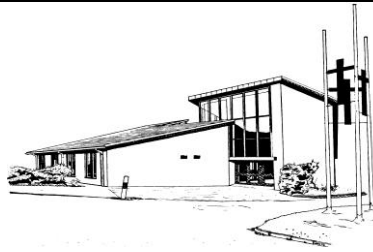


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 23<sup>RD</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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: 23<sup>RD</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	8.30 am	James McKeown RIP
	10.30 am	Eileen Parker RIP
<b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Pauline Oster's Intentions
<b>Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St James, Apostle</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	Gene Ignatowski RIP
<b>Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of Our Lady</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mary O'Shea's Intentions
<b>Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7 pm	Henry Hoban RIP
<b>Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Martha</i>	10 am	Babs O'Sullivan's Intentions
<b>Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30 am	Catherine Gallagher RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Sheppard RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>		
<b>“O Lord, you are good and forgiving.”</b>		

**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, Robert Deady and Lya Turner.

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 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

Gift Aid	£1,144.91
Planned Giving	£76.79
Loose Plate	£291.33
Apostleship of the Sea	£3.00
Apostleship of the Sea (cake sale)	£400.35
Candles	£44.33
Hall Hire	£1,394.50
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£20.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Peter's Pence	£1.00
Day for Life	£1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,452.21</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£175.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£580.00
World Communications	£230.00
Day for Life	£342.84
Apostleship of the Sea (Final payment)	£1,050.51
Peter's Pence	£228.18
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47

**REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July will be Eden Tett.

There will be a second collection next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July to help meet the expenses of Fr Marek who has kindly taken care of us whilst Fr Peter has been away. Please join us in the hall for tea/coffee and cake after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July to say farewell to Fr Marek.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am will be held 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

Please report any Health & Safety concerns to Carmen who is Health & Safety Deputy Officer here at St Joseph's.

**ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY**

St Joseph's Nursery has a few vacancies in September 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.

**PETER LENNON RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Lennon who died recently and whose funeral will be held at the English Martyrs Church on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 11.30 am. Peter was headmaster of St Paul's School from 1975 - 1991. If you know of any pupils who are no longer in the parish and attended the school during his headship, please advise them of the funeral arrangements. *All are welcome.*

**ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL  
RC HOSPITAL CHAPLIN**

Fr John Lavers is Hospital Chaplain for July & August. Fr John can be contacted through *RBH* switchboard 0118 322 5111.

**SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL**

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. Patients, staff, visitors are all welcome.

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL ?**

On admission all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. They must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also phone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### **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 large 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](mailto:mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

### **TODDLER GROUP**

St Joseph's Toddler Group will recommence on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. The group meets once a week from at 8.45 am - 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome! For further information, please contact *Kathy* on 0118 942 9439.

### **RISE YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL**

RISE Theatre are running a 3 day residential summer school course for young people aged 13 - 18 which explores identity, purpose and how we can seek to reflect God's love in our modern world. A great opportunity for those with a passion for drama to explore their faith in a creative way and gain new skills. Dates are Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at St Cassian's Retreat Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire. Cost: £250 per person including accommodation and meals. To book a place, please contact us on 0118 324 7775 or email [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk). Further information at [www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth). RISE Theatre is a professional Christian theatre company based in Reading.

### **RACE FOR LIFE**

Many thanks for all of you who sponsored me and the rest of Team Steven for Race for Life. At time of writing we have raised £1,100 for Cancer Research, thank you that's a fantastic total. Hopefully one day, no one will have to suffer in the terrible way that Steven did. Thanks again - *Margaret McCreight*.

### **FR BON - FAREWELL**

Fr Bon has written a note of thanks to all St Joseph's parishioners for the generous cash gift which he intends to use for the training of a Seminarian in Bamenda. Notes of his Homily during the Mass last Friday are on display in the church porch.

### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE**

Parishioners are asked to note that Sheila will be on annual leave from Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July for three weeks, and the office will be staffed by volunteers. The usual office hours will apply Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am - 12.30 pm.

### **CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

There will be no Children's Liturgy today or throughout the school summer holidays; we will resume on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. We hope you all have a lovely holiday and come back refreshed in September. If anyone would like to join our team either as a Leader or a helper, please see one of us in the hall on a Sunday morning. We would welcome some extra help. *Ann, Maria, Sue and Virginia*.

### **TEAS/COFFEES AFTER MASS**

There will be no teas/coffees after 10.30 am Mass during the summer holidays; we will resume on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Many thanks to all those who support this during the year, including the SVP and the Ignite Youth group who both organise one of the sessions each month. This year, we have raised £63.72 for CAFOD and £160 for the Sisters of St Ann at the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. It would be good to see more parishioners joining us for a drink and a chat, and a chance to get to know one another better when we start up again in September.

### **FR JOSEPH AWOH - CAMEROON**

We have heard directly from Fr Joseph of the civil unrest in Bamenda which has been ongoing now for nearly 12 months, and reference to these difficulties was made by Fr Bonaventure at his recent Farewell Mass. Catholic schools have been closed for a long period, and many of the priests have not been paid their allowances since last January. A few parishioners, on their own initiative, have contributed whatever they can afford - in cash - and the money is being kept in the Parish Office. If anyone would like to add to this fund, please place your cash in an envelope marked Fr Joseph - Bamenda, and post it through the letter box in the Parish Office. Fr Bonaventure has kindly agreed to take whatever amount is collected with him when he returns to Bamenda on 1<sup>st</sup> August, and he will pass it on to Fr Joseph. Any donations should be sent into the Parish Office no later than Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.