

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 13TH AUGUST 2017

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 15th August.

Parishioners are reminded that the Feast of the Assumption is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 12noon and 7pm.

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

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: 13th AUGUST – 12 AUGUST 2017

Sunday, 13th August	8.30 am	Johnny Griffin RIP
	10.30 am	Kevin McSharry RIP
Monday, 14th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 15th August <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon & 7pm	John Murray RIP Peter Lennon RIP
Wednesday, 16th August	12 noon	Roche Figueira RIP
Thursday, 17th August	9.30 am	Christina Page RIP
Friday, 18th August	7 pm	People of the Parish
Saturday, 19th August	10 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP
Sunday, 20th August <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30 am	Domingo Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Jim Breeny RIP

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: Following 10 am Mass

Responsorial Psalm:

"Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help."

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, 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 6th August 2017

Gift Aid	1103.35
Planned Giving	£90.00
Loose Plate	£225.45
Candles	£32.20
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Repository	30.00
TOTAL	1486.00
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£258.72
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47
Fr Marek special collection	£790.00

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 20th August will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 20th August will be H McSoley.

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.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Bishop Philip would like to invite all altar servers from across the diocese to join him for a special day for altar servers on Saturday 9th September. More information to follow but please keep this date free.
Mike Tomas

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

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the August 2017 collection for the Drop in centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were as usual very gratefully received. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which is Sunday the 3rd September 2017

Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. Margaret Bailie.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

On Monday 14th August, Vigil of the Feast of The Assumption, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For further information on the days of Prayer and Fasting go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com. Please see the poster in the church porch.

**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.

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.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday 7 September from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

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.

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.

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).

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.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

An organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity to find out more about that life and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The 7 seminars will run every Tuesday evening from Tuesday 26 September 2017 until Tuesday 7 November 2017 from 8pm - 9.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Stanley Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA. For more information and to book your place, please refer to the poster on the notice board.



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