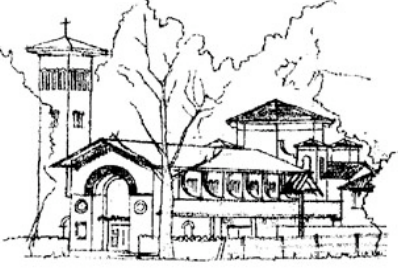
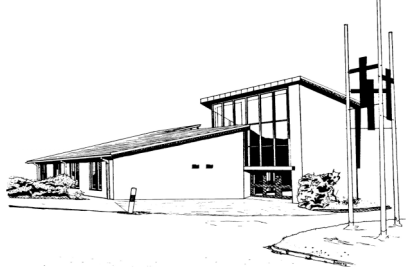


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p align="center"><b>Parish Clergy:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Mgr John Nelson</b><br/>(Parish Priest &amp; Co-ordinating Pastor)</p> <p align="center"><b>Fr Joseph Awoh</b><br/>(Resident at St Joseph's)</p> <p align="center">Registered Charity Number:<br/>246871</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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## A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER!



**EASTER SUNDAY! – Year A**

**22/23 March 2008**

It is wonderfully human that all the accounts of the resurrection are slightly different. Just as in any life-changing, dynamic event, people's accounts of the details are fused with their attempts to interpret and grasp the significance of what has happened. What is clear beyond all doubt is that somehow they began to understand the extraordinary truth – that Jesus had died but was no longer dead, in the human sense of the word. He was totally alive, but not in the merely human way – like Lazarus for instance - where it would only be a matter of time before death came again. Jesus, having gone into death with the power of life, and with his selfless love untarnished, could not be held there, but broke out into a new kind of life which is never going to end. Compared with this life, death is shadowy and powerless; it is temporary suffering and a journey of darkness which leads into unending light.

This then is the event which lies at the heart of our faith. What we celebrate at Easter makes sense of all the rest because on every Sunday of the year we celebrate a 'mini-Easter'. Today we make the connection once again with the waters of baptism where the journey begins for each of us. We light the Easter Candle as *the* sign of Christ our Light who conquers darkness, fear and death. It stands in the sanctuary as a beacon of hope. It's all a lot to take in and so we use the coming weeks [the Easter Season through to Pentecost] to reflect on what it means for us. But today we simply rejoice. We rejoice because of what God has done for us. By breaking through the barrier of death, Jesus has opened the way for each one of us – a way of light and life which never ends.

*Fr John*

| MASS INTENTIONS - EASTER PROGRAMME                                                  |                                                        |                          |          |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| ENGLISH MARTYRS                                                                     | TIMINGS                                                |                          |          | ST. JOSEPH'S                                   |
| Bishop Hollis' Intentions                                                           | 9.00 pm                                                | <b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> | 8.00 pm  | All the members of the Parish                  |
| Arch. Cornelius' Intentions                                                         | 8.00 am                                                | <b>Easter Sunday</b>     | 8.30 am  | Ted Harrington's Ints.                         |
| Pat & Chris Watts RIP                                                               | 9.30 am                                                |                          | 10.30 am | Michael & Rose McCann RIP                      |
| Vincent Glynn RIP                                                                   | 11.30 am                                               |                          |          |                                                |
| Sarah Walsh RIP                                                                     | 10.00 am                                               | <b>Easter Monday</b>     | 10.00 am | Eileen Ryall RIP                               |
| Sr Hedwig's Intentions                                                              | 9.30 am                                                | <b>Tuesday</b>           | 7.00 pm  | Haley Self's Intentions                        |
| Reginald Cecil Powys-Lybbe RIP                                                      | 9.30 am                                                | <b>Wednesday</b>         | 9.00 am  | Martin Tomas RIP                               |
|                                                                                     |                                                        |                          | 11.30 am | Funeral Service:<br>Trevor Francis Horrell RIP |
| D'ced members Rosemary & John Campbell families                                     | 8.30 pm                                                | <b>Thursday</b>          | 9.00 am  | Martin Tomas RIP                               |
| Ina Hughes RIP                                                                      | 9.30 am                                                | <b>Friday</b>            | 7.00 pm  | Martin Tomas RIP                               |
|                                                                                     |                                                        | <b>Saturday</b>          | 10.00 am | Martin Tomas RIP                               |
| Thursday – 7-8.30 pm.                                                               | <b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION</b> |                          |          | Tuesday - 7.30 – 8 pm                          |
| 5.30–6.15 pm                                                                        | <b>CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY</b>                          |                          |          | 10.30-11 am                                    |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad"</b> |                                                        |                          |          |                                                |

## COLLECTIONS FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid:             | £372.32        |
| Planned Giving:       | £56.00         |
| Loose Plate:          | £277.59        |
| Tf5 (Fr Zvonko)       | £0.00          |
| Family Fast (CAFOD)   | £9.50          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>£715.41</b> |
| <b>Running Totals</b> |                |
| Fr Zvonko             | £1,051.03      |
| Family Fast (CAFOD)   | £294.54        |

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March are Sean Murphy and Peter Chesworth.



\*British Summer Time begins next Saturday, 29th March\*.

### EASTER OFFERINGS

Your Offering at Easter is, by tradition, for the personal use of the Clergy. Your generosity is always valued as, together with the Offerings at Christmas, forms the major part of a priest's annual income.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Please note that next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March there will be a special Mass at 10.30 am for the First Holy Communion children and it may run on longer than normal.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 28th March will be participating in arts & crafts. 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.

### BAPTISM

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 9427436* or alternatively email the parish office (details on the front of this newsletter).

### DAY OF RENEWAL AT ST JOSEPH'S

There will be a Day of Renewal led by Father Joseph for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and all those involved in parish ministries on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April after 10 am Mass until 4 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

### YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Well done to all the young people who were involved in any way with the Youth Stations of the Cross last Friday. Thank you for all the time you put into preparing for the event and thanks also to the parents and leaders who supported them. It was a very special evening.

### YOUTH READERS IN HOLY WEEK

Many thanks to all our young readers for covering all the Readings for Holy Week.

### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The parishioners have just received a note of thanks from the Catholic Children's Society for the amount of £538.57 which the parish collected at the recent annual appeal.

## THE CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT - RBH

The Chaplaincy Department for the Royal Berkshire Hospital are seeking volunteers to train as chaplaincy visitors. You are invited to contact them for more details. Closing Date 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008. Tel. 0118 3227105 or email. [office@royalberkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:office@royalberkshire.nhs.uk) or write to: The Chaplaincy Office, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, Craven Road, Reading RG1 5AN. Also, if you have any spare rosaries could you please hand them into the Office as these are required by the Chaplain at the Royal Berks Hospital.

### VISIT TO ROME & ASSISI - 2009

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent item about a pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi in 2009. The level of interest expressed means that we will now go ahead and make the necessary bookings. Then, soon after Easter, Booking Forms will be available. If you are interested but did not give your name don't worry as we will work on the basis of fifty places which means there should be room for all who want to participate. I shall try and make sure that everyone who did give their name receives a Booking Form but please keep an eye out after Easter so that you don't miss them when they are available. Father Dominic has mentioned the pilgrimage at St James & William of York so we are likely to be group from the Pastoral Area as a whole [Central & West Reading].

### TREVOR FRANCIS HORRELL RIP

The Parish offers condolences to Mrs Tracey Horrell and her family. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Trevor's requiem Mass will be held here at St Joseph's at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. All are invited.

### VACANCIES

After School Club and Breakfast Club Supervisor. After School Club up to 17.5 hours per week. Breakfast Club 5 hours per week. Term time only. Up to £11.00 per hour depending on experience. Qualified to (or working towards) NVQ Level 3 in childcare and education, play-work or equivalent. Please contact the school office for an application form. *St Paul's Catholic School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, RG31 4SZ. Telephone: 9422003. Email: office.stpauls@westberks.org.*

### TEA/COFFEE

There will be **NO** tea/coffee after 10.30 Mass today - normal service will be resumed next Sunday.

### SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE LIVING GOD

Exploring the Relationship at the Heart of Our Faith. Encouraged by the success of last autumn's seminars, Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi will be running another "Life in the Spirit" programme leading up to Pentecost this year. The seminars will be an opportunity to seek a fuller experience of the Holy Spirit we each received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Evenings will be structured to enable people to get to know one another as members of the same Christian family, listening to talks given by a variety of speakers whose lives have been touched by the Holy Spirit and praying together for a similar experience of God in our lives. Join us and make this Pentecost a special celebration of grace that will transform us as individuals and as a community. For further information please see Notice Board. Registration Forms at the back of the Church.

### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

A celebration will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berkshire, on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. Mass at 2 pm is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the Divine Mercy and the chaplet. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please join us. For further details contact *Kieran on 01635 848953*.