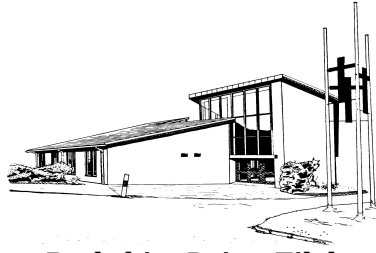


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**22<sup>ND</sup> 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.

### **WELCOMERS/CHURCH CLEANERS**

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

### **WANTED! NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

As indicated last week, our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am - 1.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers – date to be confirmed, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

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**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: 22<sup>ND</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>		
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Bridget Jones RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon	Bernard McCormack RIP
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	12 noon	Joe Marshall RIP
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr &amp; St Titus, Bishop</i>	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7 pm	Peggy Winship RIP
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	10 am	Robert Thompson RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my light and my help".</b>		

### **COLLECTIONS FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Gift Aid:	£1,157.00
Planned Giving:	£136.30
Loose Plate	£207.81
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Candles	£39.75
Mass Stole fees	£130.00
Hall Hire	£415.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Donation (RISE Theatre)	£100.00
Donation	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,245.86</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
Divine Mercy	£222.07
TF3 (CAFOD)	£295.00
Christmas Collection	£2,571.22

### **REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS**

29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Michael Hoban RIP
January	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP

### **GREAT NEWS! THE REAL SCHOOLS GUIDE 2017**

The Trinity Mirror Data Unit has put together the highly detailed guide which reveals how each school in Reading, West Berkshire, Bracknell and Wokingham rates. St. Paul's are number 1 in West Berkshire and in the top 3% of primary schools in the country. All the information has been published on the Get Reading website <http://www.getreading.co.uk>.

Many congratulations to all our staff and Governors who work so hard with your wonderful children.

### **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.*

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Bereavement Group Volunteers training day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January at St Anne's, Caversham from 9.30 - 3.30 pm. If you are interested in joining our parish group, please see Fr Peter or Sheila in the Parish Office. Application forms available from the church porch.

### **MARRIAGE CARE**

Marriage Preparation Facilitators & Head of Centre are needed. Please visit for full details: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

### **BAMENDA, CAMEROON**

Please, intensify prayers for Bamenda, Cameroon, where talks between the Government and the negotiating parties stalled last week and the English speaking regions have now been cut off from internet connectivity and heavily militarized. Schools have been shut in that part of the country since November 21 last year.

### **CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING - SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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) **TODAY**. All are welcome. 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.

### **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](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2).

### **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](http://parish-panto.eventbrite.co).

### **CALLED AND GIFTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

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

### **CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE**

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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!*

### **WALKING THE CAMINO**

From Reading, 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Flight: Stanstead - Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 - 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Information evening on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February in St James RG1 3FD at 7.30 pm. If you wish, you are welcome to ring *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858, for any further information.

### **HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

27th January - A time to reflect on the terrible deaths in the gas chambers, and a time to build bridges with our elder brothers and sisters in the Jewish Community. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERNSHIPS**

For recent graduates: From 17<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> July. For more details, go to: [faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://faithinpolitics.org.uk). Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> February - 8 internships available.

### **APF NEWS**

A total of £505.34 was emptied from the red boxes during 2016. Many thanks to box holders and promoters. My grateful thanks to John Macbeth who is stepping down after serving the parish as a promoter for many years. Thank you John. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary*.

### **UCM**

To mark the foundation's anniversary this month, we will be going to the Mansion House for lunch on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 pm. We will meet there, but anyone needing a lift should contact *Marian* on 941 6068.

### **ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email [brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk](mailto:brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk)