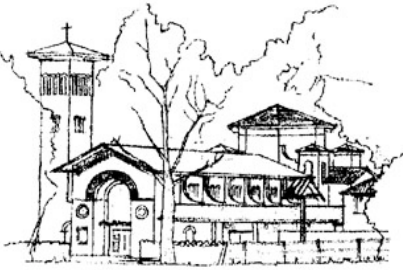
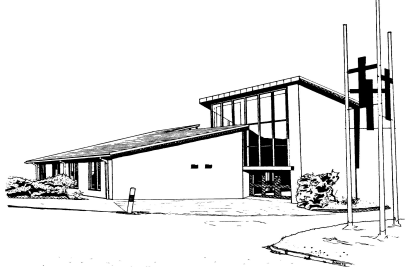


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

**4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Faustino Sainz Muñoz has retired and is leaving London this weekend. You may have seen him during the Pope's visit. The Nuncio went on to the plane at Edinburgh Airport to greet the Pope before the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Nuncio has two responsibilities. His first is to be the Pope's representative to the Bishops in England, Scotland and Wales. So he passes messages and documents backwards and forwards between the Bishops and the Vatican and it is his role to advise the Pope on who might be appointed as a Bishop as vacancies arise.

The second is to be an Ambassador on behalf of the Pope to the British Government. Unlike any other Church, the Catholic Church is considered as being similar to a country and so the Holy See – which is the name in international law for the Pope and those who work for him in the Vatican – has ambassadors all over the world. At the moment there are nearly 140 countries who have diplomatic relations with the Catholic Church and exchange Ambassadors. The Pope's Ambassadors are always priests who become Bishops and are from all over the world. Archbishop Faustino is Spanish. A priest from Liverpool is the Pope's Ambassador in Guatemala and Fr John and I have a friend from America who is the Pope's Ambassador in Bangladesh.

It's another part of belonging to the worldwide – Catholic – Church.

*Fr Andrew*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>		<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>	
Agnes & Mick Kelley RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Joseph Baptiste RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Mariano Ibañez RIP
Philomena's Family RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Margaret & Charles Tinsley RIP
Patrick McGullion RIP	5.00 pm			
Syro Malabar	6.30 pm			
The Holy Souls RIP	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	Funeral - Mary Minehane RIP
Gertrude Fernandes De Rego RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Zbysh Marek RIP
Kevin, John & Patrick McSharry RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Zbysh Marek RIP
Michael Gordon RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Mrs West RIP
De Rego family RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Bishop Crispian's Mass to bless Fr Kelleher's Plaque & Baptismal Font
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Sr Mary O'Sullivan RIP
<b>FEASTS OF THE WEEK:</b>				
Monday-St Nicholas    Tuesday-St Ambrose    Wednesday-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
Thursday-St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin    Friday-St Swithun Wells    Saturday-St Damasus I				
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: "In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

Gift Aid	£461.78
Planned Giving	£41.50
Loose Plate	£292.83
TF3	£19.00
Candle Money	£33.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£848.88</b>

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December will consist of a Christmas Pantomime trip to the Hexagon. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 941 5636*.

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES - DECEMBER

14 <sup>th</sup> – 7.30 pm	Christ the King, Woodley.
15 <sup>th</sup> – 7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace, Earley.
17 <sup>th</sup> – 7.30 pm	St. Anne's, Caversham.
18 <sup>th</sup> – 11 am	English Martyrs, Reading.
20 <sup>th</sup> – 7.30 pm	St. James', Forbury Park, Reading.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> – 7.30 pm</b>	<b>St. Joseph's, Tilehurst.</b>

### 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.

### PASTA SUPPER EVENING

At English Martyrs Church on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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.

### BAPTISM COURSE

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

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 – 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010

Bishop Crispian will be visiting St Joseph's on the evening of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### FR ZVONKO'S TRAINING FUND

As a result of the generosity of parishioners, a money order for £2,000 has been sent to Fr Zvonko to help with his university training costs. Fr Zvonko has replied thanking all his friends at St Joseph's for their kind thoughts and their generous help. He goes on to say that his experience in St Joseph's parish has helped him "a lot in his parish work in Vienna". He sends to all God's blessing during the preparation time of Advent.

### SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

If anyone would like to go to the Christmas Party at English Martyrs on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December from 1 – 4.30 pm. Please contact *Ev Brewster on 942 2558*. If anyone could provide a lift to and from the party, please also contact *Ev Brewster on 942 2558*.

### KNITWITS

Weather permitting, Knitwits next meet on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm at Ruth Lewis' home: 30 Calder Close.

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS LITURGIES – ST JOSEPH'S

Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Childrens' Vigil Mass	6 pm
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols followed by Midnight Mass	11.30 pm
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day Masses	9 & 10.30 am
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Masses as usual	8.30 & 10.30 am
Bank Holiday Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass	10 am
Bank Holiday Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass	10 am

### CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CAROL SERVICE

You are all invited to attend Cabrini Children's Society Carol Service on 15th December 2010 in the presence of Bishop John Hine. The event starts at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark. For more information contact *Ann Hoggan on 020 8668 2181, email [ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk](mailto:ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk) or Caroline Bennett on 07866 695183, email [caroline.bennett@cabrini.org.uk](mailto:caroline.bennett@cabrini.org.uk)*

### MARY MINEHANE RIP

Please pray for the soul of Mary Minehane who died recently. Mary's Funeral Mass will be held here at St Joseph's on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am. *All are welcome.*