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to Myleene Nellie Hayden who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November will consist of a Equipment Night & a Swimming Night. 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).

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2010/2011

If you were 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.

### PARENT/CARER AND TODDLER GROUP

Held in the Church hall each Thursday between **9.15 am – 11 am** during term-time. (Please note new times). 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.*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridie Baverstock who died recently and whose funeral will be held at 9 am next Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October here at St Joseph's.

## JOSEPHITE MISSION APPEAL – 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

The parish has received a most gracious letter of thanks from Fr Adrian Cadwallader CJ for the generous collection to the Josephite Mission Appeal of £1,124.03. His full letter is displayed on the parish notice board.

### CAKE, PRESERVE AND PRODUCE SALE

The UCM are arranging a fund raising event after Masses **TODAY**. It will be in aid of the Medaille Trust, the charity the UCM's national president has chosen to support during her term of office. Please support them. We need donations of cakes, home-made preserves or produce from your garden or allotment. Goods can be brought to the hall on the morning. If you can't contribute, then come along and buy. Thank you – *Marian Telepneff*.

### CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

The CAFOD Portsmouth Office will be holding a Memorial Mass at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ, on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3 pm, to remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and to celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by October 29<sup>th</sup> and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance.

### CHURCHES IN READING DROP IN CENTRE

Parishioners of English Martyrs and St Joseph's have supported CIRDIC (Churches In Reading Drop In Centre) for some years, both financially and through the provision of food, clothing and other supplies and the use of their talents. On Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm CIRDIC will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a thanksgiving service at St Saviour's Church. *Full details available in the Church porch.*

### THE PAPAL VISIT

Faith Today have published a special souvenir edition on the Papal visit. It includes all his homilies and photographs of the event. They are on sale in the repository and cost £2.50.

### KNITWITS

Feed The Children have expressed their warm thanks for the £210.31 that we recently sent them. This was from our Saturday "get together" last week and some very generous donations. This will go towards the cost of sending the lorry out next week to Pakistan with much needed aid, including our blankets. Many thanks for your help and interest in what the Knitwits "do". – *Margaret Chaplin*.

### KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be at the home of Maureen English: 94 Blewbury Drive, Tilehurst, on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

The United Reformed Church situated at the corner of Armour Road and Polsted Road is hosting a quiz night in support of Christian Aid on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow – *John Macbeth*.

### THAMES VALE SINGERS

Celebrate Christmas with the Thames Vale Singers. Join us for songs, carols and readings, with drinks and mince pies at 8 pm on Friday & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane, Beech Road, Purley-on-Thames. Tickets £9 & £7 for concessions (includes refreshments). *Telephone No. 0118 957 2307 or 0118 942 1481.*

### 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.