

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

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.

*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.*

**Fr Peter**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b>		
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Deceased members of the Rato/Rodrigues family RIP
	10.30 am	People of the Parish – In Thanksgiving
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr</i>	12 noon	Bernard Murray RIP
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	12 noon	Seamus Hoban RIP
<b>Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30 am	Sean Davis RIP
<b>Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10 am	St Paul's School Leaders' Mass (at church)
	7 pm	Fr Terry Burke RIP
<b>Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	10 am	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	8.30 am	Joah Chacko RIP
	10.30 am	Maurice O'Brien RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>		Saturday: 9.30am - 10am
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
<b>R sponsorial Psalm: "In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever".</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Gift Aid	£432.01
Planned Giving	£43.50
Loose Plate	£452.78
Candles	£40.32
TF7 Youth Group	£220.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£553.76
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£665.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,412.53</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!")	£1,089.43
Cathedral Fund	£280.96
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£568.76
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£750.00

### REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October will be Harry McSoley.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special Collection for World Missions next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

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

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Joseph's** on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am. *All are 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.

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

## CAKE, PRESERVE AND PRODUCE SALE

There will be a cake, preserve and produce sale after both Masses **TODAY** 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.

### 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.*

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, 18th 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, 11th 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. 6th January (unless a Saturday or a Monday) and the Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter.



### ALICE D'CRUZ RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Alice D'Cruz, a former parishioner of St Joseph's, and wife of her late husband Joseph D'Cruz RIP. Alice died on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October and her Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at St William of York at 2 pm, followed by burial at Purley Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

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

Come and celebrate All Saints Day with a 'Light Party' in St Joseph's Church hall on Tuesday, 31st 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* by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to book a place, giving the names and ages of the children and any special dietary requirements.

There will be an extra High Mass (EF) of the Douai Martyrs on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11 am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey, followed by a Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Fatima. On Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30 am, there will be an extra Dominican Rite Sung Mass (EF) at 10.30 am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey. The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge will be providing the music for all the Masses. All these events are open to the public and are organised by YCA who are staying at the Abbey. *Damian Barker – Organiser of the Masses and Marian Procession.*

### **ADORE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL) ON SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 11 AM – 4 PM**

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11 am Rosary: 11.30 am Mass: 12.15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1 pm Shared lunch: 2 pm Praise & Worship: 2.30 pm Talk "The Gift of Faith" by Fr Anthony Meredith; 3.30 pm Prayer for healing. We end about 4 pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website: *www.altonrenewal.com*. Telephone *Deacon John Foley* on 07769 251747.

The following month, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, our guest speaker will be Kristina Cooper talking about "The greatest gift – Love".

### **LIFE**

LIFE would like to thank everyone who supported the recent jumble sale especially Terry Clarke and the ladies from St Joseph's UCM who helped on the day. The event raised £200 for the Bracknell Life House.

### **MARYFIELD CONVENT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME HAMPSHIRE, RG27 9LA**

The Dominican Sisters of Malta have been providing quality care and comfort to the elderly at Maryfield for over 50 years. Mass is celebrated daily in convent chapel. We are small, eighteen single rooms and presently have a vacancy. Fees competitive. To arrange a visit or if you would like further information, please call: 01256 762394, speak to *Trish Davies*.

### **FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE**

Calling: Parish Evangelisation Strategy Teams, attendees at Reading 'Called & Gifted' and all in parish ministry, to a day conference led by Bishop Philip and Katherine Coolidge of 'Called & Gifted' US. At the Parish Centre, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY at 9.30 am – 5 pm on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Talks on Becoming a parish of Disciples who Bear Fruit and developing a personal relationship with Jesus etc. Over half of the 120 seat capacity has been booked, contact Sheila in the Parish Office a.s.a.p. to book your place. Bring a packed lunch.

### **THANK YOU**

Charles Livingston is now recovering well from his operation on 31<sup>st</sup> August and would like to express his deepest thanks to all the parishioners here at St Joseph's parish for all their prayers and support. The power of prayer is a great miracle for all who believe.

**THE HIDDEN ABBEY PROJECT** invite you to a public meeting on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at St James Church at 7.30 pm. The aim is to update you on the progress of the project, especially on the results of the ground penetrating radar work and excavations carried out on the prison, St James church and Forbury Gardens. The Hidden Abbey STONES Project is being launched which tells of the significant stones from the Abbey which have now been discovered around Reading. Speakers to include Rt Rev Geoffrey Scott of Douai Abbey. *Entry free.*

### **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.*