

**GREAT PARK PASTORAL AREA  
3rd NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER  
2009**

**St Edmund Campion (Maidenhead West)**  
**St Edward's (Windsor)**  
**St Joseph's (Maidenhead Central)**  
**St Francis (Ascot)**  
**St Elizabeth's (Cookham)**  
**St Mark's (Dedworth)**

*We welcome your feedback by letter or e-mail*

**Who to contact about the GPPA**

For comment or a chat: Members of the Council, i.e. the three priests and:-

Mary Reville and Clare Gallen of St Joseph's;  
Tom Hinds, & Andrew Mullan of St Edward's  
Shirley Forde, Pat Johnson, & Tom O'Kane  
of St Edmund Campion.

We encourage you to think of becoming a Council member;  
contact your priest or a member of the council.

**Since the Pentecost Newsletter No.2**

**Wintershall**

We organised a coach for 27 people for a day-outing to the open-air drama, "The Life of Christ", at Wintershall, near Guildford. Parishioners are already asking about the Wintershall "Nativity", in December 2009. Sue Furney, on our behalf, has begun to get details.

**Great Park Magazine No. 1**

The first magazine was edited, produced, and distributed. Many thanks to all those who were involved in the production of the magazine.

250 copies to each of the parishes in Maidenhead and Windsor, and to some individuals in Ascot. This initiative came from St Joseph's successful experience with a thrice-annual parish magazine. We NEED YOU to comment on this first issue. The second issue is planned for Advent. We ask YOU to write and contribute for it, on any subjects that interest you. (Send comments and texts to your local council members; who will forward to the local editor)

**Second Annual Assembly**

**Sunday 15 November 2009, at St Edmund  
Campion...a date for YOUR DIARY  
OUR THEME IS 'LIFE AND THE FAMILY'**

**"Listening to the Parishioners"**

We NEED YOU to come and tell us... whatever you think we need to know: positive comments, negative comments, suggestions, questions, your hopes, your anxieties, our priorities, our proposals...

We have arranged brief meetings (30-40 minutes) at each church and in each parish meeting-room.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept after Mass at St Elizabeth's**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept after 11.15 am Mass at St Edmund  
Campion**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October after 10.45 am Mass at St Joseph's**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October after Mass at St Mark's**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in St Joseph's**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in St Edmund Campion**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30 pm in St Edwards's**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October after 11.00 am Mass at St. Edward's**

*Newsletter compiled by Tom Hinds and Shirley Forde  
C Gallen Chair*

**Mass times in the GPPA churches**

**St Edmund Campion**, Altwood Road, Maidenhead;  
01628 628274 Sat: 6:15pm; Sun: 9:30am, 11:15am.

**st-edmundcampion@ukonline.co.uk**

**St Edward's**, 44 Alma Road, Windsor; 01753 865163;  
Sat: 6:00pm; Sun: 11:00am.

**FrMichael@catholicwindsor.org**

**St Joseph's**, Cookham Road, Maidenhead; 01628 783988

Sat: 6:30pm; Sun: 8:00am, 10:45am.

**presbytery.stj-mh@ukonline.co.uk**

**St Francis**, Coronation Road, Ascot, 01344 620591;

Sat: 5.30pm; Sun: 10:00am

**St Elizabeth's**, Lower Road, Cookham; Sun: 9.15am

**St Mark's**, Dedworth Road, Windsor; Sun: 9.30am

**Co-responsible as Church members**

"It is necessary to improve pastoral structures in such a way that the co-responsibility of all members of the People of God in their entirety is gradually promoted."

"This demands a change in mindset, particularly concerning lay people. They must no longer be viewed as 'collaborators' of the clergy but truly recognised as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action".

"There is still a tendency to identify the Church unilaterally with the hierarchy, forgetting the common responsibility, the common mission of the People of God, which we all share. The tendency still persists to see the People of God as a merely sociological or political concept".

[Benedict XVI, May 2009 *The Catholic Times*]

**Spirit of Our Times**

The members of the GPPA Council spent a day together to build a common understanding:

"The Church is living, and always on the move"

"Priests draw energy from their communities".

"Priests are for ministry, not for administration".

"Priests are both sacramental and ministers of the Word".

"From independence to inter-dependence".

"Stewardship should be on high on the GPPA agenda".

***We agreed that the GPPA and the Council must foster the strengths of each worshipping community.***

***At the same time we must work at the growing of the Pastoral Area as a whole.***

**Some Steps in the Months Ahead**

**Parish Newsletters**

We will arrange for the e-mailing to the other parishes, each week, our Parish Newsletter, so that all three Newsletters can be together on the notice boards of all five churches.

**Pulpit-swapping**

The Co-ordinating Pastor will arrange among the three priests for them to exchange altars-and-pulpits three times a year each, and to publish notice about which priest is coming to which church and which Mass.

**Mass attendance**

Fr. Paul Mooney will draw together a working group to identify possibilities and to propose actions to attract people to Mass and to participation in the Church, drawing on the continued expertise (e.g.) of K.I.T, the R.C.I.A. teams, and others. (Could YOU THINK of joining-in?)

**Lent Project 2010**

The three parishes will agree a single GPPA project for 2010 in Lent. (The charity/charities have yet to be decided). A working-group will initiate the process across the communities. We hope that at least one activity will be a joint-venture by the three parishes together, while each parish will 'do its own thing' in raising funds for the common project.

**Ascot**

We will continue to communicate and update with the St Francis de Sales Church community in Ascot.