

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 20TH AUGUST 2017

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. We hope you enjoy your time with us. If you have recently moved to the parish or have been here for a while and haven't yet completed a new parishioner form please collect one from the back of the church. When completed hand it into the parish office. The information will then be added to the parish database. It is protected by the Data Protection Act and is confidential.

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

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**

MASS INTENTIONS: 20th AUGUST – 26th AUGUST 2017

Sunday, 20th August	8.30am	Dominos Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Jim Breeny RIP
Monday 21st August	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 22nd August <i>The Queenship of Mary</i>	12 noon	Dominic Clark's intentions
Wednesday, 23rd August	12 noon	People of the Parish
Thursday, 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	9.30am	James Sturgess RIP
Friday, 25th August	7pm	Veronica & Raymond Brown RIP
Saturday, 26th August <i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	10am	James Sturgess RIP
Sunday, 27th August <i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am	James Sturgess RIP
	10.30am	Gene Ignatowski RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm		
“ Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.”		

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, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Janina Grzech, Christopher and Clifford Browne.

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 13th August 2017

Gift Aid	£608.22
Planned Giving	£56.50
Loose Plate	£205.19
Candles	£28.41
TF3 (CAFOD)	£115.00
World Communications	£2.00
TOTAL	1015.32
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£373.72
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, 27th August will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 27th August will be Anne McDonald.

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.

FR JOSEPH AWOH

Attached to this newsletter is a message for Fr Joseph expressing his grateful thanks to those parishioners who contributed to a collection for him.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

On Friday, 27th October 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.

READING MARRIAGE CARE

Reading Marriage Care have prepared a programme for marriage preparation in 2018. The venue and dates are on a poster on the noticeboard in the church porch.

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.

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.

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).

FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL

During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting Portsmouth Cathedral from Sat 26th to Sun 27th August.

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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.

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

In Rome we will visit Basilica of St Mary Major, Basilica of St John Lateran, Trevi Fountain name but a few and of course the Vatican for a guided tour. In St Giovanni Rotondo the visits will include the tomb of St Pio, a tour of the sanctuary, view the crucifix where St. Pio received the stigmata and the Grotto of St Michael the Archangel.

Pilgrimage dates - Monday 15 October 2018 - Monday 22 October 2018. The cost will be £991.00 per person based on minimum of 30 persons. Single room supplement is £240.00 per person.

If you are interested please see the information sheets in the church porch or contact English Martyrs parish office.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday 7th 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 on 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.