

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 30TH JULY 2017

There is 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 from 5 – 7 pm. *All are welcome!*

Fr Peter

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

Arrangements have 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: 30TH – 6TH AUGUST

Sunday, 30th July	8.30 am	Catherine Gallagher RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Sheppard RIP
Monday, 31st July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder</i>	9.30 am	Christina Page RIP
Tuesday, 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon	Ethel Violet Pereira RIP
Wednesday, 2nd August	12 noon	Jim Ward RIP
Thursday, 3rd August	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 4th August <i>St John Vianney, Priest</i>	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Gene Ignatowski RIP
Saturday, 5th August	10 am	Judith Mary O'Neill RIP
Sunday, 6th August <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	8.30 am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
	10.30 am	Denise Brooks RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: Following 10 am Mass

Responsorial Psalm:

"Lord how I love your law!"

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, Lya Turner, Chris Quinn, Charles Livingston and Janina Grzech.

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 23RD JULY 2017

Gift Aid	£281.20
Planned Giving	£69.92
Loose Plate	£255.26
Day for Life	£0.90
Candles	£44.37
Hall Hire	£135.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£81.88
Teas/Coffees after Mass (CAFOD)	£63.72
Mass Stole Fees	£20.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TOTAL	£957.25
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£243.72
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£81.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 6th August will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 6th August will be Eileen Kerrigan.

There will be a second collection **TODAY** for 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 **TODAY** to say farewell to Fr Marek.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will not be meeting during the summer holidays, and will reconvene at St Joseph's on 6th September at 9.30 am. *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.

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, 31st 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 and visitors are all welcome.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL ?

On admission all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest. They must request this themselves as all arrangements in *RBH* must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone 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 Philip on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Parishioners are asked to note that *Sheila* will be on annual leave from Friday, 28th 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.

TODDLER GROUP

St Joseph's Toddler Group will recommence on Thursday, 7th 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, 17th August – Sunday, 20th 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. Further information at www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth. RISE Theatre is a professional Christian theatre company based in Reading.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY

There will be no Children's Liturgy throughout the school summer holidays; we will resume on Sunday, 10th 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, 3rd 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.

REMINDER:

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 6th August. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat, such as, ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Also tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables. Tinned hot dogs. Tinned Tuna.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks. Family foods such as cereal, pasta sauces, Cuppa soup.
- Squash. Eggs. Long life milk. Tinned fruit.

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 6th August. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

On Wednesday, 27th September at English Martyrs Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Led by Kevin Gallagher, newly appointed CARITAS promotor for the diocese. The aim of the meeting is to review current projects in Reading on our efforts to support those on the margins of society, our involvement with refugees in Reading, the homeless and the poor and the needy. Representatives from all parishes involved in Social Action, Peace and Justice are invited to this meeting. CARITAS is the Social Action Agency of the Catholic Church in this country. Please don't miss this important meeting.

