
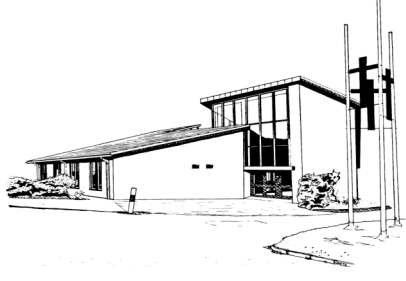


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

11/12 October 2008

Ongoing formation for the clergy of this diocese is taken very seriously. The themes to be treated between October 2008 and October 2009 and the dates on which these themes will be explored have already been sent out to the priests. It is expected that priests will take advantage of these 'study days' to bring themselves up to date on the moral, spiritual, and social issues of our day. In this way they will be better guides to the people whom they serve.

While these days help me get a handle on pastoral practice in the diocese, they also help remind and update me on some of the things I learnt in the Seminary and have not had the opportunity to explore again for nearly 18 years now. We do not have ongoing formation for clergy so well organised in Cameroon.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales published a document eight years ago in which they emphasized that adult catechesis be given pre-eminence in the Church's provision for catechesis. This document was titled *The Priority of Adult Formation*. The bishops recognized that, in addition to the ongoing formation of clergy, there was a particular need to form adults for lay leadership and responsible participation in the life of the Church.

Eight years after the publication of this document, we in this Pastoral Area would like to take up the challenge of adult formation. We realise that many of us have not had any formation in the faith since we made our First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We find it hard to talk about our faith to our children or colleagues because we know so little about it ourselves. We have therefore agreed to start with a group of interested Catholics from the English Martyrs and St Joseph's. We are yet to agree the frequency of our meetings, as well as the day and time for the meetings. However, we are planning a meeting of all interested parishioners at which meeting we shall agree how we want to proceed and where, when and how often we want to meet.

St Peter says: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". (1 Peter 3:15). It is important that we understand our faith and practice. For it is only when we understand it that we can answer those who ask us – our children, our friends and relatives, and our colleagues.

Fr Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Lucy McGullion RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
John Crossland RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	Michael O'Sullivan RIP
Sofia Maria Belcher RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Joseph Meredith RIP
Anthony Doherty RIP	5.00 pm			
Kate Knollys RIP	9.30 am	Monday	No Mass	
Funeral: Thomas Waldron RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Indira Thomas' Intentions
Funeral: Bridie McGlynn RIP	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Francis Molineux RIP
Kate Knollys RIP	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Mrs Loughram RIP
Sr Bridie's Intentions	9.30 am	Friday		
			7.00 pm	Bridie McGlynn RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Joseph Meredith RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:				
Monday – St Edward the Confessor		Tuesday – St Callistus I	Wednesday – St Teresa of Avila	
Thursday – St Hedwig		Friday – St Ignatius of Antioch	Saturday – St Luke	
Thursday 7 – 8 pm	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION			Tuesday – 7.30-8 pm
5.30–6.15 pm	CONFESSIONS – SATURDAY			10.30-11.00 am
Responsorial Psalm: "In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 5TH OCTOBER 2008

Gift Aid:	£347.52
Planned Giving:	£51.50
Loose Plate:	£278.20
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
Cathedral Fund	£24.00
CASE	£0.50
CAFOD	£605.17
TOTAL	£1,306.89
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£154.34

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 19th October are Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 19th October for Mission Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP

The next St Joseph's Youth Group session on Friday, 17th October will be a Disco Party Night. Non-members are welcome. Cost: £2.50 on the door. For further details please contact *Nicola Ritchie* 9415636.

CONFIRMATION 2009

The next Confirmation programme will start in November with a 'Come and See evening' and is open to anyone in Year 8 and above. To help us with planning, please register your interest by leaving your name, phone number and email address with the office. More details will follow in November.

BAPTISM COURSE

The Baptism course planned for Wednesdays 15th and 22nd October will not now take place as there have been no applications. Please check the newsletter for details of the next course.



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN EVENING

St Paul's Catholic Primary School are holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on 15th October 2008 at 6 pm. Ms. Feeney will give a presentation at 6 pm and this will be followed by an opportunity to tour the school. An appointment is not necessary, but it would aid the school to know expected numbers. Please contact the school office to advise your attendance.

REMINDER

St Joseph's Office hours are on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 am until 12.30 pm.

APF

It is time to empty the red boxes please. Could I have your contributions by Sunday, 19th October. Any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2008 accounts. If you would like a red box, or if you have one and it is more than six months since it was last opened then please contact me. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church - *Mike Tomas*, APF Secretary - 9412786.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At its recent meeting, the Pastoral Council decided to hold a Memorial Service for the recently bereaved at the English Martyrs Church at 3 pm on Sunday, 2nd November. Personal letters have been sent to the bereaved families from St Joseph's community. However, all parishioners are invited to attend the service to pray for the repose of the souls of their loved ones.

FREE WILLS FORTNIGHT - 1ST - 17TH OCTOBER

CAFOD would like to thank parishioners for their generous support this Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD is offering all those aged 55+ the chance to make a will for free with participating solicitors in Reading. There is no obligation to leave a gift to any of the organisations involved, although this could be the perfect opportunity to put your affairs in order and help a favourite cause at the same time. A list of participating solicitors will be confirmed on 1st October and can only be obtained via the Free Wills Fortnight information line, the FWF website and the local press. Call *Free Wills Fortnight* on 0845 020 4309, email: info@freewillsfortnight.org.uk or visit www.freewillsfortnight.org.uk for more information.

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Last Wednesday, 1st October was the feast day of St Thérèse of Lisieux. As you may have heard, her relics will be visiting England and Wales this time next year. We hope this will be a time of great grace for us and for many people in our land. Catholics, other Christians, members of other faiths and no faith will all be welcome to pray by her relics. You are invited to use this forthcoming year as a time of preparation, by praying for the visit and reading about St Thérèse on the special website that has been set up: www.catholicrelics.co.uk. The nearest venues to us will be Portsmouth Cathedral and Oxford.

INFORMATION FOR ZIMBABWEANS CATHOLICS

A meeting is being organised for all Zimbabwean Catholics in the South on TODAY at 4 pm. It will take place at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception along Portwood Road in Portwood, Southampton, SO17 3SB. The purpose of the meeting is to get to know one another and to plan for a Mass which will be conducted by the Zimbabwean Catholic Chaplain who is based in London, at a later date. For further information, please contact: *Felix Maringe* on 02380593387 or 02380464714. Email: fm2@soton.ac.uk.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will a training session for Eucharistic Ministers on Thursday, 23rd October at 7 pm in the Church. Attendance at previous sessions has been disappointing and so would all Ministers please make every effort to attend this time; on-going formation and training are an important part of this very special Ministry.

QUIZAID: SMART ALECS WANTED! - CHRISTIAN AID

Come and test your knowledge at my fundraising quiz and help people in the world's poorest communities work their way out of poverty. On Saturday, 18th October at 7.30 pm at United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst - £5 per head. Further details available from *John Macbeth* on 9414685.

STEPHEN PETER WALSH RIP

The Parish offers condolences to the Walsh family. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Stephen's funeral Mass will be held here at St Joseph's at 11.30 am on Monday, 20th October. All are invited.

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.

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LIFE

Are you hoping to train as a LIFE counsellor or skilled helper? Or, do you work in health, social work, counselling or psychology and would like to do some work in CDP/awareness raising/exploration of the issues involved in:

- Counselling before and after abortion
- Pregnancy loss issues
- Care, housing and fertility services offered by LIFE
- Telephone counselling

LIFE is running a FREE three-session course in Basingstoke on Tuesdays 14th October, 4th & 11th November from 10 am – 3 pm. If you are interested, please ring *Roseanne Rumpus* on 01256 381749 or email: ra@rumpus21fsnet.co.uk.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

In response to public demand the next series of Life in the Spirit, seminars will be held on Wednesday evenings commencing on 22nd October – 3rd December excluding, 29th October (Half term) and including Saturday, 22nd November. Venue: St John Bosco Parish, Woodley. *Flyers and Registration Forms available in the porch.*

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

Portsmouth People, the publication of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, has a new editor, Dr J L Kettle-Williams.

Commenting on his appointment, Jay Kettle-Williams remarked: 'I am very keen to pick up on the sterling work carried out by my predecessor, Kathryn Turner. I hope I can respond as effectively as Kathryn to the challenge.'

Jay's background is in languages and all manner of communications, having been editor for many years to the nation's professional journal for linguists.

Portsmouth People invites contributions relevant and of interest to its readership.

The next issue of Portsmouth People is scheduled for Advent 2008.

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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.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned beforehand.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If any parishioner is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or if anyone knows of such a person, please inform the Parish Office or *Jo Boase* on 9672605, so that visits can be arranged.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

"Why be Good?" – Thursday, 23rd October. An evening for young adults to come and look at what it means to be a Catholic today and to explore the fundamentals of Catholic morality. It will be held at the Stella Maris Centre, At Michael's Square, Southampton from 7.30 pm – *Dave Hill, Advisor for Youth Ministry – 01329 835583 or email: dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Further details in next week's newsletter.