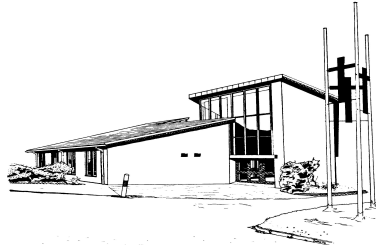


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

My dear friends,

Help wanted! There is a well-known biblical quote namely:

“The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few”.

Mindful of this quote, there are many ministries in our parish that are in need of your support, particularly:

### **READERS**

It is an honour to read the scripture in the church; a blessing and a privilege to read at Mass. We are in need of more readers.

### **WELCOMERS/CHURCH CLEANERS**

Two vital ministries to be undertaken, which I am sure all parishioners appreciate.

### **WANTED! NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

As indicated last week, our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am - 1.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before 20th February 2017. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers – date to be confirmed, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

If you will kindly think and pray about volunteering for one or more of these ministries, please submit your contact details to Sheila in the Parish Office or ***add them to the clipboard which is available in the church porch.***

You will receive abundant blessings from the Good Lord.

***Fr Peter***

**MASS INTENTIONS: 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	8.30 am	Michael Hoban RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>St John Bosco, Founder</i>	12 noon	Trevor & Cyril Williams RIP
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	12 noon	Margaret Lowry RIP
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	5 – 6.30 pm 7 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group Mr V V George RIP & Mrs Leelamma Cherian RIP
<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10 am	People of the parish
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: “How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.</b>		

**COLLECTIONS FOR 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Gift Aid:	£1,113.89
Planned Giving:	£100.50
Loose Plate	£283.56
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Candles	£41.62
Mass Stole fees	£70.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£10.00
Repository	£20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,649.57</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
Divine Mercy	£222.07
TF3 (CAFOD)	£305.00
Christmas Collection	£2,571.22

**REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS**

5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
February	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP

**READING & CENTRAL BERKS**

**MACMILLAN COMMITTEE**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm here at St Joseph's. Tickets £7 each person. Maximum team 6 per table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For tickets ring 0780 921 4015.

A few pocket diaries 2017 are left at the back of the church – please help yourself!
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**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, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Patricia Kusta, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas & Ashley Gilbert. If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names\*\* will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*\*\* Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.\*\**

**REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat such as, ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew, Fray Bentos pies in tins.
- Tinned soup, instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals.
- Tinned vegetables.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks.
- Men's warm winter coats, in good condition.
- Warm hats, in good condition.

All donated food items must have a long “use by” date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

**THE CATENIANS ASSOCIATION -  
STRENGTHENING FAMILY LIFE THROUGH  
FRIENDSHIP & FAITH**

The Catenian Bursary Fund gives cash grants to help young volunteers with their costs. Applicants aged 16 - 24 and wishing to help with a Catholic/Christian project at home or abroad or as a helper on a trip to Lourdes or helping HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust), the Bursary fund may be able to contribute to your expenses. Bursary Grants awarded according to the merits of each individual application with a contribution of £45 for helpers in Lourdes and £75 for HCPT helpers. Bursary Awards for those on projects are of £150 and upwards depending on the duration of the project, plus meeting additional criteria, e.g. a minimum of 15 days working on a project.

Visit The Catenian Association Bursary Fund website [www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com) for application forms and guidance notes. Forms should be returned to [bursary@thecatenians.com](mailto:bursary@thecatenians.com). For additional information, email [bursary@thecatenians.com](mailto:bursary@thecatenians.com) or contact me *Frank Hogan* a member of *Reading Catenians*. My email is [frankchogan@gmail.com](mailto:frankchogan@gmail.com) or phone *07774 854820*. The Catenians Association Bursary Fund Limited, is a Registered Charity.

**FLAME - CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT**

11th March 2017 at The SSE Arena, Wembley, 12 noon - 5.30 pm. For young people aged 14 - 21 years (Year 10+) accompanied by parish youth Leaders. Tickets £20 pp. Transport by coach and Diocesan "Hoodie" paid for by the parish. Booking forms available soon. Closing date 1st February 2017. See website [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2).

**CALLED AND GIFTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Teaching Presentations - For young adults from around the Diocese (18 - 35 years) on Saturday, 4th February from 10.30 am - 7 pm at Southampton University. Please see posters in church porch for more details.

**IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

IGNITE Youth Group are going to be hosting their very own 'Winter Olympics'! If you would like to be part of 'IGNITE Team 2017', please join us on Friday, 10th February between 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the parish hall. We have some fantastic games lined up - Gold, Silver or Bronze ... which one will you go home with? Crispy Crème Donuts and refreshments will be served to all athletes. New faces are always welcomed, so please invite your friends! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on *07740 547922* or email [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

**WALKING THE CAMINO**

From Reading, 13th - 20th September 2017. Flight: Stanstead - Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 - 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Information evening on Thursday, 9th February in St James RG1 3FD at 7.30 pm. If you wish, you are welcome to ring *Terry Clarke* on *0118 942 7858*, for any further information.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC?  
IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN  
THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on *942 7436* or email [brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk](mailto:brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**23RD - 28TH JULY 2017**

Following a successful parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last year, Fr Michael Dennehy, Parish Priest at English Martyrs, will again lead us in a further pilgrimage in July this year. This will include Mass at the Grotto, attendance at the International Mass, individual time for prayer, the baths and reconciliation. If you would like more information on the trip, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, 8th February starting at 7.30 pm, at English Martyrs Parish Centre. If you would like further information please email *Judith* on [judithjan29@gmail.com](mailto:judithjan29@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE CARE**

Marriage Preparation Facilitators & Head of Centre are needed. Please visit for full details: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked-in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups & individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* anytime on *07740 175557* or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

