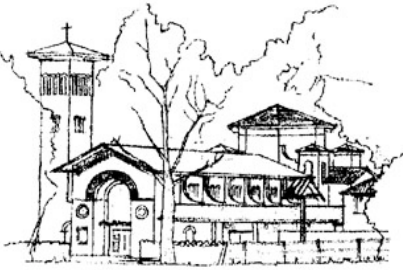
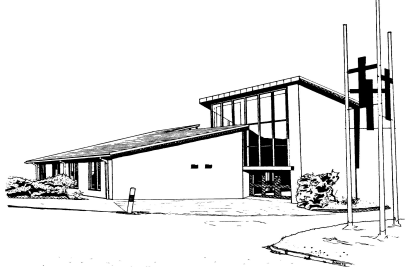


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

30th/31st OCTOBER 2010

Where do the weeks go? Where do the months and years go? With the clocks changing this weekend, school half-term over, the evenings darker and November about to begin we might well be asking ourselves whether it is really possible that there are only eight weeks to Christmas! I always think that remembering in our prayers those who have died is also a stark reminder of how quickly time passes. Can it really be three years already since that person died? Every time I visit the Cemetery at Henley Road I can't help but notice how many people have been buried there since I returned to Reading four years ago.

But remembering the dead, and praying for them, is not supposed to be a sad or miserable experience. In the liturgy for the dead, just before one of the prayers, these words appear: "we believe that the ties of friendship, which knit us together in this life, do not unravel with death." In other words, the bonds between us now continue into the life which is promised. Those relationships and friendships do not come to an end – they change. Which is why we should pray for those who have gone before us. It is our duty, and our privilege.

Once again this year we are providing a number of ways in which you can remember and pray for those who have died, whether it be many years ago, or more recently. The **Bereavement Service** on Sunday 7th November is at 3 pm in English Martyrs Church and all are welcome. The following Sunday, which is also Remembrance Sunday, priests will be at Henley Road Cemetery for a short Service at 3 pm followed by the **Blessing of Graves**. Throughout the month of November we will have a basket in front of the altar in which names can be placed of those you would like us to pray for during Mass. Or you might choose to make a little time to come into the church during any day, to light a candle and pray quietly for someone you wish to remember. Giving thanks for those who have gone before us, and entrusting them to the loving mercy of God, is an important part of our Catholic tradition. And as we do so we are reminded, us who are still on this part of the journey, where the Lord is leading us.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S	
Sr Monica McDermott RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
John Keeton RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Fr Zvonko's Intentions
Manuel Ambroa RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Mark Adams RIP
Mary O'Neill RIP	5.00 pm			
Canon Hetherington's Ints	9.30 am	Monday	NO MASS	
Esther Corden RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday –	9.00 am	
Deceased members of the People of the Parish	7.30 pm	ALL SOULS	7.30 pm	Deceased Members of the Parish RIP
Deceased members of the Walsh/Sweeney Families RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Thomas Hayes RIP
Edward Langstone RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Reme's Intentions
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Deceased Members of the Parish RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Leonilda Figueira RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tuesday – All Souls		Wednesday – Ss Martin de Porres, Winefride and Blessed John Body		
Thursday – St Charles Borromeo				
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: "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 24TH OCTOBER 2010

Gift Aid	£312.90
Planned Giving	£50.00
Loose Plate	£273.42
TF3	£11.50
Car Sale	£150.00
Hall Hire	£490.00
Candle Money	£36.52
Mission Sunday	£232.73
Youth Group	£30.00
Papal Visit	£50.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£5.00
TOTAL	£1,642.07
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£1,623.15
Mission Sunday (chq sent 25/10/10)	£270.37
Cathedral Fund (chq sent 25/10/10)	£454.45
CAFOD Harvest Fast (chq sent 25/10/10)	£661.10

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back Fr Joseph who has been on holiday in his homeland of Cameroon. Fr Joseph flies back to our parish on Monday, 1st November.

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 7th November will be Sean Murphy and Peter Chesworth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 7th November for Bamenda.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 5th November will consist of an Equipment & 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. *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*.

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*.

CAFOD PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

– MRS MARGARET CHAPLIN

Will parishioners kindly note that Lynda Mussell, CAFOD's Diocesan Representative will be presenting a long service certificate to Mrs Margaret Chaplin during the 10.30 am Mass today. Congratulations to Margaret!

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

The CAFOD Portsmouth Office will be holding a Memorial Mass at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ, on Sunday, 7th 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 or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by October 29th and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Many thanks to everyone who supported last week's Cake and Preserve Sale. £123 was raised for the Medaille Trust.

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

Our next meeting will be at the home of Maureen English: 94 Blewbury Drive, Tilehurst, on Monday, 1st 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, 20th November. Further details to follow – *John Macbeth*.

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.

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive the petitions. Please do not place any offerings in the basket. Any such offerings should be referred to *Fr Joseph* or to *Sheila Jones in the Parish Office*.

Fr Joseph will be offering seven designated Masses in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends. It is not possible to celebrate individual Masses for each family in the Parish. In addition to our general intention to include them in every Mass, the following seven Masses will be offered specifically for those named:

Tuesday, 2nd November at 7.30 pm
Friday, 5th November at 7 pm
Tuesday, 9th November at 7 pm
Friday, 12th November at 7 pm
Tuesday, 16th November at 7 pm
Tuesday, 23rd November at 7 pm
Friday, 26th November at 7 pm

CAFOD – WORLD GIFTS

Last year, thanks to supporters like you, World Gift raised over £1 million, helping so many people across the world by bringing a lasting change to their lives. Nearly 60,000 gifts were bought. For instance, £7 would buy a school starter pack; this includes uniform, books, pens and contributes towards school fees and daily meals, or water on tap for a whole family costing only £30. There are so many ways we can help according to our means – please take a catalogue from the porch and hopefully something will appeal to you to give to someone “who has everything” to help someone “who has nothing”. Thank you so much – *Margaret Chaplin*.

LIFE

Thank you to everyone who made donations or helped at our jumble sale last weekend. We made £284 which goes towards the continuance of our Pregnancy Care Centre in Reading where we offer counselling and practical help in crisis pregnancies. *Christine Wall*.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, 7th November at 3 pm – Bereavement Service at English Martyrs Church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Sunday, 14th November at 3 pm - Blessing of the Graves – Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome to attend these Services*.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next UCM meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd November at 7.30 pm in the small hall. Jackie Matherson, a local librarian, will talk about her work.