

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 2ND JULY 2017

There is now a short trailer displayed on our web site following the recent “On Fire”! Prayer & Healing Service. The next “On Fire”! Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th October 2017. *All are welcome!*

Fr Peter

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

Arrangements have now been made to commence our First Holy Communion programme. If your child is in Year 3 or above, you are invited to collect an Enrolment Form and a Parental Consent form from the Church porch or, for convenience, from St Paul's School office. The completed forms together with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and payment should be returned to the Parish Office **by Thursday, 14th September at 12 noon.**

Parents together with their First Holy Communion child are asked to attend the classes which will be scheduled once a month on a Saturday morning - *dates to be confirmed*. Parents are also asked to bring their child along on the following Sunday for a First Holy Communion Celebration Mass at 10.30 am.

If you would like to become a catechist or you are already trained as a catechist in the parish and would like to volunteer your help with the programme, will you kindly contact *Kathy Dye* - 0118 941 5675, as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

MASS INTENTIONS: 2ND JULY – 9TH JULY		
Sunday, 2nd July	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Joan & Peter Nichsolson's Intentions (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Monday, 3rd July <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	9.30 am	
Tuesday, 4th July	12 noon	James McKeown RIP
Wednesday, 5th July	11.30 am	Funeral: Gene Ignatowski RIP
Thursday, 6th July	9.30 am	Denis Shippen RIP
Friday, 7th July	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Dominic Clark's Intentions
Saturday, 8th July	10 am	Judith Mary O'Neill RIP
Sunday, 9th July	8.30 am	Brenda O'Brien RIP
	10.30 am	John Earl RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: “I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.”		

GENE IGNATOWSKI RIP

The parish offers condolences to Carmen and the family of Gene who died recently. Gene's Funeral Mass will take place at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 5th July here at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper and Robert Deady.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please inform *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please ensure that the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

COLLECTIONS FOR 25TH JUNE 2017

Gift Aid	£292.58
Planned Giving	£40.00
Loose Plate	£1,071.54
Day for Life	£2.50
Peter's Pence	£144.59
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
Candles	£35.47
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£29.00
TF9 (On Fire! Special Collection)	£424.47
Hall Hire	£108.00
First Holy Communion Course	£664.65
TOTAL	£2,867.80
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£150.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£235.60
World Communications	£230.00
Day for Life	£331.84
Clergy Training Fund	£12.00
TF9 (On Fire! Special Collection)	£424.47

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 9th July will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 9th July will be Carmen.

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 9th July for the Apostleship of the Sea. On Sea Sunday the Catholic Church, along with other churches, remembers seafarers and prays for them, their families and those who support them. It is the principal fundraising and awareness raising event of the year.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 5th July at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

MASS BOOKINGS - 2018

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1st September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few vacancies in September 2017 for children aged between three and four years old. Children will be funded by the Local Authority and there is no "top-up" fee payable. Children under three years old can sometimes be funded under special circumstances. For further information, please telephone *Mrs Petersen* on 0118 941 3602 or call into the nursery on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 8.45 am and 10.30 am.

RACE FOR LIFE

On 16th July, a group of his family and friends will be running the 'Race for Life' in Prospect Park in memory of Steven McCreight and to raise money for Cancer Research. We are calling ourselves 'Team Steven'. We would be very grateful to anyone who sponsors us. We have a just giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephanie-spragg. Or if you would rather, I always have my sponsorship form on me. *Margaret McCreight.*

**FR BON'S LEAVING MASS
4 PM ON SATURDAY, 22ND JULY
AT ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH**

To say goodbye and wish Fr Bon well with his future, there will be a leaving Mass followed by an international themed celebration. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. *More details to follow.*

Additionally, Fr Bon will be celebrating a Farewell Mass here at St Joseph's with all his friends, on Friday, 14th July at 7 pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Fr Bon will return to Bamenda at the end of July, and Fr Peter agreed that it would be appropriate to have a special collection for him as a thank you for all he has done. Envelopes for your donations are available at the back of the church **and can now be placed in any of our Sunday collection baskets.** *Please give generously.*

NEW RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Bishop Philip has appointed Fr John Lavers as Hospital Chaplain and Assistant Priest at English Martyrs parish until the end of August. Fr John is to be contacted through the *RBH switchboard 0118 322 5111* and he will be on duty every week from Saturday, 12 noon - Thursday 12 noon. The other Reading priests will be on emergency on-call when Fr John is off duty.

SUNDAY MASS IN RBH HOSPITAL

Fr John Lavers will celebrate Mass every Sunday in the RBH Chapel, London Road, beginning at 4 pm (Mass on Wednesday will be discontinued). *Patients, staff, visitors and all are welcome.*

14,002 - No! Not votes or goats! But the number of garments and blankets the Knitwits, with your help, have made since we started. Warmth, colour and comfort from our small group has gone all over the world to wherever a child or baby has been in deperate need, and as I've said before, this has often been the only thing of their own that they possess. Because of transportation costs, they are now going to needy folk in this country - residential homes for the elderly and the LIFE Group. 100 school jumpers went to Bamenda and 137 hats to the Mission to Seamen. We next meet on Tuesday, 4th July at 7 pm at the home of *Theresa Bricker: 23 Bitterne Avenue - Margaret Chaplin.*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - ADMINISTRATOR

Details of this vacancy are available in the church porch. Closing Date: Wednesday, 5th July Midday. Interviews: Friday, 7th July. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on-line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

This week, the UCM will be joining the ladies of St James' for their meeting. It will be after the 12.15 Mass there on Thursday, 6th July.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE

3rd to 10th October 2017. Cost: £519 per person (sharing). Includes flights (one hand baggage and one hold baggage), Transfers to/from Medjugorje, Accommodation on Half Board basis, Airport taxes and services of an accredited Local Guide. For further details, contact Nancy at nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com. Telephone No. 0118 926 2315 / 0774 543 4888 or Nicole at pandn.wilford@btinternet.com. Telephone No. 0118 986 2528.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 4th & 11th October from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the main Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism - helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting Mary Phillip on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

