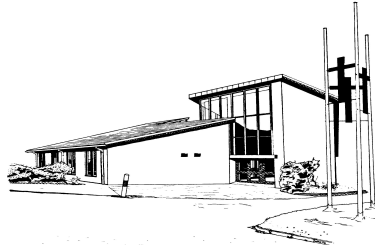


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

15TH JANUARY 2017

My dear friends,

Help wanted! There is a well-known biblical quote namely:

“The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few”.

Mindful of this quote, there are many ministries in our parish that are in need of your support, particularly:

Readers

It is an honour to read the scripture in the church; a blessing and a privilege to read at Mass.

We are in need of more readers.

Eucharistic Ministers

This ministry too is a privilege and an honour to undertake, especially when required to visit the sick at home or in hospital. Additional Eucharistic Ministers are required, and a New Eucharistic Ministers Pastoral Area training day is scheduled for Saturday, 25th February. Details to follow in the newsletter, nearer the time.

Then there will be a parish training day for existing Eucharistic Ministers, with commissioning and recommissioning taking place on Maundy Thursday.

Welcomers/Church Cleaners

Two vital ministries to be undertaken, which I am sure all parishioners appreciate.

If you will kindly think and pray about volunteering for one or more of these ministries, please submit your contact details to Sheila in the Parish Office.

You will receive abundant blessings from the Good Lord.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 15TH – 21ST JANUARY		
Sunday, 15th January	8.30 am	Paddy Moore RIP
	10.30 am	Renato Goncalves RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 16th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 17th January St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot	12 noon	Joan & Norman Bricker RIP
Wednesday, 18th January	12 noon	Johnny Power RIP
Thursday, 19th January	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 20th January	7 pm	Charles & Edith Boase RIP
Saturday, 21st January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	10 am	Violet Wickens RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am	
Responsorial Psalm: “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will”.		

COLLECTIONS FOR 8TH JANUARY 2017

Gift Aid:	£271.54
Planned Giving:	£33.00
Loose Plate	£719.06
TF3 (CAFOD)	£20.00
Christmas Collection	£65.00
Candles	£67.63
Mass Stole fees	£250.00
Crib offerings	£136.36
TOTAL	£1,562.59
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
Divine Mercy	£222.07
TF3 (CAFOD)	£285.00
Christmas Collection	£2,571.22

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 22nd January will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 18th January at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

22 nd	8.30 am	Bridget Jones RIP
January	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP

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, Patricia Kusta, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas & Ashley Gilbert.

If you know 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.

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

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

The church cleaning rota ran out at the end of 2016. Until the next rota can be organised, hopefully with some new volunteers, it would be helpful if the current teams could continue. There are named copies of an interim rota in the porch to cover until Easter. *Thank you for your help.*

BAMENDA

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our twin Diocese of Bamenda following the recent and continuing outbreak of violence and unrest where a number have been killed and injured.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Representatives from each parish in the Reading Pastoral Area have been meeting with a view to setting up Bereavement Support Groups in each parish to work alongside the Parish Priest. We are about to set up our Parish Bereavement group, which may be a support at Funeral Masses and to those who have lost a loved one. It will consist of volunteers who are kind and sympathetic, have good listening skills and who are prepared to meet with those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Training will be provided. DBS clearance and safeguarding training will be required. The group will meet to consider how best to do this and support one another. Please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office for further information.

Volunteers are invited to the training day on Saturday, 28th January 9.30 am - 3.30 pm at St Anne's, Caversham. Application forms available from the church porch.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL REUNION

The 60th reunion celebrations will be taking place on Saturday, 8th April 2017 at the school between 5 - 11 pm. Tickets (£12 per head) are available from the following ex-pupils:

- Gabriele Scicluna - 0777 834 0444
- Ron Tyler - 0784 516 2497
- Paul Blake - 0786 043 3411

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING

- SATURDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 2017

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday, 4th February 2017 from 10 am - 1.30 pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk. *Thank you.*

**SOUND AND VISUAL SYSTEM:
INFORMATION MEETING**

There will be an information session about the new Audio-Visual system in the small hall at 11.45 am (after Mass) on Sunday, 22nd January. All are welcome. If you are interested but are unable to attend on this date, please leave your name in the Parish Office for us to make contact with you. We are also looking for people who would like to be part of a small volunteer group of people who understand how it all works and can help if/when required. Ideally, this group will have a couple of representatives from each Mass: 8.30 am, 10.30 am, and weekday. Thank you to those that have already volunteered. If anyone else is interested, please send your name via the Parish Office.

FLAME - CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

11th March 2017 at The SSE Arena, Wembley, 12 noon - 5.30 pm. For young people aged 14 - 21 years (Year 10+) accompanied by parish youth Leaders. Tickets £20 pp. Transport by coach and Diocesan "Hoodie" paid for by the parish. Parents meeting in January. Booking forms available soon. Closing date 1st February 2017. See website www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Did you receive some exciting games at Christmas that you would like to share with your friends? Then our next session is the perfect opportunity for you to bring them along and have some fun! The date for your diary is FRIDAY, 20TH JANUARY between from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Don't worry if Santa didn't leave you any under the tree, we will have a great selection for you to choose from including Twister, Pie Face and Uno, table tennis, snooker and table top football. Delicious handmade cookies, hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows will also be on the menu! Please join us for a fun filled evening - all those of secondary school age welcome. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or email at igniteyouth16@outlook.com.

Any feedback to encourage the young people of the parish to be part of the youth group will be appreciated; your contributions will lead to the improvement and growth of the youth group this year. Please continue to share your thoughts and ideas.

Wishing you all every blessing and happiness this New Year - 2017!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

18TH - 25TH JANUARY

The Christian Unity team in the diocesan Framework is asking parishes to pray particularly for the coming together of Christians in their communities. This is always an important time for us to consider the command of Our Lord, "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

CHARITY PANTO

Corpus Christi parish, Wokingham are holding their annual Panto - this year "Babes in the Wood". On 28th & 29th January. Tickets: £5, Venue: Caudwell Hall Theatre, Holme Grange School, RG40 3AL. Supporting 2 charities: Crossroads Care Wokingham and the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. For details & tickets go to: parish-panto.eventbrite.co.

FORMATION FOR MISSION - NEW COURSE

Starts on Wednesday, 11th January, a weekly webinar to unlock the Gospel for the following Sunday. This webinar is free and it is open to everyone in the Diocese. To find out more and register go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar/

CALLED AND GIFTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Teaching Presentations - For young adults from around the Diocese (18 - 35 years) on Saturday, 4th February from 10.30 am - 7 pm at Southampton University. Please see posters in church porch for more details.

JOHN PARSONS RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Parsons, who wrote Parson's Pointers for the Portsmouth People magazine, who died last week. The Funeral Mass for John Parsons will be on Monday, 16th January at 11 am, at the Church of Our Lady in Fleet (King's Road, Fleet, GU51 3ST), followed by the burial at Fleet Cemetery. There will be refreshments from 1 pm in the Church Hall. *All are welcome.*

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

Monday, 20th February, 7.30 pm, Zero Degrees, Bridge Street - Why we need to talk about sin - differently. Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College, Cambridge.

Monday, 6th March, 7.30 pm, Venue tbc - Christian faith, ethics and mission. Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields. *All are welcome, no charge, just turn up!*

