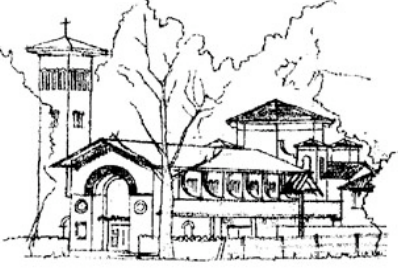
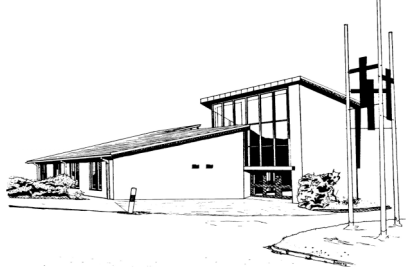


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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The Feast of SS Peter and St Paul - Year A

28th/29th June 2008

One part of the Mass that can so easily slip past us, but which often contains a deep reflection on the theme of the day, is the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayers. After God's blessing has been invoked on the gifts of bread and wine, the priest says these familiar words: "Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks". Because this weekend is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the Preface then goes on to describe Peter as "our leader in the faith" and Paul as "its fearless preacher". In other words, two men who were different, with particular roles in the early Church, but effective because they brought together their different strengths to the task God had entrusted to them.

The Preface for their Feast continues: "Peter raised up the Church from the faithful flock of Israel. Paul brought your call to the nations, and became the teacher of the world". This highlights the fact that Peter's primary focus was the community of Jewish people based in Jerusalem, but who became followers of Jesus Christ. Paul on the other hand travelled out to the wider world and carried the Good News to Gentiles, the non-jews. On a few occasions, the two of them disagreed about the best way forward, but resolved those issues so that the work of spreading God's message was not held up. The words of the Preface conclude with this recognition of their differences and what they shared: "Each in his chosen way gathered into unity the one family of Christ. Both shared a martyr's death and are praised throughout the world".

The fact that we celebrate the lives of these two great men, one originally a fisherman and one a lawyer, together in one feast is a message in itself. God's call is addressed to many and varied people and each of us must respond in the way that is right for us. At the same time, we are more effective when gathered and working as a community, harnessing our energies for the good of the Gospel, the Good News, we are to share with the world around us. And that is the key: we are in communion with one another so that we can be a people of mission.

Fr John

MASS INTENTIONS				
<u>ENGLISH MARTYRS</u>	<u>TIMINGS</u>			<u>ST. JOSEPH'S</u>
Michael Etuk RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Margaret Gorman RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Michael O'Connor RIP
People of the Parish	11.30 am		10.30 am	Members of Clark Family Living & Dead
Dennis Elan RIP	5.00 pm			
Patrick Kearns RIP	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Jack Jennis RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Arthur Hughes RIP
Margaret Crotty RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Joan Gavaghan's Intentions
George Miller RIP	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Ernest De Rama RIP
Mary T O'Connor RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Violet Mills RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Aidan Postlethwaite RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THIS WEEK ARE:				
<p align="center">Monday – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome Tuesday – St Oliver Plunkett Thursday – St Thomas Friday – St Elizabeth of Portugal Saturday – St Anthony Zaccaria</p>				
Thursday 7-8.30 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION			Tuesday – after 7pm Mass (7.30 – 8 pm)
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY			10.30-11.00 am
Responsorial Psalm: "From all my terrors the Lord set me free."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 22ND JUNE 2008

Gift Aid:	£384.20
Planned Giving:	£54.50
Loose Plate:	£268.00
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£40.00
Clergy Training	£2.00
TOTAL	£748.70
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£1,318.40

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 6th July June are Pat Toner and Angela Barry.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection **TODAY** for Peters Pence.

YOUTH GROUP

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

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*.

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*.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

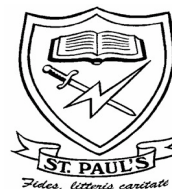
We have a parishioner who lives in the "Knowsley Road" area who would like a lift to 10:30 am Mass, on Sundays, at St Joseph's Church. If you can help please contact *Eileen Kerrigan on 9412757, or the Parish Office on 9428632*.

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.

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*.



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.

CANON BRIAN SCANTLEBURY

Canon Brian Scantlebury died recently and his Requiem Mass was held at St John's Cathedral on Wednesday, 25th June, at which the Bishop was the celebrant and Mgr John Nelson preached the homily. Canon Brian often supplied at St Joseph's and you are asked to keep him in your prayers – *Fr Joseph*.

UCM

The next UCM meeting will be on Wednesday, 2nd July at which a collection of 'Weekenders' fashions will be for sale by Rosie Mortimer of Goring. There will be no obligation to buy, though this is a versatile range of easy care mix and match clothes so it would be wise to come along with a cheque book or cash, just in case! We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome.

THURSDAY EVENING MASS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS

For a number of years, Mass on Thursday has been at 8.30 pm, following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 – 8.30 pm. Following requests from people who attend, the Mass will be moved to 8 pm beginning on Thursday, 17th July. Exposition will still begin at 7 pm, for one hour before Mass.

THAMES WATER - WATERAID

Thank you to the four people who donated their old mobile phones for this cause. Every three phones recycled could help one person in the developing world gain access to a lasting supply of water, sanitation and hygiene education.

WALKING ALONGSIDE

A Day of Reflection for RCIA Co-ordinators and Teams – and anyone interested in accompanying people preparing to be received into the Church on Saturday, 12th July. *Further details on the notice board*.

EXPLORE

Explore is a local charity looking for married couples to assist in its work with young people in schools and young offenders institutions. The commitment is only for a few hours once or twice a year. For further details please contact *Tonia Elliott 0787 1047490 or email Antonia_Elliott@btinternet.com*.