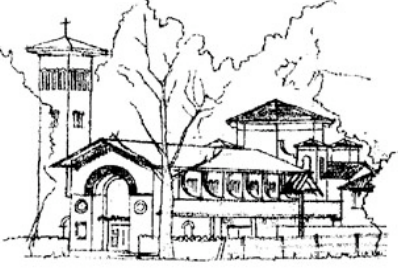
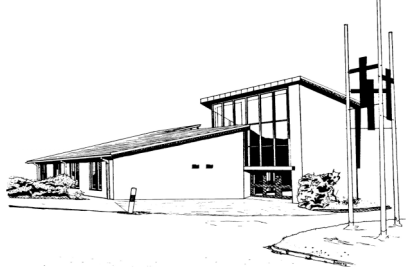


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

7/8th June 2008

St Paul's Letter to the Romans, from which our Second Reading will be taken for the next few months, is a call to its readers (the Christians in Rome in his day, us in the twenty first century) to a deep personal conversion in our hearts and souls to Our Lord. We are not simply members of a special club we call Christians or Catholics.

Christianity, Catholicism is about being in love with God. It is our response to what God has done for us. As St John reminds us:

God loved the world so much
That he gave his only Son,
So that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
But may have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

And as we were reminded in last Sunday's Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: "It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord", who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven". (Mt 7:21).

St Paul in this Letter is stressing that Christianity doesn't give us a licence to go out and sin and depend for forgiveness on the rituals of the Church, but it does give us the hope that when we fail, as we so often do, to be the people God wants us to be, we know we have a God who will forgive us when we have the honesty to admit we have fallen and the humility to ask his forgiveness and his help to lift us up again.

St Paul wants us to find space in our hearts to respond to God's love, and to respond generously.

Fr Terence

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Pamela D'Cruze RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Mary & Fred Burgess RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Tim O'Leary RIP
Anna Mai Davis' Intentions	11.30 am		10.30 am	Rhona Clifton RIP
John & Mary Knox RIP	5.00 pm			
Hugh & Pam's Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Tom Dudgeon RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	John Hickey RIP
Frank & Mary Healy RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Bernard Stapleton RIP
Maureen Kelly RIP	8.30 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Sheila & Paul's Intentions
Pamela D'Cruze RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving for blessings on Jerry & Shany
Funeral Mass: Kate Knollys RIP	11.00 am			
		Saturday	10.00 am	Patricia Rouse RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:				
Monday – St Ephrem		Wednesday – St Barnabas		
Friday – St Anthony of Padua		Saturday – Our Lady on Saturday		
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: "I will show God's salvation to the upright."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 1ST JUNE 2008

Gift Aid:	£610.00
Planned Giving:	£55.00
Loose Plate:	£139.18
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
CAFOD Burma Appeal	£396.27
TOTAL	£1,200.45
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£1,278.48
CAFOD Burma Appeal (Now Closed)	£1,561.90

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 15th June are Maurice O'Brien & Ryan Hawkins.

YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 13th June will be an It's a Knockout Family Night. 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.

THE DEC

(DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES COMMITTEE) MYANMAR (BURMA) CYCLONE APPEAL

Congratulations! You will notice from the information concerning collections for Sunday, 1st June, that the total received for the CAFOD/Burma appeal reached the sum of £1,561.90. This was truly a magnificent effort. With the contributions collected at the English Martyrs parish, the total sum sent to CAFOD was £3,500. – Fr Joseph.

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.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL – SATURDAY, 24TH MAY 2008

St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. The theme for this year is THE LOVE OF THE FATHER. Starting with Rosary at 11 am - MASS with Rev Mgr Vincent Harvey VG at 11.30 am – Shared lunch at 1.00 pm – Praise & Worship 2.00 pm - Talk on OUR DAILY BREAD by Chris Oldroyd at 2.30 pm - Finishing with tea & Prayer for healing - ending around 5 pm. Collection to defray expenses. More information or directions, ring *Rev John Foley* on 9333420 or see poster. Next meeting – Saturday, 26th July 2008.

BLESSING OF THE SICK SERVICE AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH TODAY AT 2 PM

It is not too late to help with this very special service which enables the sick and housebound of our two parishes who are unable to attend Mass regularly to benefit from this blessing, followed by a most enjoyable tea.

CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all who helped with Christian Aid this year. We raised a new record of £1,256.34. With Gift Aid, this goes up to £1,401 – *John Macbeth*.

CAKE SALE

Cake Sale in aid of the church in Lesotho. The bishop of the diocese of Mohale's Hoek, through Electa, has asked for our help. They need to build a church large enough to accommodate their congregations. Many people travel large distances to attend mass, often in bad weather. Please help by supporting the sale after Masses **TODAY**.

BMS WORLD MISSION

Job vacancy at BMS World Mission for a Volunteer Programmes Organiser based at offices in Didcot. The salary for this post will be with Grade 5: £20,979 - £23,286. *Further details are available in the Church porch.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday, 12th June and Thursday, 26th June, but will be open on Friday, 13th June and Friday, 27th June instead.

THE HUMAN FERTILISATION & EMBRYOLOGY BILL

Thank you to everyone who sent letters, postcards and emails to their MP. For the Second Reading on 19th & 20th May, the government declared that they were giving a free vote on the contentious clauses in the Bill, but Labour MPs received notice of a Three Line Whip forcing them to attend the debates. By compelling them to attend, the government was confident that it would be able to force the clauses through, and this is exactly what happened. None of them went our way. I have the complete list of how MPs voted. Locally, Martin Salter (Reading West) voted:

- To allow the creation of animal/human hybrid embryos for research,
- To allow the creation by IVF of siblings to donate tissue and part organs,
- To keep the abortion age limit at 24 weeks,
- Against mandatory counselling where the unborn child has a physical or mental abnormality,
- He abstained on allowing fatherless IVF babies.

Rob Wilson (Reading East) voted:

- To allow the creation of animal/human hybrid embryos for research,
- To allow the creation by IVF of 'saviour siblings',
- For the need for a father,
- For the reduction of the abortion age limit to 20 weeks,
- For mandatory counselling where the unborn child has a physical or mental abnormality.

Please let me know if you would like further information. *Christine Wall* on 9411605.

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.