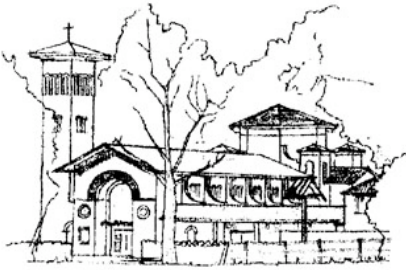
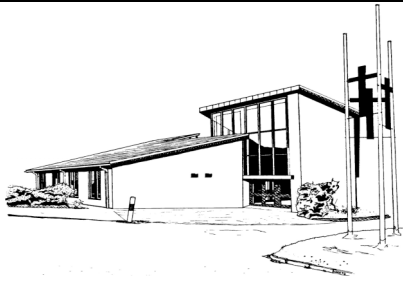


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

	<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>	
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A

26/27 April 2008

Over the last three years I have spent my summer holiday in Italy with the Redemptorist Fathers and close to the sea. Every Sunday I sat outside the Church watching people going to Mass. I noticed how some come early and spend time in prayer. Others just arrived in time, slightly confused and agitated. Some came when Mass was well underway. I noticed someone bring his wife by car and then disappearing. Someone rode a bicycle, made two circuits of the car park and left. Some even disappeared.

This experience made me question myself and taught me how it is possible to relate differently to God. A nodding acquaintance, a duty, an obligation, a habit! Where do I fit in?

And yet there is so much more offered to us. A call to an intimacy with God. An experience of his love and mercy, a call to be a disciple.

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Roche Figueira RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Lillian Snow RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Peter Burns RIP
Norman Cullity RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Una Margaret Quinn RIP
People of the Parish	5.00 pm		No Mass	
Funeral - Elsie Goldrick RIP	9.30 am	Monday		
Catherine Neary's Intentions	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Michael Knowles RIP
Funeral – Rebecca Day RIP	2.00 pm			
Margaret Pich RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Julia Feeney's Intentions
Veronica & Pete Hooper's Int.	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Peter Herman RIP
Bobby & Patsy Fitzgerald's family Intentions	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Tony & Gill Flint's Intentions
		Saturday	10.00 am	Leonilda Figuera RIP
THE FEASTS OF THE WEEK ARE:				
Monday – SS Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort		Tuesday – St Catherine of Siena		
Wednesday – St Pius V		Thursday – St Joseph the WSs 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: "Cry out with joy to God all the earth."				

INTERNATIONAL LUNCH – PENTECOST SUNDAY – 11TH MAY

There is already a tradition at English Martyrs of holding a lunch on Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the different backgrounds and traditions from which we come. This year we want to invite people from English Martyrs **and** St Joseph's to come along to the Parish Centre from 12.30 pm onwards on Sunday, 11th May, bringing a plate or dish of food which is particular to their nationality. These we will share – as well as something to drink, alcoholic or not! Come in national dress if you'd like to. Anyone willing to sing or play during the lunch is more than welcome. Let's make this a real celebration of our community and all those who worship at St Joseph's and English Martyrs.

Fr John

COLLECTIONS FOR 20TH APRIL 2008

Gift Aid:	£592.84
Planned Giving:	£105.50
Loose Plate:	£245.93
Tf5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
Clergy Training	£53.00
Easter Offering	£20.00
TOTAL	£1,017.27
<u>Running Totals</u>	
Fr Zvonko	£1,059.98
Easter Offering	£2,024.66
Clergy Training	£634.40

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 4TH May are Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 4th May for World Communications. The Catholic Communications Network provides support for the Bishops of England & Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. Please be as generous as you can to support this important work.

YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 2nd May will be a Swimming Night at The Willink. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

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*

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.

TRANSPORT REQUEST

Do you attend 10:30 am Mass at St Joseph's on a Sunday? Do you live in Tilehurst? If so, can you please assist one of our parishioners by providing her with a lift to Church? If you can help please contact *Eileen Kerrigan on 9412757*.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 11TH - 17TH MAY

Anybody willing to help with collections please contact *John Macbeth 9414685*. There is also a Christian Aid Week Service on Sunday, 11th May at St Catherine's Church. Speaker: Martin Conway of Christian Aid. Further details available in the porch.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL- COFFEE SHOP

The WRVS will shortly be opening a new coffee shop at RBH and they need more volunteers to help in the running of the shop. If you can help, further details are available in the porch.

DOUAI ABBEY PASTORAL PROGRAMME

The Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme for the middle months of 2008 is available in the porch.

FEAR, FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH

A study day for those engaged in Inter Faith dialogue on Wednesday, 7th May 2008 from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm at St Clement's Family Centre, Cross Street, OXFORD, OX4 1DA. Speakers: Alan Race and Shanthi Hettiarachchi. The conference will outline work that is being done nationally, as a context for local engagement, and look at some of the more difficult issues that can be encountered. Organised by the Oxford Diocesan Committee for Interfaith Concerns. For more information or to book a place on this day please contact: *Alwyn Samuel on 07956 882588 or David Barton 254 Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1SE. Telephone No. 01865 240059 Email: daviebarton@aol.com*.

LIFE

On Sunday, 11th May, after both Masses, we will be having a sale of plants, cakes and quality donated goods in the large hall. Any donations can be brought to the hall between 5 pm and 7 pm on Saturday, 10th May. (No jumble for this event please). Further details from *Christine Wall on 9411605*.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, 6th May for the 5th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Gianlucca Warren Joe Saunders who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The details collected for the new parish directory are in the process of being put on the website. No personal email addresses will be included. People wanting to make email enquiries will be directed to the parish office address, from where messages will be automatically forwarded. However it's felt the web version of the directory will be of limited use without people's phone numbers, so the plan is to include them. If you would like your number removed, please contact Colin Parkes as soon as possible on 0118 942 7436, or *colin.parkes@gmail.com*

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

There will be an altar servers practice on Wednesday, 30th April at 3.45 pm.

APF BOXES

It is time to empty the APF boxes again. There are magazines available at the back of the Church.

LATIN MASS

Latin Mass for the Feast of The Ascension will be celebrated at St William of York Church at 11 am on Thursday, 1st May.

NHS - BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Someone you know could need blood. Please see the NHS poster concerning the need for blood donors in the porch.