

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, 1ST OCTOBER

Our local experts are helping people all over the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please donate by using the envelopes provided, online on our website www.CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis or by texting **CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10** or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20, e.g., £5 CAFOD5, more information on the CAFOD leaflet. Many thanks for your support. *Jo Lewry, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Portsmouth – 0771 009 4447.* For more information visit our Facebook page (1) [CAFOD in Portsmouth | Facebook](#). [CAFOD Portsmouth Blog | Updates from CAFOD in the Portsmouth Diocese \(wordpress.com\)](#) and twitter [@CAFODPortsmouth](#).

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2021

Sunday, 26 th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)*	Margaret Chaplin RIP
	8.30 am*	Mary Ralph's intention
	11 am*	Patrick Ryan RIP
Monday, 27 th September St Vincent de Paul, Founder	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 28 th September	12 noon*	Brigid Wilchusky RIP
	1.30 pm*	Funeral: (Kenneth) Roy Clutson RIP
Wednesday, 29 th September THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, feast	10.45 am*	Funeral: Bernadette Smeesters RIP
Thursday, 30 th September St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	Bill & Larissa James' intentions
Friday, 1 st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church	Private	Sheila Magee RIP
Saturday, 2 nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	Private	People of the parish
Sunday, 3 rd October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)*	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am*	Giovanni Bisoffi RIP
	11 am*	Ryszard Czechowicz RIP

Masses marked * will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions after 5 pm Mass on Saturday.

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary.

Further details are available on our web site.



(KENNETH) ROY CLUTSON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Roy Clutson, who died recently. Roy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 28th September at 1.30 pm. Any spare seats may be filled by parishioners. *Please pray for the repose of Roy's soul.*



BERNADETTE SMEESTERS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Bernadette Smeesters, who died recently. Bernadette's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 29th September at 10.45 am. Any spare seats may be filled by parishioners. *Please pray for the repose of Bernadette's soul.*

COVID-19 restrictions will be reviewed at a parish Co-ordinating Team meeting to be held next Wednesday, and you will be updated accordingly. In the meantime, we ask everyone to continue to wear a face-covering. The weekend Mass invitation system, sanitizing and social distancing will all continue for the time being. We have a responsibility to keep each other safe, especially the vulnerable. Registration for weekend Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners and local residents. Please email stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk or contact the Parish Office, and Sheila will pass on your request. Registration required for attendance at weekends. No invites required mid-week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen & Veronica Williams. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Telephone and email contact only. There is still no face-to-face contact possible. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the Parish Office, if you would like *Fr Peter* or *Fr Richard* to offer a Mass, or for newsletter items.

THANK YOU, COLIN!

Colin Parkes has decided to stop looking after the church grounds at the end of this year – after doing it for 20 years! We are, however, extremely grateful to Colin for his hard work and commitment over the years. Any volunteer(s) who would like to take on the role of garden maintenance co-ordinator, please contact the Parish Office, as Colin has kindly volunteered to give full instruction and support. *Thank you again, Colin!*

ST PAUL'S STARS BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are looking to appoint a person or persons for job roles at St Paul's Breakfast and After School Club.

We require a playworker to work several afternoons a week. Other duties include helping to prepare a simple tea menu for approx 40 children ages 4-11 at the After School Club.

Example: pasta, sandwiches, wraps, soup, beans on toast, fruit and salad.

Basic cooking skills are necessary – Food Hygiene Qualifications a benefit.

The successful applicant(s) will have a good sense of humour and like working & interacting with children.

Hours are 3-6pm

An application pack is available by emailing the club at

st.paul.asc@gmail.com

Closing date – 8th October.

We reserve the right to interview and appoint candidates before the closing date.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate.



COLLECTION FOR 11TH/12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£186.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£221.76
Home Mission Sunday	£90.00
Repository	£22.18
TOTAL	£524.94
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£289.56
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£195.00
Day for Life	£392.50
Peter's Pence	£207.50
Apostleship of the Sea	£228.50
World Communications	£195.00
Home Mission Sunday	£118.25

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

THIS WEEKEND

The *second* of four autumn Mass Counts for national statistics. The Bishops of England and Wales oblige us to count the heads at Mass. The statistical data will be useful in planning ahead and working out where resources need to be focused.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go: Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. *All welcome.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 3rd October from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. ***These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month.*** We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). You can also donate directly to our bank account; Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. *Many thanks for your generosity.* Key contact: *Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.*

PATRON SAINT OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Next Monday, 27th September, is the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, whose compassion and commitment were legendary even during his own lifetime. He was born in Pouy, France in 1581 and went to study at the University of Toulouse, becoming an ordained priest at the unusually early age of 19. He went to Rome for further studies, and returned to France as a court chaplain to Queen Margaret of Valois in Paris. It was at this time that he met St Francis De Sales and Pierre de Berulle who were working with the poor and oppressed and this interiorly converted him to dedicate his life to the care of the needy. He ministered to prisoners and the convicts in Bordeaux and in 1625 founded the Congregation of the Mission, the Vincentians, a community devoted to missionary work among the poor in towns and villages across France. In 1633, the Vincentians were given the church of St Lazare in Paris and in the same year Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity with Louise the Marillac, an unenclosed congregation of women ministering to the poor and sick, the first of its kind and extremely successful. He founded countless hospitals and orphanages, gave aid to victims of war, sent missionaries abroad, ransomed enslaved Christians in North Africa, established new high-quality, seminaries and wrote many spiritual works. His deepest concern was the practical relief of human suffering and his charismatic selfishness inspired many from all walks of life to join his work. He died on the 27th September 1660 and was canonised by Pope Clement XII in 1730. In 1830, a lay confraternity called the Society of St Vincent de Paul ("the SVP") was founded by Frederick Ozanam, the widespread dissemination of which did much to further the cult of St Vincent de Paul. In 1885, Pope Leo XII named him patron of all charitable groups. Next Monday, let's especially pray for and support the SVP groups across the Diocese, enlisting the prayers of St Vincent for all the needy, especially those who are served by Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE

The Catholic Universe newspaper had appeared weekly since 1860 but when the pandemic closed the churches it removed the main outlet for sales. Now under changed management the new Universe Catholic Weekly will be topical, controversial, stimulating and packed with news opinion and features. Every Catholic will enjoy it. You can have a weekly edition paper for just £20 a quarter paid subscription (13 copies) paid simply and directly to the publisher. <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk>

TODAY - 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In this week's Gospel (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48), the disciples continue to struggle to understand what it means to follow Jesus and to speak and act in His name. When they encounter a man who is casting out demons in Jesus' name despite not being a disciple, this is an opportunity for Jesus to teach them about the power of faith in His name and the depth of God's desire that all be saved - for anyone who is not against Jesus is for Him.

You can find the Sunday readings [here](#) and read Scott Hahn's reflection [here](#). You can register to watch our Diocesan Wednesday Webinar [here](#), or join via [Facebook live](#). If you can't join on Wednesday, you can subscribe to the podcast [here](#).

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care's continuing support for marriage, through relationship counselling and marriage preparation via Zoom. As COVID-19 has put increasing pressure on relationships, we urge couples to seek the support or expert help they need, before they reach breaking point. Marriage Care counsellors are seeing as many couples as last year and there is a waiting list. Marriage Care offers a donation-only counselling service so that anyone can access support whatever their financial circumstances. We continue offering Marriage Preparation online, both Preparing Together and FOCCUS. Further information and details on how to book either our counselling or marriage preparation services, can be found on the marriage care website: www.marriagecare.org.uk or calling to our *Appointment Service*, on 0800 389 3801, Monday through Thursday (10.30 am – 6.00 pm).



Prayer is at the very heart of the Christian life and this course, over five Wednesdays, will help participants see prayer in a new way. There will be time for discussion and reflection, as well as periods of guided prayer.

You will find a full list of LJC events, courses and retreats here: www.londonjesuitcentre.org

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST WENCESLAUS - 28TH SEPTEMBER

We all sing about "Good King Wenceslaus" at Christmas, but who was he? At the time of his death, he wasn't a king, only a duke, however, the Holy Roman Emperor, Otto I conferred the title "king" soon after his death.

Wenceslaus, also known as Vaclav, was born around the year 907 in a castle near Prague, in what is now the Czech Republic.

His mother was a pagan, and it was his grandmother, St Ludmilla, who taught him about religion. He practised the Faith and received the Sacraments in secret.

St Wenceslaus had a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and would make the bread and wine from wheat and grapes that he had grown himself.

He faced many trials in governing as a Christian prince, many were from his own brother, Boleslav who instigated his murder on 27th September 929.

A reconciliation with his family was attempted when they gathered at a banquet to celebrate the feast of Ss Cosmas and Damien. The next morning, his brother killed him with a lance on the steps of the church. Wenceslaus was just 22 years old. According to legend, his last words were "brother, may God forgive you". Many miracles were attributed to him soon after his death. The mortal remains of St Wenceslaus are in St Vitus Cathedral in Prague.

The words of the popular carol "Good King Wenceslaus" were written in 1853, but the melody is much older than that. It's a 13th Century tune called "Tempus adest floridum" - the time for the flowers has come - in other words, springtime.

St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) was traditionally the day for charitable almsgiving. St Wenceslaus, on this day, would go out at night despite the snow being "deep and crisp and even", to distribute alms to the poor, especially to widows and orphans and those experiencing hardship.

His feast day is a national holiday in the Czech Republic where he is, of course, their patron saint. *St Wenceslaus - pray for us.* Mike Tomas