

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 10TH 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: 10TH SEPTEMBER – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday, 10th September	8.30am	Tim O'Leary RIP & Ciara Wooller RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Lennon RIP
Monday, 11th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 12th September	12 noon	Gene Ignatowski RIP
Wednesday, 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon	Peter Lennon RIP
Thursday, 14th September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams RIP
Friday, 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	7 pm	Judith Mary O'Neill RIP
Saturday, 16th September <i>Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	10 am	Charles Livingston's Intentions
Sunday, 17th September	8.30 am	Norman & Joan Bricker RIP
	10.30 am	Paurick McPartland RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts".		

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, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gino Marengi, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea and Nina.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - The above Sick & Housebound list has been reviewed. However, if you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS FOR 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,122.44
Planned Giving	£92.00
Loose Plate	£229.94
Candles	£47.27
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Mass Stole Fees	£250.00
TOTAL	£1,781.65
<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, 17th September will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 17th September will be Eden Tett.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER

This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 13th September at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

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.*



RIP

Fr Terry Burke MHM - Funeral Mass at St James' Church, Forbury Road, Reading on Friday, 22nd September at 12.30 pm; cremation to follow at 2.30 pm at Reading Crematorium. *Further details of Fr Terry's Funeral are on display in the church porch.* Our sympathy goes to his sister Margaret, the family and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor's funeral will take place on Wednesday, 13th September at Westminster Cathedral. *Further details of Cardinal Cormac's funeral are on display in the church porch.*

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 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.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Elliot Harrison Goss and Saoirse Florence Rosie Munnely who are to be baptised here today.

TODDLER GROUP

St Joseph's Toddler 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.

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*

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.

THE CATHOLIC DISABILITY FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MASS ON SATURDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 PM AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST PETER APOSTLE, 356 LONDON RD., WATERLOOVILLE, PO7 7SR

The annual Mass is chiefly for people with disabilities of any kind, their families and friends but everyone is invited so PLEASE COME AND JOIN US! Any queries - contact *Dinah Kennedy* 01252 842665 or *Rev Peter Hollins* 01730 262292.

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.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

We return for the new term on Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30 pm. Our first meeting will be a welcome back and planning evening. **Please note, the meeting will be in the large hall.** All ladies are welcome to join us.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota has been emailed to you this week and a copy is in the rotas file in the church porch. Please ensure that you make a note of all dates relevant to you and please amend the copy in the porch if you swap your turn with someone else.

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).

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage dates are Monday, 15th October - Monday, 22nd October 2018. The cost will be £991 per person based on minimum of 30 persons. If you are interested, please see the information sheets in the church porch or contact English Martyrs Parish Office.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the SVP will be held in the small hall on Thursday, 14th September from 7 - 8 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the work of the SVP, do come along where you will be made most welcome. September will see the Month of Awareness of the SVP and Wednesday, 27th September will be the Memorial for St Vincent de Paul. Please contact *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190 who is President of the St Joseph's SVP Conference, for more information.

DROP IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the September 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, that will be Sunday, 1st October. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. All are most welcome.

CLASS MASS

St Simon's Class will be attending Mass next Thursday, 14th September at 9.30 am. *Parents are welcome to attend.*