
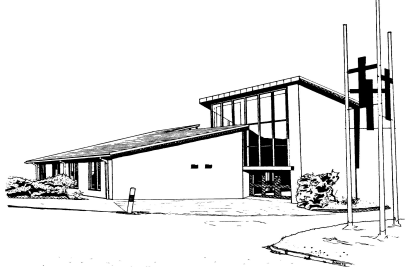


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

2nd/3rd OCTOBER 2010

Two images remain firmly etched into my memory of Pope Benedict's visit. The first is the way in which Paschal Uche, a young man from the Brentwood Diocese whose family originally come from Nigeria, confidently and joyfully spoke to Pope Benedict on behalf of the young people who had come to the Piazza in front of Westminster Cathedral. Paschal has a great smile and spoke with real conviction. He clearly impressed the Pope who warmly clasped his arm and thanked him. The other image comes from later that afternoon and was in a less public place, St Peter's Residence for the Elderly in South London. Here Pope Benedict was greeted by Mrs Patricia Fasky, a retired head teacher, whose family originally came from Ireland. She too was supremely confident and generous in her welcome to the Pope and he responded affectionately to her too.

Putting those moments together I recognise something that you see week in week out in parishes up and down our country: the whole spectrum of society, young and old who come from very different backgrounds and are brought together by faith in Christ that has been passed to them by others. Through that faith we begin to learn what is true, and we try to pray with each other. We try to work out how we can live together and care for each other and to grow in confidence and understanding, so that in our turn we can pass on what we have received. Every single one of us has a role to play in the community, the family, the parish in which we live, that's why many hands do indeed make a parish.

In Hyde Park the other evening Pope Benedict put it very simply and yet quite profoundly: "Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person."

Fr Andrew

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS	ST JOSEPH'S		
Bernadette Carvalho RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Errol Rodrigues RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Brian Davis RIP
People of the Parish	11.30 am		10.30 am	Kathleen Feeney RIP
Pat Moen RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar	6.30 pm			
Bridie McGlynn RIP	9.30 am	Monday	NO MASS	
Tony McQuaide RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass: Jerry & Shany
Nora Chambers RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Kathleen Feeney RIP
Derek Ward's Intentions	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Winifred Mary Gale RIP
Bro Simon RIP	9.30 am	Friday	11.00 am	Funeral - John Condon RIP
			7.00 pm	Our Lady of Good Remedy
		Saturday	10.00 am	Paddy Doherty RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Monday – St Francis of Assisi		Wednesday – St Bruno		Thursday – Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday – Ss Denis & Companions and John Leonardi				
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: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 26TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Gift Aid	£411.32
Planned Giving	£50.00
Loose Plate	£302.15
TF3	£2.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£25.00
Candle Money	£49.12
Youth Group	£505.00
Fish & Chip Supper	£238.00
Cathedral Fund	£354.38
Hall Hire	£385.00
Pope Visit	£215.00
Repository (Pope Book)	£2.00
TOTAL	£2,538.97
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,518.15

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 10th October will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Please note that there will be a second collection **TODAY** for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 8th October will consist of a Cinema 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).

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.

JOHN CONDON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of John Condon who died recently. John's Funeral Mass will be held here at St Joseph's on Friday, 8th October at 11 am. *All are welcome.*

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.*

JOSEPHITE MISSION APPEAL – 10TH OCTOBER 2010

Fr Adrian Cadwallader of the Josephite Order will be visiting our parish on 10th October to make a Mission Appeal. The appeal has been authorised by Bishop Crispian and parishioners are asked to be as generous as possible in supporting it by way of a second collection – *Fr Joseph.*

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.

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*

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.

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.

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.

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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Dashaun Ethan Outschoorn who was baptised here at St Joseph's yesterday.

BBC LIVE IRISH EYE

BBC Live Irish Eye this Sunday at the Irish Club, Chatham Street, Reading, from 2 - 5 pm.

THANK YOU

Carmen wishes to thank you all for the many cards, gifts and good wishes and for celebrating with her on the occasion of her 70th Birthday. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. Thank you to you all – *Carmen*.

APF

Fr Brian Oswald MHM has asked me to convey his thanks to those who turned up for his presentation last Monday.

I shall contact all new promoters once I have allocated the new box holders. Box holders – you can expect a visit from your promoter at the end of the month when the half yearly collection is due. The autumn magazines will be available at the back of the Church next Sunday. Mike Tomas – APF Secretary (941 2786/0770 803 2743).

READERS

The new rota is available at the back of the Church. Readers – please take your copy. If you are interested in becoming a reader, please contact me. Training can be arranged if required. Mike Tomas (941 2786/0770 803 2743).

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

At the next UCM meeting on Wednesday, 6th October, there will be a talk about some of the biblical and early Christian sites in South Eastern Turkey. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

FR JOSEPH

Please note that Fr Joseph will be going away on holiday from next Monday until the end of the month.

A reminder that the office hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 am until 12.30 pm.

Sick calls could be referred to Fr John and Fr Richard. Thank you – *Fr Joseph*.

ROTAS

Could the people who generate rotas please send a copy to: sean@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk, so that he can keep the website up-to-date?

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.*

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.

LIFE

Very many thanks to those who sponsored my 40 feat challenge in the church hall last Sunday. LIFE has gained £247.10 so far in cash and pledges, exceeding my expectations, and this is good news for our continuing work in saving lives. Thanks to my helpers too. *Christine Wall*.

WHO AM I? RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND YOUNG PEOPLE

An Inter-faith Conference on November 25th - 5.30 pm to 9 pm at The Friends Meeting House, 2 Church Street, Reading RG1 2SB. Conference organised by Oxford Diocesan Committee for Inter-faith Concerns in collaboration with Churches Together in Berkshire, Reading Faith Forum and Reading Interfaith Group.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Saturday, 22nd October - Saturday, 29th October 2011 (Half term).

Pilgrimage will follow in the footsteps of Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem. Flights Heathrow - Tel Aviv. Led by Fr John O'Shea and an official guide. Open meeting for those interested at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 20th October in St James Church. For further information telephone 0118 957 4171 or email parish@jameswilliam-reading.org.uk.

CHRIST THE KING SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Christ the King Senior Citizens Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary on 2nd October. We would welcome any parishioners, as well as those from other parishes within the Pastoral area, aged 60 or over, to join us in our Bingo sessions on Tuesday afternoons in the parish hall from 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Light refreshment will be provided, as well as outings during the year.

The Club is open to all faiths. If you like to know more please contact any of these committee members, Joan Murphy (chair), Danny Apap (secretary), Rosemary Magee (treasurer). Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere very Tuesday. If you need transport Readibus provides a good service which can be booked on 931 0000. Look forward to seeing you there. Danny Apap.

DEPARTMENT FOR PASTORAL FORMATION EVENTS AND COURSES IN OCTOBER

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

Saturday, 9th - 9 am – 9 pm & Sunday, 10th - 9.30 am - 5.30 pm.

Southampton Celebrate Weekend St. Mary's College, Bitterne Park, Southampton, Hants.

www.celebrateconference.org/southampton. For further details contact: *Peter & Lynda Szymanski: 02380292058 - peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk*.

Sunday, 10th October: 2 – 5 pm

Speaking Up & Speaking Out! – Youth training - Christ the King Hall, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Whitley, Reading, Berks, RG2 8NR.

An opportunity for Young people to receive training on how to speak in public about the work of CAFOD and other topics. (Refreshments will be provided.) Contact *Dave Hill* on: 01329 830947/dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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