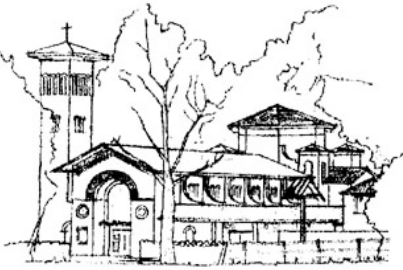
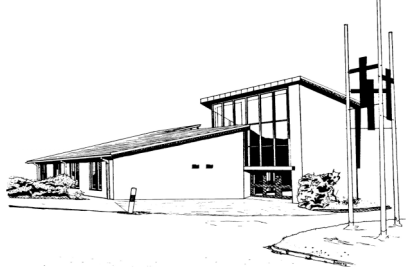


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

18/19 October 2008

St Luke tells us that there was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to Him, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? What do you read there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself. "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours."

An interesting book that I have found quite inspirational is called "When I love myself enough" by Kim McMillen. It is filled with responses to the statement 'when I love myself enough'. Kim McMillen, in her 40th year, experienced some profound changes in her approach to life. Her life began to open to a greater appreciation of all that is around her. She marvelled at the beautiful and mysterious ways in which life was changing for her and how she could love them all. She saw this as a calling which grew stronger the more she experienced a divine guiding force showering her with grace, which she recognised as a great gift. It comes as a shock to read at the back of the book that this compilation of quotes was in memory to Kim, put together by her daughter. She tells us of her unexpected death at the age of 52. There was no indication of any illness and so her death was a complete shock to family and friends.

Though the pain of grief was great, producing the book had its rewards, as many people worldwide could share in the wisdom and insights that Kim experienced, and which could be an inspiration and opportunity to open up a greater love and compassion towards self and so look upon the world around in a different way.

Some of the responses to "when I love myself enough" can stop you in your tracks to evaluate your present situation, some makes you say 'that's me'. Some makes you smile with a heartfelt response, "why do I complicate life when it is really simple but I am so blind to it." These are some of the responses Kim gives to 'when I love myself enough'. She said, "I began to take the gift of life seriously and gratefully. I came to see I am not special but I am unique. I redefined success and life became simple, oh the pleasure of that. I began to see I didn't have to chase after life, if I am quiet and hold still, life comes to me. I learned to meet my own needs and not call it selfish. I quit ignoring or tolerating my pain. My heart became so tender it could welcome joy and sorrow equally. I no longer needed things or people to make me feel safe."

With such a richness of insights to inspire us to look more closely at the mystery of our lives, we can appreciate the mystery, uniqueness and beauty of our being.

Fr Richard

MASS INTENTIONS				
ENGLISH MARTYRS	TIMINGS		ST. JOSEPH'S	
Rita Carvalho RIP	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass		
Bridget O'Neill RIP	9.30 am	Sunday	8.30 am	James McAuley's Intentions
Fr Pat O'Connell RIP	11.30 am		10.30 am	Stephen Walsh RIP
Eddie O'Reilly RIP	5.00 pm			
Chris Knollys & family Intentions	9.30 am	Monday	11.30 am	Funeral: Stephen Walsh RIP
Funeral Mass: Mary McCartney RIP	11.00 am			
George Buller RIP	9.30 am	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Sr Mary Angela RIP
Fr Pennicott's Intentions	9.30 am	Wednesday	9.00 am	Bridie McGlynn RIP
Sr Bridie's Intentions	8.00 pm	Thursday	9.00 am	Bridie McGlynn RIP
Ina Flood RIP	9.30 am	Friday	7.00 pm	Maurice O'Brien RIP
		Saturday	10.00 am	Bridie McGlynn RIP
THE FEASTS FOR THE WEEK ARE:				
Thursday – Ss John of Capistrano & Ethelflaeda		Friday – Ss Anthony Claret & Magloire		
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: "Give the Lord glory and power."				

COLLECTIONS FOR 12TH OCTOBER 2008

Gift Aid:	£318.25
Planned Giving:	£50.50
Loose Plate:	£234.53
TF5 (Fr Zvonko)	£0.00
Cathedral Fund	£2.00
Family Fast (CAFOD)	£159.20
TOTAL	£764.48
Running Totals	
Fr Zvonko	£154.34



REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2008.

REMINDER

The counters for Sunday, 26th October are Pat Toner and Angela Barry.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a Special Collection TODAY for World Mission Sunday.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There will be 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.

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.

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.

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.*

UCM

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22nd October when we will be having a talk about Tilehurst. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DANCE

For the poor and homeless on Saturday, 15th November at Reading Irish Centre: 9 pm 'til late. Tickets: £3.

LIFE

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale last weekend, and our special gratitude to the ladies from both St Joseph's and English Martyrs Parishes who helped at the event.

CAKE AND PRESERVE SALE

The UCM are organising a sale of cakes, preserves and produce in aid of The Duchess of Kent Hospice on Sunday, 2nd November. In order to make a success of this event, we need contributions from you. Please bring any items you have made or grown to the small hall on 2nd November, for sale after Masses that day. *Thank you.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

PRINCIPLES OF RECRUITING & SAFE PRACTICE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator will be holding training sessions here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 25th October.

"This training will look at the correct processes for recruiting volunteers in the parish and also discuss with group leaders the activities that we have in the parishes for children. This will include looking at Risk Assessment/Permission Slips/Registers, etc". These sessions are open to all group leaders who are interested, either for the whole day or part of it. *Further details can be obtained from Jo Boase – Local Safeguarding Representative.* The day will last from 10 am until 4 pm.

If you would like to attend, please let me know by Tuesday, 21st October. Thank you – *Jo Boase (9672605).*

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

The parish is organising a Grand Christmas Draw in aid of Church funds. The actual draw will take place shortly before Christmas. In order that we can raise as much money as possible, we are asking parishioners to donate luxury foods and drinks, (chocolates, spirits, wine, crackers, mints, coffees, teas, dried fruit, cakes, pies, biscuits, sauces, nuts, etc.) Please leave items in the basket provided in the Church porch, where they will be regularly collected and stored in a safe place. *Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.*

CAFOD – FOCUS AFRICA

It is always heart-warming to know that even if we are struggling financially, we can, and still do, remember our brothers and sisters who are so much worse off than we are.

Thank you so much on behalf of CAFOD for the £103.57 that you donated during August/September.

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 should be in the porch in a few days. Please help yourself. *Thank you – Margaret Chaplin.*

MESSAGE OF THANKS

Christopher Quinn would like to thank all those parishioners who offered prayers, best wishes and Masses for his intentions during his recent illness. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Saturday, 1st November.