

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 3RD SEPTEMBER 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, please hand it in to *Sheila* in the Parish Office. The information will then be added to the parish database. It is protected by the Data Protection Act and is confidential.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

All parents and children are invited to attend the **10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 24th September**. Fr Peter will talk to parents following this Mass and you will be given the full First Holy Communion programme. *Further details are included in separate section of this newsletter.*

“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: 3RD SEPTEMBER – 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday, 3rd September	8.30am	Gene Ignatowski RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Charles Tinsley RIP
Monday, 4th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 5th September	12 noon	Ellen McCormack RIP
Wednesday, 6th September	12 noon	People of the Parish
Thursday, 7th September	9.30 am	Peter Sheppard RIP
Friday, 8th September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7 pm	Gene Ignatowski RIP
Saturday, 9th September	10 am	Paul Spackman's Intentions
Sunday, 10th September	8.30 am	Tim O' Leary & Ciara Wooller RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Lennon RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: “For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God”.		

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

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 27TH AUGUST 2017

Gift Aid	£339.72
Planned Giving	£27.50
Loose Plate	£255.28
Candles	£37.33
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TOTAL	£664.83
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£383.52
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 10th September will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 10th September will be Claude Fearn.

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.*

FR TERRY BURKE RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Terry Burke who died this week. *Further details to follow.*

MASS BOOKINGS - 2018

The Mass Bookings Diary 2018 is now open and available in the Parish Office.

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

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.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Bishop Philip would like to invite all the altar servers in the diocese to a special event at St John's Cathedral on Saturday, 9th September. The event will include a Eucharistic Procession and Holy Half Hour, formation and testimony about serving, and team games. The day begins at 10 am in the Discovery Centre, and ends at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch and your server's albs. You can register your attendance as an individual or parish group by contacting *Tom Sellars* on 01329 318869 (ext 222).

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.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, 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.

FOR SALE

An electric hover mower - £10. Please phone 0118 926 1709.

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th September at 7 pm at the home of *Maureen English*: 94 Blewbury Drive.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 10th 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.*

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.

All parents and children are invited to attend the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 24th September. Fr Peter will talk to parents following this Mass and you will be given the full First Holy Communion programme.

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.

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).

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday, 7th September from 7.30 pm - 9 pm at English Martyrs' Church hall, 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.

THE ORATORY SCHOOL

The parish has received information from The Oratory School concerning their Open Morning on Saturday, 16th September from 9.30 am - 12 noon. *Further information is available in the church porch.*

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR

On Monday, 11th September at 7.30 pm in the church, choir practices resume after our holiday break. This would be an ideal time for any singers who would like to join the choir to come along and give it a go. You do not need to be able to read music, but it is helpful if you can commit to attending regular fortnightly practices and 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like more information, please speak to me or any other choir members after Sunday Mass, or call me on 0118 930 4959. It would be lovely to have some new recruits. I look forward to welcoming you to the choir. *Helen Marek.*

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

In Rome, we will visit Basilica of St Mary Major, Basilica of St John Lateran, Trevi Fountain, to 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, 15th October - Monday, 22nd October 2018. The cost will be £991 per person based on minimum of 30 persons. Single room supplement is £240 per person. If you are interested, please see the information sheets in the church porch or contact English Martyrs Parish Office.

READERS' ROTA

I will shortly be compiling a new reading rota and would like to invite new readers to join. Young people and new parishioners are especially welcome. Training and guidance can be given, if required. *Mike Tomas* - 0770 803 2743 - empty101955@gmail.com.

*Thank
You!*

A big thank you to Michael and Richard Quinn who have done an excellent job in installing the new notice boards outside the church.

The aim of these new notice boards is to give the general public a glimpse of the activities undertaken here at St Joseph's Church, and to welcome newcomers.