

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 9TH 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. *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: 9TH - 16TH JULY | | |
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| Sunday, 9th July | 8.30 am | Brenda O Brien RIP |
| | 10.30 am | John Earl RIP |
| Monday, 10th July | 9.30 am | Gene Ignatowski RIP |
| Tuesday, 11th July <i>St Benedict</i> | 12 noon | Brendan Ryce RIP |
| Wednesday, 12th July | 12 noon | Dennis McCarthy RIP |
| Thursday, 13th July | 9.30 am | People of the Parish |
| Friday, 14th July | 7 pm | Fr Bon's Farewell Mass |
| Saturday, 15th July <i>St Swithun</i> | 10 am | Robert Thompson RIP |
| Sunday, 16th July | 8.30 am | Michael Scholes RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Peggy Feeley RIP |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: | Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am | |
| ROSARY & CONFESSIONS: | Saturday: Following 10 am Mass | |
| Responsorial Psalm: | | |
| “I will bless your name forever, O God my King.” | | |

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 2ND JULY 2017

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| Gift Aid | £325.80 |
| Planned Giving | £62.00 |
| Loose Plate | £317.42 |
| Bamenda | £10.00 |
| Day for Life | £10.00 |
| Peter's Pence | £32.20 |
| Candles | £42.04 |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £5.00 |
| TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal) | £164.06 |
| Funeral income | £278.00 |
| TOTAL | £1,246.52 |
| <u>RUNNING TOTALS</u> | |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £155.00 |
| Donations (Altar carpet) | £60.00 |
| TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal) | £399.66 |
| World Communications | £230.00 |
| Day for Life | £341.84 |
| Peter's Pence | £227.18 |
| TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection) | £424.47 |

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 16th July will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 16th July will be Anne MacDonald.

There will be a special collection **TODAY** 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 prime fundraising and awareness raising event of the year.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 12th July at 9.30 am at St Catherine'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.

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.*

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.*

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.*

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Robyn Grace Weafer who is being baptised here at St Joseph's today.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Andrew's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 13th July. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

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).

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Unfortunately, our last session before the summer holidays is almost upon us and we would like to celebrate with a Summer Party on Sunday, 16th July. To make the party extra special, as quite a few of our members have also celebrated their Confirmation this year, we would like to extend the invitation to ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES and turn it into one big party! We plan to kick off the celebrations following the 10.30 am mass on Sunday, 16th July in the hall with a huge celebration cake and refreshments for everyone. If the weather is gorgeous, the celebrations will continue with a Picnic Party at Prospect Park, meeting in the main car park for 1 pm followed by games and ice-creams. Family and friends welcome! However, in the case of adverse weather, the celebrations will continue in the parish hall until 3 pm with games and pizza for everyone! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on igniteyouth16@outlook.com or on 07740 547922.

ANY CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IGNITE YOUTH GROUP OR ARE THINKING ABOUT JOINING IN SEPTEMBER ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US. WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR FAMILY.



