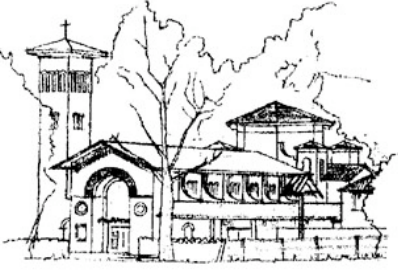
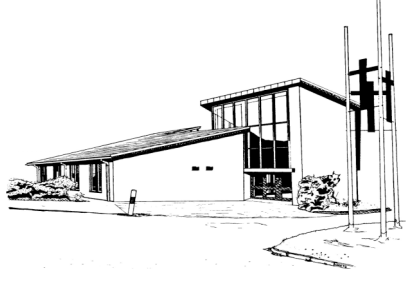


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

26/27 January 2008

By the time you are reading this the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be over for another year, but that doesn't mean that we can stop thinking and praying for an end to all the various divisions in the church. But some of the most painful divisions are not the ones that exist between the different Christian denominations, they are the divisions that exist within our own communities when people who sit in the same church at the same time worshipping the same God wont even talk to each other.

I wonder if Our Lord, when he prayed that we might "all be one" (John 17:21), had in mind the variety of Christian communities which exist in the world, or was he not more concerned that Christians should all treat each other as brothers and sisters. After all, he also told his disciples "This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you".

Our attitude to our fellow Christians of all denominations should be more than mere tolerance or lack of animosity, it should be one of brotherly affection; how much more so should we treat each other. Inevitably there will be quarrels among us, and hurtful things will be said. Even in the very early days of the church that was true. But we should always be willing to ask for and to receive forgiveness. I sometimes think one of the hardest statements for a catholic is "I'm sorry", we seem to think we have a God given claim to be right all the time on all subjects.

Can this be true? Of course not! In that case we should have no problem in admitting we have made mistakes and that sometimes we have said or done something hurtful to another person.

Our legacy from the week of Prayer for Christian Unity should be to pray for the gift of the strength to say "Sorry".

Fr Terence

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Frederick Bennett RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Mary Gray RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Brian, Brigid, Ellen and Barney Clarke RIP
Lazarus Mendonca, family members & friends int.	11.30 am		10.30 am	Norman and Joan Bricker RIP
People of the Parish	5.00 pm			
Funeral – Michael McCollom RIP	9.30 am	Monday	8.30 am	Catherine Naas RIP
			5.30 pm	Margaret Crotty's coffin in Church
Thanksgiving	9.30 am	Tuesday	10.30 am	Funeral - Margaret Crotty RIP
			7.00 pm	Michael Knowles RIP
Pat Watts RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Daniel Grant RIP
Anne Wells RIP	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Mrs Joan Allen RIP
Marlene Hussey RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Saturday	10.00 am	Rose McCann RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THIS WEEK ARE:				
Monday–St Thomas Aquinas		Thursday–St John Bosco		Saturday–The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
Thursday 7-8.30 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			Tuesday – 7.30 – 8 pm
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY			10.30-11.00 am
Responsorial Psalm: 'The Lord is my light and my help.'				

COLLECTIONS FOR 20TH JANUARY 2008

Gift Aid:	£345.90
Planned Giving:	£52.50
Loose Plate:	£201.91
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£10.00
Catholic Education	£306.23
TOTAL	£916.54
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Running Totals	
TF5 (Fr Zvonko's Training Fund)	£1,036.03
Catholic Education	£322.33

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 3rd February are Sean Murphy and Peter Chesworth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 3rd February for the Catholic Children's Society.

MRS MARGARET CROTTY RIP

The Parish offers condolences to Mrs Margaret Crotty's family. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Margaret's requiem Mass will be held here at St Joseph's at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 29th January. Her body will be received into the Church at 5.30 pm on Monday, 28th January. All are invited.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group session on Friday, 1st February will be a World Youth Day Fundraising Event. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Whether you are considering becoming a Catholic or would simply like to ask a few questions you are welcome to join the Journey in Faith group. Please phone *Brigid Parkes - 9427436* for more details.

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL

This Bill, currently going through Parliament, is due to reach the House of Commons in March/April. Information about some of its proposals is reproduced with this newsletter, and 4 copies of a more detailed Parish Resource Pack are in the porch for reference. Next Sunday, Christine will speak briefly about the Bill after both Masses, and we will prepare some guidelines for letters and emails to our MP.

Meanwhile, pro-life MP, and patron of LIFE, Ann Widdecombe, is addressing a series of rallies nationwide to educate and inform on life issues and the proposed Bill. Details on the notice board. Anyone wanting to hear her at Central Hall, Westminster, on 6th February, please speak to Christine Wall. The organisers are hoping for bus loads to arrive at each venue.

LIFE

Representatives of LIFE groups in the Thames Valley meet together three times a year. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 2nd February, 2 pm – 4.30 pm in the small hall here at St Joseph's, and is open to all members and supporters. LIFE is currently working a national plan for development, growth and increased professionalism in every region of the UK, and the meeting on Saturday will include an address, encouragement and support from our Chief Executive, Martin Foley, who is based at LIFE Head Office in Leamington Spa. Further details from *Christine Wall on 9411605*. P.S. Next LIFE jumble sale – 8th March.

JUSTICE & PEACE DAY – 16TH FEBRUARY

The Department for Pastoral Formation is organising a Justice & Peace Day on 16th February 2008 at St Anne's Catholic School in Southampton from 10 am. Full details of this event together with booking forms are available at the back of the Church.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Sunday, 3rd February the Annual Collection for the Catholic Children's Society will take place. The Society provides care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. Their work includes providing subsidised Breakfast & Homework Clubs and Pre-school Care; Counselling for school age children experiencing stress and exclusion; Adoption, Post-Adoption and Fostering placement and support; Residential Care for young people with special needs and Catechetical Programmes for children and young people with disabilities. The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its works in our diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.



As you will remember Chris, Matt, Steph, Patrick and Zoe have been doing lots of fund raising events in order to help them go to the World Youth Day in July. Tickets are now on sale for one of the final events! Dinner dance at Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School with live music by Richard Balding and his band on Saturday, 8th March 2008 at 7.30 pm until late. Tickets cost £17.50 per person including two course meal and wine. This promises to be a great night and the band come highly recommended. Tickets are limited so if you would like to attend please *Judith on 0118 9453529 Or 07830 144 165*.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Mateo Phoenix Yapp who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

2 SOFAS WANTED

If anyone is replacing their sofas and would like to donate their old one to help furnish two rooms in the Presbytery, please contact *St Joseph's Parish Office on 9428632*.

UCM

The foundation will be marking their 44th anniversary by sharing a meal at the Southcote Beefeater on Wednesday, 30th January. We will meet at the restaurant at 7 pm. Anyone who needs a lift please contact *Veronica on 9418783*.

KNITWITS

The next Knitwits meeting will be on Monday, 4th February at Theresa Bricker's home: 23 Bitterne Avenue, Tilehurst.

BEDA EXPERIENCE

The Beda College in Rome is offering men who might be considering the priesthood the opportunity of spending Easter in Rome from Wednesday, 19th – Friday, 28th March 2008. There is no charge for accommodation at the college, and it is open to all those eligible for formation, not just older men. Those participating will have the opportunity of attending the Chrism Mass in St Peter's, celebrating the Triduum in the college, and also seeing something of the city of Rome. It is also an opportunity for them to experience something of seminary life and priestly formation. If there is anyone you know who might benefit from this opportunity please contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Gerard Flynn, whose contact details are in the Diocesan Directory and whose email address is gerarddominic@waitrose.com.

BAPTISM

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 23rd April and Wednesday, 30th April from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the main church hall. If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Brigid Parkes on 942 7436* or alternatively email the parish office (details on the front of this newsletter).