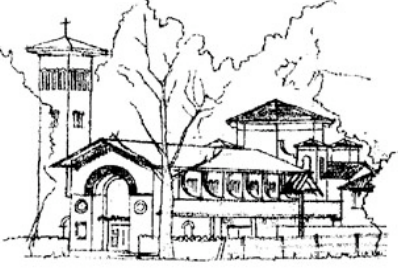
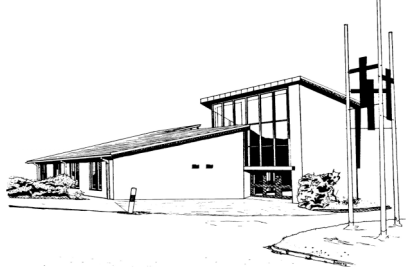


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

	<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>

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

21st/22nd June 2008

A LESSON IN DETACHMENT –

Two young men asked their master to comment on the word of the Mishnah: “A man must bless God for the bad in the way that he blesses the good that befalls him”. Their master directed them to the house of Rabbi Zusya who would give them the best explanation. When asked, the Rabbi laughed and said: “I am surprised that you were sent to me. Go to another and this time choose a man who has suffered tribulations. As for me, I have experienced only good things all my days”. When the two students learned how Rabbi Zusya had from his earliest hours to the present endured the deeper sorrows and afflictions they knew why they had been sent to him.

“Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens.
To you be highest glory and praise for ever”.

(Canticle of Daniel)

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS			ST. JOSEPH'S
Michael & Mary Herbert RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
The McSoley Family's Ints	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Dylan Cribbin RIP
People of the Parish	11.30 am		10.30 am	Kevin Spellman RIP
Veronica May Surman RIP	5.00 pm			
Paul Owsianka RIP	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Mgr John Nelson's Intentions	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Eileen Ryan's Intentions
Geraldine Dixon's Intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	For a Special Intention
Fr Dominic's Intentions	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Catherine Theresa David RIP
Funeral: Thomas McLoughlin	9.30 am	Friday	9.00 am	Molly Walsh RIP
Confirmation Mass	7.00 pm			
		Saturday	10.00 am	Mary Campbell's Intentions
THE FEASTS FOR THIS WEEK ARE:				
Monday – St Etheldreda	Tuesday – The Nativity Of St John The Baptist	Friday – St Cyril of Alexandria		
	Saturday – St Irenaeus			
Thursday 7-8.30 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION		Tuesday – 7pm Exposition	
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY		10.30-11.00 am	
Responsorial Psalm: “In your great love, answer me, O God.”				

BISHOP CRISPIAN IN READING

Next Friday, 27th June, our Bishop will spend the day in this part of the diocese. In the morning, he celebrates Mass with the pupils and staff at Hugh Faringdon School as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations. With the Bishop, we give

thanks for all that has been achieved over those years in the lives of so many people. In the evening, he celebrates Confirmation with young people from the communities of St Joseph and English Martyrs: another opportunity to thank God for what he is doing in the lives of those being confirmed.

COLLECTIONS FOR 15TH JUNE 2008

Gift Aid:	£502.73
Planned Giving:	£53.50
Loose Plate:	£242.07
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
TOTAL	£798.30
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£1,278.48

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 29th June are Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that Mass on Friday, 27th June will be at **9 am** here at St Joseph's in order to accommodate the Confirmation Mass at English Martyrs at 7 pm that evening.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday, 26th June, but will be open on Friday, 27th June instead.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 29th June for Peters Pence.

YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 4th July will be at St Paul's School Family Fun Evening. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie 9415636*.

OBERRAMMERSGAU 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*.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 2nd July and Wednesday, 9th July from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the main church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Brigid Parkes on 9427436* or alternatively email the parish office (details on the front of this newsletter).

WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

We have vacancies for one unable and three helpers for our trip to Lourdes, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions, next September. Anyone who would like to volunteer or who would like more information please contact *John Gill on 9694769*, *Marie O'Gorman on 9691927* or *Anne McDonald on 9585841*.

MISSION - PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES (RED BOXES)

The Pontifical Mission Societies have organised a series of annual mission Masses in the Portsmouth Diocese, details of which are in the porch.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We have a parishioner who lives in the "Knowsley Road" area who would like a lift to 10:30 am Mass, on Sundays, at St Joseph's Church. If you can help please contact *Eileen Kerrigan on 9412757*, or the Parish Office on 9428632.

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.

GIFT AID

Will those parishioners who recently completed a new Gift Aid Declaration Form kindly note that their gift aid envelope boxes are now available for them to collect in the church porch.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

On Friday, 27th June at 7 pm, Bishop Crispian will be at English Martyrs Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. A group of twenty-eight young people have been preparing for this step on their journey of faith, so please keep them all in your prayers. The Confirmation candidates from St Joseph's are: Daniel Barrett, Shiluka Dias, Anabel Goncalves, Sinead Murphy and Joseph Ritchie.

We are asking for your help in arranging refreshments for after the Confirmation Mass in the same way that we did last year – when you responded with great generosity.

WELCOME

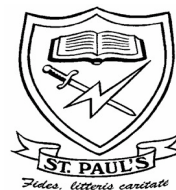
A warm welcome to Amelia Maie Gollop who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

READING COMMUNITY CHURCH – PRAYER NIGHT

Empowering Intercessors in Reading and all those with a heart for prayer on 18th July from 6 pm – 12 midnight at Greyfriars Church, Reading. Further details are available in the porch.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH

Thank you to all those who participated, assisted and ferried our sick and housebound members to the service, and also contributed food for the tea afterwards.



FULL-TIME KS2 CLASS TEACHER

Required for September 2008 at *St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 4SZ*. Telephone: 9422003. E-mail: office.stpauls@westberks.org NOR 277.

The Governors of this highly effective and successful school wish to appoint a permanent full-time KS2 class teacher. Applicants need to be fully conversant with the requirements of the KS2 curriculum, and may be an experienced teacher or an NQT. This vacancy comes with a guarantee of professional development and training opportunities, and the full support of a dedicated, hardworking and fun loving team.

Visits to the school and informal chats are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Further details and application forms from Ms. J.P. Feeney, Headteacher. Closing date: Wednesday, 2nd July 2008. Interview date to be confirmed.

St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.