

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3RD OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parishioners,

In accordance with latest guidelines* the following changes were agreed at the Co-ordinating Team meeting last Wednesday, and will take effect from Friday, 1st October.

Public Mass Times: Tuesday 12 noon, Wednesday 12 noon. Thursday 9.30 am (with one class from St Paul's school), Friday 7 pm, Saturday 10 am, followed by Rosary, Sunday Mass: Saturday, 5 pm Vigil, Sunday 8.30 am, Sunday **10.30 am**. **Livestream: Sunday 10.30 am, and special events only**.

Confessions: Saturdays 9.30 am, and on request.

All are welcome to attend any Mass, and we will no longer keep a record of who attends. No booking or invitations are required. Fr Peter encourages everyone to continue to wear **face coverings**, **sanitise** their hands and maintain a sensible distance from others. Please use common sense and respect for others.

All pews will be available except on the far-left side, where every second pew will remain roped off, to maintain some socially distanced seating, i.e. one family group or a maximum of one couple and one single person per pew as now. In all other pews, please leave a sensible space between you and other people/groups.

Communion: For a few weeks, the welcomers will continue to guide the flow of people when going up to communion in order to establish a routine. Fr Peter also asks those who wish to receive on the tongue to wait and come up last please. Fr Peter will wear a mask when giving communion.

Dismissal: People will no longer be dismissed row by row through the Fire Exit, but can choose to leave via the porch or Fire Exit, keeping a sensible distance from others. Please do not gather in the porch or immediately outside – move further away into the car park, if you would like to have a chat.

Ventilation is very important, and windows will be open as much as possible, as well as doors when the weather is mild. Please dress appropriately.

Welcomers will continue to greet people as they arrive and to be available for advice.

Sign of Peace: No physical contact; simply nod or bow to each other.

Singing is now allowed again. We will put words up on the screen very soon, so you can join in.

Cleaning: The church will return to being cleaned just once a week.

Parish Office: Open to visitors, but please wear face covering if you can.

Crying Room can be used, but be aware that it is poorly ventilated; the door to porch should remain open.

Sunday Obligation is expected to start again at the start of Advent

**the latest step4 guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales*

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/05/CBCEW-COVID-Step-4-Guidance-150721b.pdf>

**the latest advice from Portsmouth*

**information on what the other Reading parishes are doing*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3RD OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2021

Sunday, 3 rd October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am	Giovanni Bisoffi RIP
	10.30 am*	Ryszard Czechowicz RIP
Monday, 4 th October St Francis of Assisi, Founder	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 5 th October	12 noon	Bernadette Smeesters RIP
Wednesday, 6 th October	12 noon	Margaret Chaplin RIP
Thursday, 7 th October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30 am	Winifred Mary Gale RIP (Foundation Mass)
Friday, 8 th October	7 pm	O'Connor/Tombs families' intentions
Saturday, 9 th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Religious	10 am	Annie Ward RIP
Sunday, 10 th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am	Ligia Lobo RIP
	10.30 am*	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.15 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.



PATRICK TOGHER RIP

It is with great sadness that the family of Patrick Togher wish to announce his sad and sudden passing. Patrick was a parishioner for many years. The Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday, 14th October at 1.15 pm at St William of York Church, Reading. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, 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.***

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.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

“Too often, we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around”.

There has been an active SVP conference in the parish of St Joseph for more than 50 years; we currently have over 20 members - a mix of full-time and auxiliaries – and meet fortnightly on a Wednesday at 7 pm.

Our core work is giving friendship and support:

- Be a great listener in moments of grief and difficult times
- Regular visits to the elderly and most at need in our parish, regardless of venue
- We can organize transport to appointments such as hospitals and doctors

In addition, we can help to make ends meet in an emergency:

- Through our local Community Support Projects, provide specific items of clothing, furniture, food, or a supporting hand
- In an emergency, provide financial support on a short-term basis
- Offer advice in problem areas, such as benefits or financial issues
- Funding short breaks for families and carers who need respite

SVP members are all volunteers; we are not paid, and undertake SVP work in our own time. We appreciate your continued support and generous donations totalling the amazing value of £5,982 (October 2020 to September 2021). We invest such monies into providing for CIRDIC, families, elderly, homeless, Bamenda, SVP youth and asylum seekers seeking emergency support.

We would love to welcome new members to help us reach out to those in the wider community. If you would like more information, please email **Rita Boyce** @ ritaur@yahoo.co.uk

We celebrated St Vincent de Paul day on 27th September.

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.*

COLLECTION FOR 25TH/26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£111.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£264.40
Home Mission Sunday	£62.60
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£40.00
Donation	£300.00
Mass Stole Fees	£100.00
TOTAL	£1,553.00
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£45.00
Home Mission Sunday	£196.50

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 *third* of four autumn Mass Counts for national statistics. The Bishops of England and Wales oblige us to count the heads at Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

St Joseph's Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 am – 12.30 pm. Details on the front of the newsletter.

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.*

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).

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are available on the website. Contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office if you would like the newsletter to be sent to you by email each week. A few paper copies will be in the porch. Please leave these for people who do not have access to the internet or emails.

SVP members will only deliver newsletters to the housebound. Any housebound parishioner can request delivery by contacting *Sheila*.

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>

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.*

KNITWITS

The Knitwits group was founded by the late Margaret Chaplin 31 years ago, and she was in charge of it until two weeks before her recent death. During these years, we knitted and crocheted 17,021 blankets and items of clothing which were sent to needy people abroad and nearer home. When Covid struck we had to stop meeting in each other's houses, but we will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday, 5th October at the home of Christine Wall, 4 Tylers Place, from 2 - 4 pm. With Margaret always in our memories we will go on knitting.

THANK YOU!



We would like to say a big thank you to all those at St Joseph's Church who helped us to celebrate our wedding on 20th August 2021. We had a fantastic day. We would particularly like to thank *Sheila*, *Father Peter*, and *Father Richard* for all their work and support. We would also like to thank everyone who helped to prepare the church, arrange the beautiful flowers, and record the hymns. Thank you for helping us to have such a memorable day. *Aaron and Chloe Kerrigan.*

VOCATION SEEKER EVENINGS

Venue: Sacred Heart Presbytery, Fareham, 41 - 43 Portland Street, PO16 ONF. Easy to access via road, train & bus. Possibility of overnight accommodation too, if required. For further information and to join, contact: *Canon John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 01329 318 869*

CLEANERS NEEDED PLEASE!

We urgently need new teams to help as we return to regular (non-COVID) weekly cleaning please. The wonderful team of cleaners who gave so much time to clean the church after every service during the last 18 months really do need to take a break now!

We would like to have at least 4 new teams and then the commitment will only be once a month or less. Cleaning can be done on a day and time of your choice – typically Friday or Saturday. Cleaning tasks include vacuum clean, wash floor, wipe surfaces. If you or a group or family can offer to help, please phone or email *Sheila* in the office.

Invoking God's Protection



October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary developed in the High Middle Ages period and the reason that October came to be devoted to its recitation is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil. If you need help in saying the Rosary, [click here](#) for a simple explanation. Try to say the Rosary each day this month; pray the Rosary while driving. There are many intentions this month, especially during this Season of Creation as the world prepares for the COP26 summit. Another intention is the defeat of Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which comes before the House of Lords for its second reading and debate on Friday, 15th October. *May Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.*



BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE OPEN MORNING

True Teaching: Serving the Community in Reading since 1958. Year 7 Entry 2022 Open Morning on Thursday, 7th October. Morning 9 am – 12 noon (10 am Headmaster's Address).

Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP Website: www.hughfaringdon.org Telephone: 0118 957 4730 Email: admin@hughfaringdon.org.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST BRUNO – 6TH OCTOBER

On Wednesday this week, we celebrate the optional memorial of St Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order of monks and nuns.

St Bruno was born in Cologne in 1035 and taught theology in Rheims (France).

In 1084, he had a 'get-away from it all' moment and, with six companions, retired to the mountains near Grenoble (France), and founded the very strict monastery of the Grande Chartreuse.

The purpose of the Carthusian is total withdrawal from the world to serve God by personal devotion and privation.

I have an old school friend who is a Carthusian monk. He, like other monks, lives in isolation in what is known as a cell (in effect a small, private monastery) with his own private garden where they work on a variety of jobs.

Apart from Sundays, feast days and funerals when they celebrate Mass and the Office together, Carthusians will say Mass and prayers alone in their cells.

Carthusians do not eat meat and their diet consists mainly of fish, pulses, eggs and home-grown vegetables. Each cell has a serving hatch through which their food is passed.

In a Carthusian monastery, you will not find television, mobile phones or radios - you will find newspapers, but only Catholic ones.

Once a year, a monk can invite family members to visit him, but accommodation must be found outside the monastery. Men can enter the monastery but women cannot.

There is one Carthusian monastery in England, St Hughs in Cowfold, West Sussex. In January of this year, it housed twenty one monks.

Carthusians are famous for their famous liqueur, Chartreuse, which they first started making in 1737. The recipe is a closely guarded secret: only two monks at any one time may know the recipe.

St Bruno died in Calabria (the toe of the boot of Italy) on 6th October 1101, and was canonized in 1514. *St Bruno - pray for us.*

Mike Tomas.