

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17TH OCTOBER 2021

Today is 29th Sunday of the Year and the Gospel is Mark 10:35-45. In the Christian life, we quickly find that everything is upside down: the rich are poor and the poor are rich, the masters are slaves and the slaves masters, the first are last and the last, first. In fact, Jesus himself is the first one who made himself 'upside down' for us. Being God, he became man. Being rich, he became poor. Being Lord, he became servant. Being Life, he suffered death. Now he teaches his disciples James and John – and all of us – to do the same. This is the logic of love, the logic of God who gives himself to us and has come to serve us.

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](#), catch up on our [podcast site](#), or watch on [YouTube](#).

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17TH – 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Sunday, 17 th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Mrs Lourdina Pereira RIP & Mr Lucas Dias RIP
	8.30 am	People of the parish
	10.30 am*	Teresa Moore RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 18 th October ST LUKE, Evangelist	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19 th October	12 noon	Stanislaw Glas' intentions
Wednesday, 20 th October	12 noon	Fr Peter's intentions
Thursday, 21 st October	9.30 am	Souls in Purgatory
	4 pm	Coffin of Hilary Cameron to be received into church
Friday, 22 nd October	1.30 pm	Funeral: Hilary Cameron RIP
	7 pm	Rosemary Emms RIP
Saturday, 23 rd October	10 am	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions
Sunday, 24 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Frances Doheny RIP
	8.30 am	People of the parish
	10.30 am*	Maurice O' Brien RIP

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

HILARY CAMERON RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Hilary Cameron. Hilary's coffin will be received into church on Thursday, 21st October at 4 pm. Hilary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 22nd October at 1.30 pm, followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium at 3 pm. The family has requested that everyone wear face masks in church and at the crematorium (*numbers limited at crematorium*), and please do not feel that you have to wear black for this celebration of Hilary's life.

ALL SAINTS DAY - SOLEMNITY

Sunday, 31st October – The usual weekend Masses will be celebrated

ALL SOULS DAY

Tuesday, 2nd November - We commemorate all the faithful departed.
Masses will be celebrated at 12 noon & 7 pm.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

<u>SATURDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER</u>	
Purley Burial Ground	12.30 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm
St Mary's, Purley	1.20 pm
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
<u>SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER</u>	
Henley Road Cemetery	3 pm

NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive the petitions. **Please do not place any offerings in the basket.** Any such offerings should be referred to *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. The following seven designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

1	Tuesday, 2 nd	12 noon
2	Thursday, 4 th	9.30 am
3	Wednesday, 10 th	12 noon
4	Saturday, 13 th	10 am
5	Tuesday, 16 th	12 noon
6	Friday, 19 th	7 pm
7	Thursday, 25 th	9.30 am

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. *May Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.*

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, 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.**

COLLECTION FOR 9TH/10TH OCTOBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£211.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£199.51
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£110.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£535.51
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
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>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021 - 24TH 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 VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 6th 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.*

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are available on the website or can be sent to you by email. Contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office if you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week. A few paper copies will be in the porch for people who do not have access to the internet or emails. SVP members will deliver newsletters to the housebound only. Any housebound parishioner can request delivery by contacting *Sheila*.

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.

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.*

MISSION MASS

Bishop Philip will be celebrating Mission Mass (Universal Mission Sunday) on Tuesday, 19th 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

**** St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 19th October ****

SCIENCE & RELIGION

A talk by Fr Andrew Pinsent at the English Martyrs parish hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, RG30 2EB, at 7 pm on Saturday, 30th October.

Fr Andrew is both a Scientist and a Catholic Priest. For a number of years, Fr Andrew worked as a particle physicist at CERN. Since becoming a priest, he currently heads the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. He is also a Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. Feel free to bring family and friends - *All are welcome*. There is no need to register. For more details, email: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN SYMPOSIUM ON POLITICS AND RELIGION

On Saturday, 6th November, 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, 6th November at 10 am. | Eventbrite.

VOCATIONS

"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

MARRIAGE CARE

Are you a natural, empathic listener, looking for an opportunity to develop and use your skills to help couples in distress? Marriage Care in Reading is looking for volunteer counsellors. We will train you on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) providing you with all the skills, knowledge and practical experience you need to start counselling couples safely and effectively. For the right candidate this will be a life-changing opportunity to train and volunteer within a supportive, nurturing and inspiring community and make the world of difference to couples and families. For further details visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or contact *Sue Cooper* at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org

THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The current members of the UCM at St Joseph's have sadly decided to close the foundation. With a dwindling membership and a shortage of leaders to run it, full membership of the organisation is no longer viable. However, they will continue as a social group, planning to meet monthly for a chat and catch up. Initially, the meetings will be at The Mad Hatters Café from 2 - 3.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month; the next being 10th November.

PASSING ON LOVE FOR THE EUCHARIST TO OUR CHILDREN

In this Year of the Eucharist, our Formation for Mission Team is offering an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families. We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with Adoration. The sessions will run on **Mondays, from 22nd November - 13th December at 7 pm**. The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist
2. Going to Mass as a Family
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist

Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYucOmsqDgoGN1pyBB7YAfhGV4_u8kemJ8e

WORKSHOPS FOR PARISH READERS

Two workshops to equip parish readers will be offered on **Saturdays 4th & 11th December, from 10 am - 1 pm**. The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with a specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word, as well as the Reading Skills necessary for parish readers. The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. Both workshops are led by a diocesan team: Deacon Martin McElroy from Winchester, Claire Tickell from Southampton and Sr Hyacinthe from the Lynton Dominican Sisters. Both workshops involve small group discussions. To complete the training, awarded with a diocesan *Recognitio*, a reading practice with a diocesan listener is required. The details for arranging for the 1:1, 15 minutes practice are given during the workshops. For new and seasoned readers, especially now as we're getting back to church. Find out more and register here for the workshops: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

The Dominican Sisters are launching a new initiative this Advent, to mark the Year of the Eucharist, called Wednesday Communion. This weekly online meeting with the sisters will consist of: A time of shared Lectio Divina on the first reading of the coming Sunday (especially helpful for readers!), A time of fellowship, getting to know each other and share our stories, A time of intercession for each other, for the Church and for the world, A time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through the sisters' livestream in their chapel. We hope that you'll take this opportunity to join us whenever you can on Wednesday. We hope this will be a precious time of fellowship and prayer, in communion with Jesus, present in his Word and Sacrament. Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/wednesday-communion>

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS – 19TH OCTOBER

St Paul of the Cross (Paolo Francesco Danei) was born near Genoa, [about 312 miles northwest of Rome] in 1694. On Tuesday, we celebrate the optional memorial of him, the founder of the Passionists, an order centred on the Cross and Passion of Christ.

He came from a very devout family, and, at an early age, committed himself to a life of religion and austerity. Paolo renounced the chance of both marriage and inheriting a vast family fortune. He prayed for guidance as to which direction his religious zeal should lead him. In 1720, Paolo received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a black habit with the name of Jesus and a cross in white. She told him to found an order whose purpose was to focus on Christ's passion. The Order still wears the same habit today.

Paolo went to Rome to seek approval for his new Order; it was initially rejected, but later approved. He had a special interest in England and regularly prayed for its conversion. Blessed Dominic Barbari, who received St John Henry Newman into the Church, was a Passionist [Blessed Dominic died in Reading in 1849]. On his deathbed, Paolo urged his followers to remember the words of Jesus: "by this all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love one for another". He died in 1775 and was canonized in 1867 by Pope Pius IX. *St Paul of the Cross - pray for us.*

Mike Tomas

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>



NEWS FROM BAMENDA

Jo Overton, Chair of our Bamenda-Portsmouth Committee brings us the latest update from our twin diocese

Three or four years ago, Bamenda Committee members were happily reviewing progress made on our collaborative project for a new health centre at Bamessing. The community greeted us warmly and welcomed us in to the first phase building which was already operating with a few dedicated staff. It is all the more shocking therefore to hear that last month government forces killed four separatists in the main town of Bamenda and that separatist fighters subsequently launched a combined IED and rocket-propelled grenade attack on an army convoy in Bamessing village which killed 15 elite army unit soldiers. Around the same time a three-week lockdown was announced by a faction of the separatist movement and people were prohibited from going about their normal daily lives. This is the reality that our brothers and sisters are living with in our twin Archdiocese. As we approach Bamenda Sunday, please keep them in your prayers and raise your own and others' awareness of this neglected conflict.

"SINGING CAFÉ"

"Singing Café", aimed at the 50+ age group. We will meet on Thursday mornings (except half term week, 28th October) at 10.30 am at the Reading Music Centre (at Prospect School on Cockney Hill), and the sessions involve around 45 minutes of singing for fun followed by a cuppa and chat. Sessions are currently free!! *Mary Klymenko, Berkshire Maestros: www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk*

All Saints' Day Children's Party
Sunday 31 October 12.30pm
(until 3.30pm)

Fancy Dress
come as your
favourite saint!
Prizes for the best
(Visit catholic.org/saints
for inspiration)

Entertainment
and music

Divine Mercy
at 3.00pm

Food provided
(Donations welcome - please
contact the office if you'd
like to make something)

All welcome - not just for Catholics!

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Sunday, 31st October from 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm Children's All Saints party: In order to promote Good Spirit of All Saints Day & All Souls Days, Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi parish is organizing an event in the parish hall, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints, and there is a prize for the best dressed saint.