
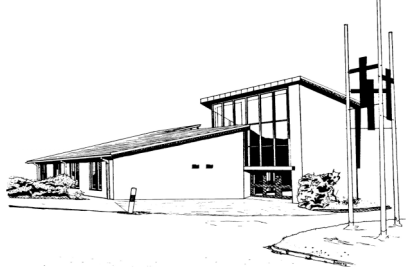


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

23/24 August 2008

During the next few years changes are to be made to the language that we use in the celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments. It is over thirty years since the version we use today was produced. Several years ago Pope John Paul II authorised a new Latin version of the Missal and since then all over the world different language groups have been working to prepare new versions.

Sometimes these preparations are very difficult as there are very strongly held views on the right language to use and the meaning of words and signs. Also we have become quite familiar with the texts we know and use. We all know that in any part of our life, it is difficult to change something to which you have become accustomed.

One of the likely changes is in the greeting that is used several times during Mass. At the moment, when we are greeted by the celebrant with the words, "The Lord be with you", our reply is "And also with you". It is probable that in the future we will be asked to respond "And with your spirit".

It seems to me that in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to look at our own spirit: the spirit in which each of us relates to God. In speaking to the disciples, he asks, "Who do you say I am?" And that question is one addressed to every follower of Christ. Each of us has to find an answer to it, and not necessarily in words. Many people express their love of God through the way they live their lives, others through their care and concern for others. For some it is in a sense of prayer and contemplation, for others it is in action and witness. The options are endless.

As we move towards the end of this holiday time and we begin to gear up for the more usual rhythm of life let's each find a way of answering that question, "Who do you say I am?" so that we can all grow in the confidence that the Lord is with us and with our spirit.

Fr Andrew

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST. JOSEPH'S
Elsie Goldrick RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Bridie Conneely's Intentions	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Penny Street's Intentions
People of the Parish	11.30 am		10.30 am	
Kevin Maher RIP	5.00 pm			
Tony Docherty RIP	10.00am	Monday	NO MASS	
Tony Docherty RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Tilly Ryce's Intentions
Geraldine Byrne RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	
Tony Docherty RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	
Rhona Clifton RIP	9.30 am	Friday	9.00 am	
		Saturday	10.00 am	
THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:				
Monday-SS Louis IX & Joseph Calasanz		Tuesday-Blessed Dominic Barberi		Wednesday-St Monica
Thursday-St Augustine of Hippo		Friday-Beheading of St John the Baptist		Saturday-SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward
Thursday 7-8 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION			No Exposition during August
5.30-6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY			10.30-11.00 am
Responsorial Psalm:	"Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands."			

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 31st August are Pat Toner and Angela Barry.

1ST 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 19th 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, 2nd 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 27th August with interviews taking place on Wednesday, 3rd September. For further details please contact *Ms J P Feeney 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 15th September 2008 so there is still plenty of time. Full details of how to apply are online at www.cathchild.org or you can email or call *Ann Hoggan from the Supporter Care team: ann.hoggan@cathchild.org 020 8668 2181* she will be pleased to post you an application form.

Good luck, and happy snapping!

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*.

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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Jasline Roze Sarmiento who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

Gift Aid:	£399.44
Planned Giving:	£76.00
Loose Plate:	£261.06
TF5 (Fr Zvonko Training Fund)	£87.10
TOTAL	818.60
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko Training Fund	£2,753.99

PARISH OFFICE

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

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

Fr WOJCIECH

Fr Wojciech will be returning to Poland on 30th August after his holiday here in Reading. We wish him a safe journey home and best wishes for the future. We also thank him for helping to provide regular Masses at St Joseph's for the holiday month of August.