
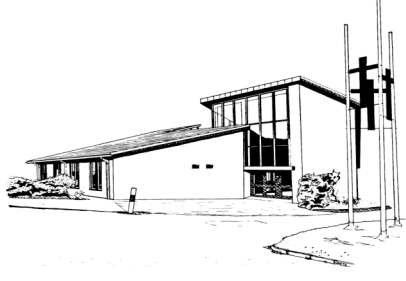


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - Year A

1/2 November 2008

There is a tradition at the English College in Rome, where Fr John and I trained to be priests, that students in the sixteenth century were greeted by people of the neighbourhood with the phrase, "*Salvete flores martyrum*", which means, "Hail flowers of martyrs". It was well known that they were studying towards being ordained as priests in order to return to England. The upheaval caused by the Reformation meant that very soon they were likely to be arrested and imprisoned, tried and executed for their adherence to the Catholic faith. Indeed this happened to many of them and forty-four have been either beatified or canonised: declared in other words to be saints. Some of them are included in the group of saints known as the English Martyrs.

Martyrdom is one way of sanctity being recognised. Other ways include acknowledgement as a person of deep prayer and contemplation, of having lived a life dedicated to charity, selflessness, generosity and good works. The saints are those who have gone to extraordinary lengths to bring others to Christ through what they have said and written, through the example they have given and by their strength in resisting temptation and oppression. Many saints are founders of Religious Orders or communities, because the way they lived was so attractive to others that they wanted to share it.

This weekend we celebrate **All Saints**. We include in that all those who have been recognised by the Church as examples to the rest of us and we ask their prayers to assist us. The feast though is much wider too. It is an opportunity to rejoice in the good lives of countless people and more importantly those whose holiness has been – and is – part of our own lives. It is also a reminder to us that we are called to be holy and that there are plenty of chances to be a saint that do not have to include martyrdom!!

*Fr Andrew*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>				
<b>ENGLISH MARTYRS</b>	<b>TIMINGS</b>			<b>ST. JOSEPH'S</b>
Canon Hetherington's Intentions	6.30 pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b>		
Ina Flood RIP	9.30 am	<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am	James & Anne McMahon RIP
Dec'd Members of the Parish	11.30 am		10.30 am	Joseph Meredith RIP
John Keeton RIP	5.00 pm	<b>Monday</b>		
Norman Cullity RIP	9.30 am		<b>10.00am</b>	Thomas Hayes
Deceased Family of Parishioners	7.30 pm			
James McMahon RIP	9.30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Bridie McGlynn RIP
<b>First Holy Communion - Mass of Commitment</b>	7.30 pm			
Deceased Legion of Mary Members RIP	9.30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00 am	Lena Glynn RIP
J.H. King RIP	8.00 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	9.00 am	Lena Glynn RIP
Pat & Don Robertson RIP	9.30 am	<b>Friday</b>	7.00 pm	Michael Kelly RIP
		<b>Saturday</b>	10.00 am	Thomas Walshe RIP
<b>THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:</b>				
Monday – <b>ALL SOULS</b>		Tuesday – St Charles Borromeo		Friday – St Willibrord
Thursday 7 – 8 pm	<b>EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION</b>			Tuesday – 7.30-8 pm
5.30–6.15 pm	<b>CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY</b>			10.30-11.00 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord."</b>				

## COLLECTIONS FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008

Gift Aid:	£410.95
Planned Giving:	£50.00
Loose Plate:	£232.41
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£3.00
Bamenda	£3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£699.36</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Fr Zvonko	£157.34
Christmas Cards	£343.30

### REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November are Sean Murphy & Peter Chesworth.

### BAMENDA SUNDAY

This weekend we are marking our links with the Church in Bamenda, Cameroon. We may not know people there individually but their living of the love of Christ makes us part of the communion of the Church. This is what we mean in the Creed when we say that we believe in "the communion of the saints." We have gifts that we can offer to the saints in Bamenda – they have other gifts for us the saints in Reading. What we share is trust and confidence in the love of God for every single person who tries to do His will.

### ALL SOUL'S DAY

Masses for All Soul's Day on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November are as follows: 9.30 am - English Martyrs; 10.00 am - St Joseph's, 7.30 pm - English Martyrs.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DANCE

Annual Fund Raising Dance for the Poor and Homeless on 15<sup>th</sup> November, at the Reading Irish Centre. Music by P.J. Murrhly. Tickets £3.

### CAKE AND PRESERVE SALE

The UCM are organising a Cake and Preserve Sale today after both Masses, in aid of the Duchess of Kent Hospice. Please come and support this event in the small hall.

### ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Currently have a vacancy for a Headteacher. *More information is available at the back of the Church.*

### CARDBOARD ADVENT PRAYER CANDLES

St Joseph's Parish has received advice from the Archdiocese of Liverpool regarding the availability of cardboard Advent Prayer Candles. These are quite attractive and a novel way for families to say a simple prayer each day of Advent. The Parish has ordered 50 of these prayer cards (£1.50 each) which will be available for sale at the back of the Church before the First Sunday of Advent.

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW OF SEASONAL HAMPERS

The parish is organising a Grand Christmas Draw in aid of Church funds. The actual draw will take place on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December after 10.30 am Mass in the hall. Tickets will be on sale from Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008. In order that we can raise as much money as possible, we are asking parishioners to donate luxury food items. Please leave these donations in the basket provided in the Church porch, where they will be regularly collected and stored in a safe place. A list of suggested luxury items is available for parishioners to tick their donation(s). *Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.*

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION!

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES - Please check the notice board for all details.

### KNITWITS

The next Knitwits meeting will be on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at 8 pm at Veronica Williams: 9 Orkney Close, Calcot.

### SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Not as daunting as it sounds, if you shop from the CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue. At the same time, of course, a wonderful way to help so many people around the world. The catalogues are now available in the porch. Please help yourself. *Thank you – Margaret Chaplin.*

### PARISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNT NAME

We have recently experienced some minor difficulties when parishioners are writing cheques for parish use. When writing out cheques for the parish, the cheque should be made payable to: "PRCDTR – St Joseph's Reading".

### HOLY SOULS

Seven designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends. It is not possible to celebrate individual Masses for each family in the Parish. I invite you to add the names of deceased persons you wish to be prayed for during November to the clip board which is on the Sanctuary step. In addition to our general intention to include them in every Mass, the following seven Masses will be offered specifically for those named:

Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am		

If you wish to offer a stipend for these Masses, please **DO NOT** put the money or cheques on the clip board.

### LIFE

LIFE has had a request from a needy client for a small pram or pushchair suitable for a newborn baby. Also, we are in need of baby sheets and blankets. If you can help please ring *Kathleen Hamilton on 9429250.*

### FAIRE IS THE HEAVEN

A musical evening at Douai Abbey on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 commencing at 7.45 pm. *See notice board in Church porch for further details.*

### VOTIVE CANDLES – CHILDREN'S SAFETY

As announced recently, in the interest of safety, will parents/guardians kindly ensure that they accompany children, under the age of 7, when placing votive candles before the statues of Our Lady and St Joseph.

### UCM

The Inca Experience: Maggie Miklos will be coming to our next meeting on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November to tell us about her visit to Peru. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

### BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

There will be a service in the English Martyrs Church at 3 pm this Sunday for all those families who have suffered bereavement during the year. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### PARENT/CARER AND TODDLER GROUP

Held in the Church hall each Thursday between 9.30 am – 11 am during term-time. Here, your children can play and socialise in a safe environment and you can enjoy a coffee and a chat. Please do come and join us.