

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

### Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima - Nine day Petition for Peace and Prosperity on this Centenary

Our Lady of the Rosary, ask your Son Jesus to have mercy on us, and to give us His Peace.  
Help us to heed your warning at Fatima, that we amend our lives and stop offending God,

Who is already offended by our sins.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us. Amen.

*This is a simple little prayer to offer on the nine days from 4<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October in petition for the Triumph of Immaculate Heart of Mary. The promise we hope in and pray for, is that Peace prevails in our troubled world, an end to wars, storms and violence, as well as an end to economic troubles everywhere. Safe in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*

**Fr Peter**

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 – SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Elva Flores RIP
	10.30 am	Ligia Lobo RIP
<b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12 noon	Ron Chambers RIP
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12 noon	Beryl Chambers' Intentions
	2 pm	Funeral: Bridie Naughton RIP
<b>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30 am	Martin Joseph Ward RIP
<b>Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	11 am	St Paul's School Mass ( <i>at school</i> )
	7 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10 am	Peter Jackson RIP
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30 am	Deceased members of the Rato/Rodrigues family RIP
	10.30 am	Thanksgiving for People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel".</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Gift Aid	£359.89
Planned Giving	£50.00
Loose Plate	£279.04
Candles	£40.91
Cathedral Fund	£10.00
Home Mission Sunday	£8.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Mass Stole Fees	£65.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£15.00
Hall Hire	£328.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,920.84</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£30.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47
Home Mission Sunday (Final)	£354.08
Cathedral Fund	£280.96
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£15.00

### REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October will be Carmen.

This weekend (and every weekend in October)  
Mass Count (for national statistics)

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Please use the Give Today part of your Fast Day envelope to give what you can as your harvest offering. If you are prepared to make a regular donation to CAFOD, please also complete and post the Give Regularly part. CAFOD is so grateful for your donations and pledges of regular giving which will be used by CAFOD wherever it sees the greatest need.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be placed into the second collection **TODAY**. *Please be as generous as you can.*

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Catherine's** on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

### HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale **TODAY** in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the SVP - *Jenny Gouk*.

### 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.

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

### 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, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner and Mary O'Shea.

**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.*



### BRIDIE NAUGHTON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Bridie Naughton who died recently. Bridie's Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm here at St Joseph's followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

### 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.*

### THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Matthew's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to Jack Allaway who is to be baptised here today.

### ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

There will be an altar servers' practice on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October for new and inexperienced servers at 3.45 pm. Experienced servers are welcome to help with the training. *Mike Tomas 0770 803 2743.*

### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the October 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, which will be on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

### **CAKE, PRESERVE AND PRODUCE SALE**

There will be a cake, preserve and produce sale after both Masses next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October in aid of the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda. As many parishioners are aware we have, for several years, supported the Sisters with several projects – most notably the Divine Mercy Centre. With the current unrest in Bamenda, the Sisters have now asked for help to buy land which they can cultivate to grow food for themselves and the needy. Please support this sale as generously as you can by donating or buying items; all money raised through this and our regular Sunday coffee sessions is delivered directly to the Sisters. *Ann Epps.*

The UCM are supporting the above parish Cake, Preserve and Produce Sale as our annual autumn fundraising event. You can help by baking a cake, donating produce or plants from your garden or bringing us any preserves you have made (jams, chutneys, etc). All donations can be brought to the hall before Mass next Sunday. Please support this event.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October when Theresa and Norman Bricker will tell us about their recent cruise to the Norwegian Fjords. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

### **CREATIVE MINISTRY RETREAT**

Weekend of faith inspired music and art for ages 14 - 18 Worship & Creativity, Eucharistic Adoration, Exploring the Mass, Art in Sacred Spaces, Leading Liturgical Music, Freedom in Worship, Open Mic Cold Ash Centre - £100, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October More info: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).  
*Booking/Consent forms are available in the church porch.*

### **DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

In St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Book through the diocesan website.

### **UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**

During term time, Mass on campus every Tuesday at 1 pm, followed by a light lunch. Adoration in St William of York every Monday 6 - 6.45 pm. Note new website: [rucathchap.uk](http://rucathchap.uk).

RISE Theatre presents 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador', a new play about the life and legacy of Blessed Oscar Romero here at St Joseph's parish hall on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 (conc. £8, under 18's £5) and can be purchased online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre). For the performance at OLOP parish hall, Earley, on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm, please contact *Mel* on 0118 996 7208 or [noronhamel@hotmail.com](mailto:noronhamel@hotmail.com) for tickets. (Suitable for adults and children 11+).

### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

The Holy See has approved the request from the Bishops Conference that the Holy Days of Epiphany and Ascension can, from the new Liturgical Year 2017-18, revert to their original place: i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> January (unless a Saturday or a Monday) and the Thursday after 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

### **BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK**

Baby loss Awareness Week is held annually from 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October. It's a special opportunity to mark the brief lives of babies lost in pregnancy or at or soon after birth. On 15<sup>th</sup> October (International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day), people from around the world are invited to light a candle or candles, at 7 pm local time, creating a Wave of Light in memory of babies who have died too soon.

### **'LIGHT PARTY' - TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER**

Come and celebrate All Saints Day with a 'Light Party' in St Joseph's Church hall on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 5 – 7 pm. There will be fun, games and food for children aged 11 and under, finishing with an opportunity to think about Jesus our Light and the Saints in heaven. Children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult. The cost (payable on the door) will be 50p for a parent and one child, £1 for a parent with more than one child. Please bring a glass jam jar for each child or other similar sized jar preferably stripped of the label. Numbers will be limited, so please email *Kristina* at [lightparty2017@gmail.com](mailto:lightparty2017@gmail.com) by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to book a place, giving the names and ages of the children and any special dietary requirements.

### **FRIENDS OF FR JOSEPH AWOH**

Fr Joseph has recently given us an update on the situation in Bamenda. The schools have been closed for months, the clergy have not been paid their allowances since January 2017.

Civil disturbances continue and protesters were fired upon at the civil demonstration on 1<sup>st</sup> October, with some loss of life.

The only helpful support we can give is a financial one and friends of Fr Joseph are asked, once again, if they would like to contribute to a collection for him. Any donation should be placed in an envelope marked "Fr Joseph Awoh" and posted through the Parish Office letter box – *no cards please*. Donations will then be counted and passed on to Fr Joseph via Joan Nicholson. *Please be as generous as you can.*