
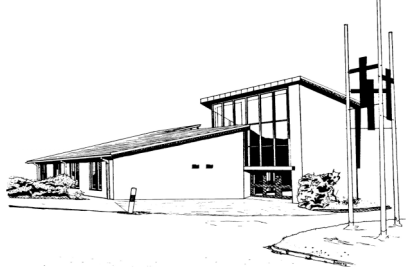


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

**16/17 August 2008**

A young boy who always liked to listen to his grandfather's stories from the store of his knowledge and wisdom jumped onto his lap exclaiming expectantly, "Gramps, please tell me another story?"

Grandfather always had time for his grandchildren and quickly flicking through the file of stories in his mind replied thoughtfully, "I'll tell you the one about the two wolves that everyone has in them!" The boy gazed at his grandfather through a quizzically boyish frown. He quickly raised his small hands to cover his face and then peeped through his hands as his fingers slowly separated. His eyes rolled in their sockets only half wanting to see if it was safe around him. Then he coyly exclaimed, "R-E-A-L-L-Y Gramps! "Yes, really!", returned his grandfather. "One wolf is anger, envy, jealousy, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride and superiority. The other is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, compassion, truth and faith." "Wow!" exclaimed the young lad, not understanding fully the meaning of each word but aware that the first wolf was the baddie and the other the goodie. So without any hesitation and with a competitive spirit fired in the youngster, his eyes almost falling out of their sockets asked, "which one wins gramps? "Good question lad!" retorts grandfather. "The one you feed is the one who wins!" The young boy gave his grandfather a big hug and kiss and feeling safe and secure in his embrace sleepily climbed down from his lap. "Thanks gramps, good night!" and scampered upstairs to bed.

**Fr Richard**

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST. JOSEPH'S
Roche Figueira RIP	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
People of the Parish	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	Martin Ryan RIP
Paddy Docherty RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Peg Ely RIP
Kath Conroy's Intentions	5.00 pm			
Tony Docherty RIP	9.30 am	<b>Monday</b>		
Luiza Maria Fernandes RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	
Rhona Clifton RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	
Seamus Hughes RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	
Tony Docherty RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	9.00 am	
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	
<b>THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:</b>				
Tuesday-St John Eudes	Wednesday-St Bernard	Thursday-St Pius X	Friday-The Queenship of Mary	
	Saturday-St Rose of Lima			
Thursday 7-8 pm	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION</b>			No Exposition during August
5.30-6.15 pm	<b>CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY</b>			10.30-11.00 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	<b>"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."</b>			

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August are Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2008 - 2009

St Joseph's Parish Programme will begin next term in preparation for reception of the sacrament next May. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September, you are invited to contact the parish office to register for the programme as soon as possible. Please see the front of the newsletter for contact details. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept applications received after **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September**, so please do not forget to register in plenty of time.

### CONFIRMATION 2009

The next Confirmation programme will start in November with a 'Come and See evening' and is open to anyone in Year 8 and above. To help us with planning, please register your interest by leaving your name, phone number and email address with the office. More details will follow in November.

### TUESDAY EVENING EXPOSITION – REMINDER

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during August. Exposition will start again on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governors are seeking to employ a Teaching Assistant to support the needs of a child with a statement of special needs who is moving to our school. 17.5 hours a week in the first instance. If interested please hand into the school office a letter of application listing any relevant qualifications and experience. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August with interviews taking place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. For further details please contact Ms J P Feeny on 9422003.

### A REMINDER FOR AUGUST

Please note that once again you are reminded that emergency calls, i.e. sick calls and funerals; to St Joseph's need to be referred to the English Martyrs Church (Telephone No. 9572149) during the August holiday period.

### OBERAMMERGAU 2010 – PASSION PLAY

It has been suggested that arrangements might be made for a parish group from St Joseph's/English Martyrs to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010. Fr John has agreed that arrangements could be made to "test the water" amongst parishioners to ascertain support for the proposal. If any parishioner is interested, please contact Theresa Bricker on 9426788.

### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

#### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – THEME OF 'THE CROSS'

The Catholic Children's Society has been in touch to ask us to remind you that if you are heading off on holiday this summer to keep in mind their Photography Competition. The Society is on the look out for interesting photographs depicting the theme of 'the cross' which they can print as greetings cards. It may be that you already have a possible photo tucked away in a box in the loft but perhaps there will be new opportunities when you are away on holiday this summer? The six winning entries will be printed in a series of limited edition cards which will be made available to purchase online to raise money for the Society. Entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 so there is still plenty of time. Full details of how to apply are online at [www.cathchild.org](http://www.cathchild.org) or you can email or call Ann Hoggan from the Supporter Care team: [ann.hoggan@cathchild.org](mailto:ann.hoggan@cathchild.org) 020 8668 2181 she will be pleased to post you an application form.

### HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL

The government has now postponed until autumn the final stages of the Bill, which will include debate on pro-abortion amendments. Amendments already tabled include:

- Making abortion available on the signature of only one doctor rather than two as at present.
- Allowing nurses and midwives to carry out abortions.
- Abolishing the need for any reason to be given for abortions.
- Extending locations where abortion drugs can be given out to include GP's surgeries, local health centres and school sick rooms.

We should use the next few weeks to write to our MP and the Prime Minister expressing opposition to these moves. Urge them to support any pro-life amendments instead, e.g. the entitlement of women to be given information on the possible physical and psychological effects of abortion.

During the summer recess Martin Salter, MP for Reading West, can be contacted at his constituency office, 413 Oxford Road, Reading, RG30 1HA. Email: [salterm@parliament.uk](mailto:salterm@parliament.uk).

### FR ZVONKO – TRAINING FUND

Fr Zvonko will be commencing his third year of study in September and although he hopes to receive some financial assistance from the Church in Need he still has to financially support himself with the help of family and friends. In consultation with Fr John, it has been agreed that St Joseph's parishioners will continue, on a voluntary basis, to be invited to make a contribution to the Training Fund during the month of August 2008. Special envelopes are available for this purpose on the table at the rear of the Church. The envelopes may be placed in the Sunday Collection plates.

### PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish Office will reopen when the Secretary returns from holiday on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

### PARISH WEBSITE

For parishioners who have access to the internet please note that details relating to Parish activities including Parish Rotas, Mass times, contact details and Parish Newsletters (*current and past*) can be accessed on [www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk](http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk)

### WELCOME BACK

We welcome back today Fr John from his visit to Australia for the World Youth Day in Sydney. It was also nice to see Fr Wojciech who is on holiday in Reading for the month of August.

### FR JOSEPH

We have also received an email from Fr Joseph saying that he is well and enjoying his holiday in his homeland of Cameroon. Fr Joseph returns to the Parish on the September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Gift Aid:	£287.50
Planned Giving:	£36.50
Loose Plate:	£222.83
TF5 (Fr Zvonko Training Fund)	£50.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>597.03</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Fr Zvonko Training Fund	£2,666.89