

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10<sup>TH</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

*\*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, 10<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am	Ligia Lobo RIP
	<b>10.30 am*</b>	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	12 noon	Annie Ward RIP
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.30 am</b>	Terry Hadland RIP (Foundation Mass)
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October St Teresa of Avila, <i>Foundress, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>7 pm</b>	Steve Carey RIP
Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10 am</b>	Theresa Glas RIP
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Mrs Lourdina Pereira RIP & Mr Lucas Dias RIP
	8.30 am	People of the parish
	<b>10.30 am*</b>	Teresa Moore 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.*

**ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Maria Nichols, on behalf of Sr Veronica of the Dominican Sisters draws our attention to this initiative "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." It is to show that the trusting prayer of children can fly like an arrow straight to the heart of God and therefore has such great power. The worldwide common prayer of the rosary by children brings many graces upon the world and is a great blessing for families and the Church. This year's One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace and Unity in the World initiative takes place on Monday, 18th October...

This prayer initiative by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) aims to rekindle faith in the power of prayer. The worldwide campaign is an invitation to remember the words of Our Lady of Fatima that the childlike and trusting prayer of the rosary can truly change the world, defeat evil and bring peace. Praying the rosary together with children will strengthen unity in the Church and among peoples. We are all called to form one family across borders, united in prayer. Out of prayer grows love for God and neighbour. The rosary opens our hearts to concrete help for the persecuted, the needy and the poor in whom Christ himself suffers. Find out more on the One Million Children Praying the Rosary website and by clicking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EiWp1k7UMg>

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. 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, 15<sup>th</sup> October. *May Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.*



## **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](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 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](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

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### **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, Alexa Clarke and Ben Eedle. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office***

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## COLLECTION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> / 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£277.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£35.00
Toddler Group donation	£200.00
Loose Plate	£126.70
Home Mission Sunday	£13.00
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£92.60
World Mission Sunday	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£814.30</b>
<b><u>Running Totals</u></b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£152.60
Home Mission Sunday	£212.75
World Mission Sunday	£12.50

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

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021 - 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community are invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

### 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.*

### 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>

### 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*.

### 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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or calling to our *Appointment Service*, on 0800 389 3801, Monday through Thursday (10.30 am – 6 pm).

### MISSION MASS

Bishop Philip will be celebrating Mission Mass (Universal Mission Sunday) on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 12.15 pm at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. There will be a Mission talk after Mass. You are very welcome. For more details, please contact *Fr Innaiah Maddineni* Telephone No. 023 9237 6151 or email: [scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:scsp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

Country & Irish Music by FINBARR & PAUL on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Admission £5 from 1 pm. Music from 1.30 - 4.30 pm. FREE tea & coffee. Light refreshments at a nominal charge. For more info call *Paul 0777 301 6589*. Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Main Hall (Thomas Lane Hall), 338 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB).

### DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON POLITICS AND RELIGION

On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. It will be on-line. Two keynote speakers to tackle "Should Religion have a Role in Politics Today?" are Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg and Rt Hon Ruth Kelly. There will be workshops on Immigration, Homelessness, Diversity, On Being a Christian in the Front line of Politics, Climate Change and Catholic Social Teaching. For details on how to book go to: Politics and Religion: A Symposium Tickets, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am. | Eventbrite.

### 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.

### VOCATIONS

"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, trust in his grace to respond with a joyful "yes," and consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Contact *Cn. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

### SAY NO TO ASSISTED SUICIDE

*Bishop Philip writes ...*

Bishop John Sherrington, auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, wrote recently to ask our prayers, advocacy and action to thwart Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which comes before the House of Lords for its second reading and debate on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

The Catholic Church remains opposed to any form of assisted suicide. It is a crime against human life, and we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. We will scrutinise and continue to challenge this proposed legislation in the months ahead. We re-affirm our support for high quality end-of-life care, which includes spiritual and pastoral support for the one who is dying and their family. Such legislation arrives at a time when we have a growing elderly population, persistent exclusion and inequality for disabled people, and a very real health and social care crisis. Experience during the pandemic is also pertinent, especially the number of care home deaths and the use or 'misuse' of 'Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation' notices for elderly and disabled people. This context coupled with the textual vagueness of the Bill raises a number of serious questions about law and society's ability to protect the most vulnerable. How can the law ensure that a person is free from pressure from ending their life prematurely due to societal attitudes and perceptions about 'quality' or 'worth' of life? How can the law ensure person is acting voluntarily and not out of a sense of 'being a burden' to family, to health and social care services and to society?

Faced with suffering and illness, our response should be one of compassion. This finds expression in high-quality and holistic end of life care for the one who is dying and their family. Rather than assisting suicide and bringing care and life to an end, we should be working to ensure people have access to the very best of end-of-life care when they need it. Organisations and medical professionals have done much good work in debunking myths and popular perceptions around end-of-life care and what a 'a good death' can and does look like, there is much more to be done here. The provision of quality palliative care should be a priority and reality for all who have need of it. 'Assisted Dying' could be seen as a quick and cheap alternative to proper end-of-life care. Can we expect a full range of choice to be given to us, in the event of terminal illness, should this Bill make the statue books? It is also interesting to note that those working closest with people at the end of their lives, are often those most opposed to assisted suicide within the medical profession.

## TODAY IS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In the Gospel (Mark 10:17-30), Jesus advises the rich man to do something seemingly impossible: to sell everything, give it to the poor, and to follow him. Yet the rich man is not the only one who finds this command shocking. The disciples also express wonder at the conditions for entering the kingdom of God. Today, Jesus reminds us what it means to be saved: nothing we possess can save us. Nothing we achieve by ourselves can guarantee our entry into the eternal kingdom of God. It is Jesus Christ alone who makes our entry into the kingdom of God possible. He alone is worth following. He is the real treasure. With him, everything is possible.

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](#).



### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required ASAP. (Minimum qualification Level 2 preferably with SEN Experience) and 0.4 Lunch Time Controller. 27.5 hours per week (Grade/Salary C-D depending upon experience) + 2 hours per week with possible overtime (Grade B). Term time only.

### TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required ASAP. (Minimum qualification Level 2 preferably with SEN Experience) for a term, starting 1<sup>st</sup> November. 27.5 hours per week (Grade/Salary C-D depending upon experience). Term time only.

Please visit our website for our virtual tour and give us a ring if you would like to have a chat or if you need any further information - 0118 942 2003. Closing Date: Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Interviews: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

### VIVA VOCE AUTUMN 2021

The autumn edition of our quarterly Diocesan Newsletter is available this weekend. This autumn edition has a special focus on the work of our Framework Teams, such as Caritas, Ananias Project, Spirituality and the Dialogue with Cultural Sectors – all the good work being one across the parishes and schools of the Diocese. Read the inspiring stories and testimonies of those working for the Lord in his service. We thank all those who volunteered to deliver these newsletters.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED BY FR STEPHEN WANG

Fr Stephen Wang, recently appointed Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome and formerly chaplain to London University, has just published a new book: Sycamore: The Catholic Faith Explained (London, CTS: 2021 [ISBN 978 1 78469 616 0]). It has 20 short chapters that explain the central beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity for those who are exploring the faith for the first time and for those who want to deepen the faith they already have. Sycamore looks into the search for happiness, the existence of God, the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church, the Bible, the gift of faith and the power of prayer. Other topics include the meaning of love, the seven sacraments, the moral and social teachings of the Church, Christian vocations, the Virgin Mary and the Saints, life after death and the hope of heaven. It is written in a conversational style, with stories and examples to bring the ideas to life and has over 100 illustrations. The book can be read on its own or used by those following the Sycamore course in their parish or community.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST TERESA

Officially listed in the calendar as St Teresa of Jesus, she is better known as Teresa of Avila, the city where she was born in 1515. Avila, or to give it its full name, Avila de los Caballeros [Avila of the Knights] is in Spain about seventy miles north-west of Madrid.

Teresa joined the Carmelites in her early teens and after about twenty-five years, with the help of St Peter of Alcantara (her spiritual director) and St John of the Cross, reformed the Carmelite Order. Her outstanding works of theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church by St Pope Paul VI in 1970, the first female Doctor. She died in 1582 and was canonized forty years later by Pope Gregory XV, and is one of the secondary patron saints of Spain [St James being the first].

Teresa wrote many prayers and poems. A prayer written by her which many people pray in times of distress is:

*Let nothing disturb you  
Let nothing frighten you  
All things are passing away  
God never changes  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing  
God alone suffices*

Saint Teresa of Avila is the patron saint of headache sufferers, though I am not sure if that includes self-inflicted ones. *St Teresa of Avila - pray for us.*  
Mike Tomas.