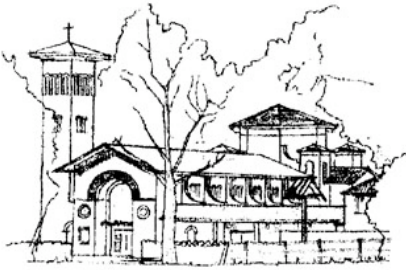
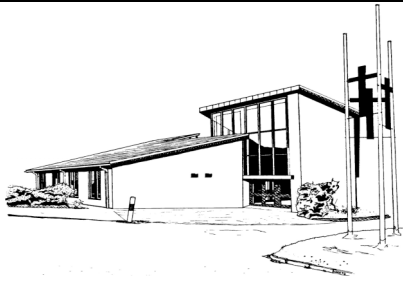


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

	<p align="center">Parish Clergy:</p> <p align="center">Mgr John Nelson (Parish Priest & Co-ordinating Pastor)</p> <p align="center">Fr Joseph Awoh (Resident at St Joseph's)</p> <p align="center">Registered Charity Number: 246871</p>	
<p>64 Liebenrood Road Reading, Berkshire, RG30 2EB Tel: 0118 957 2149 e-mail: admin@englishmartyrs.org.uk website: www.englishmartyrs.org.uk Secretary: Gwen Price</p>	<p align="center">RBH Chaplaincy - (Tel. 0118 3227105) Fr Chris Whelan Fr Richard Maniak (0118 9586637)</p>	<p>The Presbytery, Berkshire Drive Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, RG31 5JJ Tel: 0118 942 8632 e-mail: office@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk website: www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones</p>

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

19/20 April 2008

Clergy Matters in our Pastoral Area of Central & West Reading

In February Father John Creagh moved from his post as Chaplain to the Royal Berkshire Hospital and has taken up an appointment in Oxfordshire. Bishop Crispian asked Father Chris Whelan to take responsibility for chaplaincy cover at the RBH and he has agreed. However, as you probably know, Chris also serves the community at St John Bosco in Woodley and for this reason Father Richard is now sharing the chaplaincy work with Chris. Between them they provide most of the priestly pastoral cover for the RBH but Richard is now also visiting Prospect and the Duchess of Kent on a regular basis. One of the things that Father Creagh developed in the Hospital was a team of lay people who would visit patients and take Communion to those who wished to receive. All of this will continue because it helps ensure that people who are ill and in hospital are properly provided for.

This means that Father Richard now divides his time between his Hospital responsibilities and working from English Martyrs as part of the clergy team in this Pastoral Area of Central and West Reading. However, it does mean that we will see less of Father Andrew Summersgill at weekends although he will be celebrating Mass at St James on some weekends. I believe that this arrangement, which the Bishop has put in place, will provide greater depth of cover and pastoral care on the part of the priests. I am very aware that, on my own at English Martyrs, there were things that slipped through the gaps and simply weren't being done.

There is more good news! The arrangement for Father Joseph to come and be resident at St Joseph's in Tilehurst was originally for one year and would have expired this summer. However, Joseph's Bishop in the Cameroon has agreed to him staying with us for three more years – until 2011 – and our Bishop's plan is to allow him to remain with us in Reading, based in Tilehurst. Over those next three years he will also be working towards a doctorate with Southampton University but assures me that he will manage that alongside all the pastoral responsibilities he has. I know that you will all be delighted to hear that, not only do we avoid any further changes of priest at St Joseph's, but that Father Joseph is staying with us for the next few years.

Father John

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Tom Brosman RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Bridget Grant RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Lilly Brown RIP
Kathleen Levy RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Lilly Brown RIP
People of the Parish	5.00 pm			
Edwiges Figueira RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Mrs Thomas' Intentions
Fr George Curton RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Julia Feeney's Intentions
Martin Tomás RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Julia Feeney's Intentions
Kathleen McGuire RIP	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Aileen Finney RIP
Ellen Bautista's Intentions	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Michael Knowles RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Maureen Dingle's Intentions
THE FEASTS OF THE WEEK ARE:				
Monday – St Anselm Wednesday – ST GEORGE Thursday - Ss Fidelis of Sigmaringen and Adalbert Friday – ST MARK Saturday – Blessed Robert Anderton & William Marsden.				
Thursday: 7 - 8.30 pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Tuesday: 7.30 – 8 pm	
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY		10.30-11 am	
Responsorial Psalm: “May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.”				

COLLECTIONS FOR 13TH APRIL 2008

Gift Aid:	£384.00
Planned Giving:	£77.00
Loose Plate:	£238.85
Tf5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
TOTAL	£699.85
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko (-£16.05 Bank Charge)	£1,059.98
Easter Offering	£2,004.66

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 27th April are Harry & Liz McSoley.

YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 25th April will be a Welcome Back Equipment Night. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

CAR BOOT SALE

There will be a car boot sale on Saturday, 26th April here in St Joseph's car park. 11 am: Sellers. 12 noon – 3 pm: Buyers. Cars: £5. Vans: £8. Tea and refreshments in the small hall. For more information please ring *Theresa Bricker on 9426788*.

ST JOSEPH'S CAR PARK

Please drive carefully in the car park, particularly at times when children may be in the area – *Thank you*.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School 50th Anniversary	
25 th April	Mass to celebrate the founding of the school in English Martyrs Church at 7 pm, followed by a Drinks Reception at the School . See notice board.
26 th April	Grand Reunion of Students 1958 – 1973 is being organised by Gabriele Scicluna. Tickets £7/pp. For information and tickets please ring <i>Mr Scicluna on 07527931803 or email gabrielscicluna@hotmail.co.uk</i> .

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Lourdes, Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton, will be leading the 2008 Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the umbrella of the Catholic Association. The dates are 22nd - 29th August 2008. Further details are available in the porch, or please contact either *Tina Foreman or Fr Vincent Harvey on 01252 621295 or email den.peter@ourladyfleet.org.uk*. If there are any young people, 17 years or older, who wish to volunteer their services by pushing wheelchairs, pulling voitures or assisting at the Accueil Notre Dame, and generally lending their support to the Youth Group, this would be greatly appreciated.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Information and Booking Forms are now available for this trip to Italy from 14th – 23rd February 2009, under the leadership of Fathers John and Andrew. If you would like to take part please collect and complete the necessary form as, with limited space, we will take bookings on a first-come-first-served basis. The forms are available in the porch. If you have any questions please contact *Fr John by phone or at nelsonjohnf@aol.com*

MEDJUGORJE – 2008

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje is being organised by St Joseph's Church, Christchurch and Corpus Christi Church, Boscombe from 19th – 26th September. Further details are available in the porch.

ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT – OPEN MORNING

Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils on Thursday, 8th May 9.15 am – 12.15 pm for the Preparatory & Senior Departments and Sixth Form (ages 3 – 18). No appointment necessary – simply drop in. Further details are available in the porch.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 11TH MAY

St Joseph's will be joining the English Martyrs Parish for an International Lunch on Pentecost Sunday in the English Martyrs Parish Centre at 12.30 pm. All are welcome to join in this celebration: please bring a plate of food with a national flavour and something to drink. If you would like to come traditionally dressed that would be good, and even better if you'd like to sing, dance or play music from your country.

WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

To raise funds for our trip to Lourdes in September we are having a social folk evening in Our Lady of Pease social club on 26th April - 7.45pm, featuring Cornucopia Appalachian clog dancers, The Sandy Grove String Band, and Pete Orton, Berkshire's own folk singer. A good evening of entertainment and craic is guaranteed. Tickets £7 from *John Gill 9694769 or Anne MacDonald 9585841*. Licensed Bar/refreshments.

TED HARRINGTON RIP

The family would like to thank everyone who sent them messages of sympathy and offered prayers for Ted. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Joshua David Rose who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today. We also welcome Alfred Turner who was received into the Church on Thursday last.

GIFT AID SUBSCRIBERS

The parish of St Joseph's has just completed sending off the gift aid returns to the diocese. May I take this opportunity of saying how grateful the parish is for donations made during the financial year 2007/08. Some gift aiders may require, for tax purposes, a confirmation letter of the donations they have made in the year ending 5th April 2008. If this is required, please ask the Parish Secretary for the confirmation letter – *Fr Joseph*.

CARER REQUIRED

Carer required for delightful elderly lady in West Reading, light household duties/shopping – part-time/hours negotiable - generous pay to the right person. Telephone 9575333 or 01985 840683 for further details.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL - SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. The theme for this year is **The Love of the Father**, this month looking at Thy Kingdom Come. Starting with Rosary at 11 am, service 11.30 am, shared lunch at 1pm, Praise & Worship 2 pm - Talk 2.30 pm. Finishing with tea & prayer for healing - around 4 pm. Collection to defray expenses. See poster for more information or ring *Rev Foley on 9333420*.

GOD'S EMBRACE FOR ALL – SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL AT THE SALESIAN COLLEGE, READING ROAD, FARNBOROUGH

The Caring Fellowship Diocese of Portsmouth (CFH) and Department for Pastoral Formation, is holding a day of prayer, talks and a general gathering together of people with/without learning disabilities. The purpose of this day is to commit ourselves to involving people with learning disabilities in every aspect of the life of the Church. The time is from 10.30 am – 4 pm, [coffee at 10 am] Please bring a packed lunch. Further information is on the notice board. Father John is planning to attend and can offer lifts to three people in his car so let him know if you would like to take part in this day.

UCM

Our next event will be on Wednesday, 23rd April at 7.30 pm in the small hall. A representative from Waitrose will be coming along to the meeting.