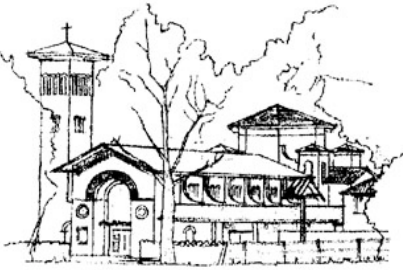
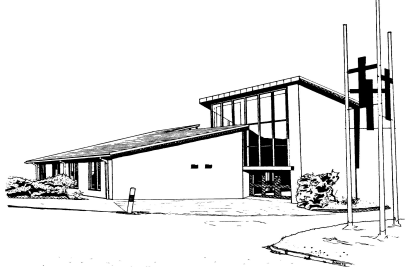


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

27th/28th NOVEMBER 2010

Last Sunday, on the Feast of Christ the King, a large number of young people at St Joseph's led the celebration of the 10.30 am Mass, singing, reading and taking part in a variety of ways. They helped us all to pray on that special feast and their youthful enthusiasm made a real difference to the liturgy. This Sunday children from English Martyrs School will be taking part in the 9.30 am Mass and helping to lead the celebration as we begin another year in the life of the Church. A week ago I spent an hour with the children beginning this year's First Communion Programme and together we thought about the Mass and the things we do in the church. These are just some examples of how the younger members of our communities are keen to be included, keen to take part.

As adults I think that we have much to learn from younger people. We sometimes begin by thinking about what we have to teach with them. But we also need to reflect on what they have to share with us. Perhaps enthusiasm and joy and spontaneity are a few of the qualities the young often have, and some of us have lost as the years roll by. I spent my years as Secretary to Bishop Crispian going to many Confirmations with him and listening as he encouraged the young people being confirmed to take their proper place in the community – but also encouraging the adults to enable the young to do so. One thing that means a huge amount to younger people is simply being supported and encouraged.

Last weekend, as we were selling tickets for the Pasta Supper Evening on 11th December, one lady stopped and spoke to me. She explained that she wouldn't be able to come along to the Pasta Evening but had bought a ticket because she wanted to support the young people (five from English Martyrs and 3 from St Joseph's) attending World Youth day in Madrid next summer. After all, she said, it will be up to them to keep the work of the church going in the future. How very true.

As we begin this Advent journey, let's encourage one another - and especially the young.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST JOSEPH'S	
Gladys Cleary RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Concetta & Collageria Magrie RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	<u>Frank Brady RIP</u>
John Fitzpatrick RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	<u>Pat Moen RIP</u>
Philomena Brogan RIP	5.00 pm			
Anne Vernon RIP	9.30 am	Monday	NO MASS	
Jo D'Cruz and Dagma Lucas RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	<u>Frank Brady RIP</u>
Private Intention	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	<u>Carmen's Intentions</u>
Jimmy Toland RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	<u>Fanny Caicedo's Intentions</u>
J.H. Henry RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	John Pyburn RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Michael Knowles RIP
FEASTS OF THE WEEK:				
Tues – St Andrew	Weds – St Edmund	Campion	Thurs - St Francis Xavier	Sat – St John Damascene
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: I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to God's house."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 21ST NOVEMBER 2010

Gift Aid	£360.13
Planned Giving	£51.00
Loose Plate	£307.71
TF3	£6.00
Candle Money	£46.51
Repository	£251.98
Hall Hire	£110.00
TOTAL	£1,133.33
Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£2,000.00
Bamenda	£1,473.15

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 5th December will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 3rd December will consist of a Family Christmas Party & Talent Show. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 941 5636*.

PARISH SOCIAL MORNING

Wednesday, 24th November was our last coffee morning. We will resume in the spring when we have lighter, warmer mornings. Thank you for all your support, and a big thank you to Jackie for all her help. *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*.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWS

News from St Paul's Primary School is contained in its weekly newsletter which is displayed in the Church porch.

JOINT ADVENT SERVICE

TODAY – Joint Advent Service at English Martyrs Church at 3.30 pm.

PASTA SUPPER EVENING

At English Martyrs Church on Saturday, 11th December at 7.30 pm – in the Hall. *Tickets on sale today – Proceeds to assist the 8 young parishioners attending the World Youth Day in Madrid August 2011.*

ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a ten minute meeting after both Masses **TODAY** to discuss the Bishop's visit on 10th December. It is extremely important that all servers are involved on this day. If you have a prior commitment, please let either Fr Joseph or myself know – *Mike Tomas*.

LOURDES – PILGRIMAGE

There are 10 places left on the executive coach for a pilgrimage to Lourdes on 6th – 11th December, cost £365. Pick up point: South Mimms Services. *Further details from Anne Donaldson – 0138 373 1065. See notice board for further details.*

POSADA - NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM VIA TILEHURST

Posada is an Advent tradition which originated in Mexico and involves parishioners taking the crib figures of Mary and Joseph into their homes. Please add your details to the form at the back of the Church, if you would like to take part.

APF

The deadline for collection of monies from established box holders is 30th November. Those of you who took a box as a result of Fr Brian Oswald's recent appeal do not need their boxes opened until April. My special thanks go to all those involved with the Youth Club's fantastic effort in raising £115 for the APF. News of your wonderful effort has been passed on to Fr Brian – *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary*.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays 19th & 26th January 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 or email: mphilip@westberks.org or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

CAFOD – WORLD GIFTS

This coming week is your last opportunity to buy from the World Gifts Catalogue. Copies are available in the Church porch – *Margaret Chaplin*.

LIFE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre last weekend. We raised £372. As we still have items to sell, we shall be having a mini Christmas sale in the tea room at English Martyrs on Tuesday, 30th November at 10 am, with refreshments and a raffle. Further details from *Christine Wall, Tel. 941 1605*.

READER TRAINING

Sunday, 9th Jan 2011 from 2.30 pm – 6 pm. Contact Sheila Younger at ringwoodrcc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Led by the Department of Pastoral Formation. Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Salisbury Road, Fordingbridge, Hants, SP6 1EG.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS' ADVENT

At our next meeting we will be marking the season of Advent with a Christingle service. We will meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 1st December and all ladies are welcome to join us.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE – PASTORAL INFORMATION

Communicating Christ

This 10 session course for new and existing catechists will take place in Reading starting on 29th January, 2011. For further details and a booking form, please contact *Monika Chmelova mchmelova@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 01329 835583*.

Advent Resources

Six reflection sessions of the Gospels for Advent, Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord, 'Stewards of God's Story', are available for free download from the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEAD CLEANER - Required from January 2011 - 12.5 hours per week, Monday – Friday. SCP 14 - £15,725 (pro rata) - £8.15 per hour. Closing date: 12 noon, 29th November. Interview date: Tuesday, 7th December. Application packs with further information are available from the school office: Please telephone 901 5466 or email admin.englishmartyrs@reading.gov.uk. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by appointment.

CAFOD and CHRISTIAN AID - VENI EMMANUEL

You are invited to join us to sing for CAFOD and CHRISTIAN AID - VENI EMMANUEL. Carols, Readings, Music for Advent on Thursday, 9th December at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church (Wokingham Road/Church Road junction), followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

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

Bishop Crispian will be visiting St Joseph's on the evening of Friday, 10th December. During the Mass, the Bishop will bless Fr Kelleher's Memorial Plaque and the new Baptismal Font. Mass will commence at 7 pm and the clergy in the Pastoral Area will be concelebrating with the Bishop. There will be light refreshments in the Church hall after the Mass. *All are welcome - Fr Joseph*.