

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

!!DEADLINE CLOSED!!

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: 17TH SEPTEMBER – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday, 17th September	8.30am	Norman & Joan Bricker RIP
	10.30 am	Paurick McPartland RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 18th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19th September	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 20th September <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30 am	Margaret Donovan RIP
	11 am	Funeral: Joah Jose Chacko RIP
Thursday, 21st September <i>St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	9.30 am	Martha Munnelly RIP
Friday, 22nd September	7 pm	Peter Lennon RIP
Saturday, 23rd September <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious</i>	10 am	Fr Terry Burke RIP
	2.30 pm	Marriage: Joanne O'Connor & Adam Tombs
Sunday, 24th September	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Lennon RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: “The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy”.		

COLLECTIONS FOR 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£239.41
Planned Giving	£42.00
Loose Plate	£306.73
Candles	£56.00
Hall Hire	£207.00
Cathedral Fund	£1.00
Home Mission Sunday	£1.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£150.00
Donation (Flowers)	£20.00
Repository	£40.00
TOTAL	£1,073.14
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£393.52
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 24th September will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 24th September will be Eileen Kerrigan.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION - TODAY

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.

CATHEDRAL COLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a special collection next Sunday, 24th September for the Cathedral.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER

This Harvest fast day, we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can (*envelopes will be available soon!*)

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.



R.I.P.

The parish offers condolences to the family of Joah Jose Chacko who died recently. Joah's Funeral Mass will take place next Wednesday, 20th September at 11 am followed by burial at Pangbourne Hill Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of Joah's soul.

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.

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.

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 AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART & ST PETER APOSTLE, WATERLOOVILLE

The annual Mass on Saturday, 23rd September will be at 2.30 pm and 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A copy of the new rota 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.

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.

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).

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

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.*

WELCOME TO NEW PRIESTS IN READING

Fr Rafaele Cossa and Fr Luca Speziale to St John Bosco Woodley – they belong to the Priestly Fraternity of Communion and Liberation of St Charles. Their charism is that they desire a communion that would be both a reciprocal help and a method of missionary presence in the places they are engaged in the world: parishes, schools, universities. They are a replacement in our diocese for Fr Jose Claveria who used to be at Maidenhead. Both were born in Milan. Fr Luca was based in Rome and wishes to focus on Youth Ministry. Fr Rafaele was based in Lisbon for the last 11 years.

Fr J P Lyttle is the new Catholic Chaplain in the RBH, also at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School and Assistant Priest at English Martyrs. Fr JP comes to us after 2 years ministry in the Cathedral parish Portsmouth.

Mgr Patrick Daly just arrived begins his ministry at St Anne's, Caversham this weekend. A priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham who has spent the last 4 years working in Brussels on behalf of the UK Bishops as a partner in dialogue with the EU institutions. Our prayers and good wishes to all of these priests as they begin their new ministry here in Reading.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

20th - 30th September in a marquee in Forbury Gardens. This is an effort by Reading Churches to remember the welcome offered to pilgrims that came to visit and pray at Reading Abbey. The aim is now to help us turn away from sin and come together and meet with God. An evening of Prayer, Praise, Healing & Worship will be held at St James Church on Friday, 29th September at 7.30 pm – 10 pm. More details available on prayer event <https://sites.google.com/view/10daysreading>

WILL PREPARATION

I am available to come to your house at a time to suit you to discuss details of your will or to update your present will and/or provide Power Of Attorney, if applicable. There is NO charge or limit for my time at your home, the only modest cost is for the will (or POA). We provide the same quality as a solicitor but without the heavy charge. Contact *Caroline Hurst* on 926 1709.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Catherine's** on 20th September at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

"The Case for Christ" (PG, 113mins) showing at Reading Showcase this Monday, 18th September at 7.15 pm. "The Case for Christ" tells the story of atheist and 'Chicago Tribune' journalist Lee Strobel who felt he had lost his wife when she became a Christian. It reenacts his search to find out whether what she believed is true. Lee subsequently became a pastor of Willow Creek church in Illinois. Further details can be found by clicking on www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/UK-cinemas-to-screen-new-Christian-film.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, 30th September 9.30 am: "Catechesis Meets Evangelisation". This is primarily for confirmation catechists and youth ambassadors, although any adults are welcome to attend. The day involves practical skills for working with young people in a faith context, particularly confirmation catechesis. We have some incredible guest speakers booked! St Bede's Basingstoke, £10pp.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St. Bartholomew's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday 21st September. *Parents and families are more than welcome to attend.*

PARISH SECRETARY (FIXED TERM – 2 YEARS)

At Our Lady Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi parish in Earley, 30 hours per week (days and hours by negotiation). *Further details in church porch.*