

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24TH OCTOBER 2021

TODAY is 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.

In the Gospel today (Mark 10:46-52) we hear how Bartimaeus the blind man overcame every physical and social obstacle in reaching out to Jesus. He was right to do so. Jesus restored his sight. In return, Bartimaeus became a disciple and followed Jesus on the way. 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, 24TH – 31ST OCTOBER 2021

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
Monday, 25 th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 26 th October	12 noon	Tessie Joyce RIP & Mick Joyce RIP
Wednesday, 27 th October	12 noon	Chrissie Doyle RIP
Thursday, 28 th October SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles	9.30 am	Theresa Glas RIP
Friday, 29 th October	7 pm	Hilary Cameron RIP
Saturday, 30 th October Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Dominic Clark's intentions (Foundation Mass)
	3 pm	Polish Healing Mass
Sunday, 31 st October ALL SAINTS, solemnity	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerald & Julie MacMahon's intentions
	8.30 am	Christine & Roy Fisher RIP
	10.30 am*	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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



** Reminder: Next weekend, clocks go back one hour! **

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 10 am *at St Paul's School*, 12 noon & 7 pm *in church*.

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

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



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.*

COLLECTION FOR 16TH/17TH OCTOBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£324.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,733.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£152.41
Loose Plate	£164.55
World Mission Sunday	£20.00
Home Mission Sunday	£3.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
TOTAL	£2,506.96
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Home Mission Sunday	£225.25
World Mission Sunday	£37.50

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>

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*.

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.*

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.*

**** St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 26th 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

"What do you want Me to do you for you?" What do you ask of the Lord? If you are looking for clarity in your vocation contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence after Christmas with the Confirmation ceremony taking place the following year: Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the Parish Office.

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_u8keml8e

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 Lymington 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>

NIGHT OF LIGHT (HALLOWEEN ALTERNATIVE)

At the English Martyrs Church, Reading, on Sunday, 31st October from 6 pm – 8 pm: 6 - 6.30 pm - Praise and Worship, 6.30 pm – 7 pm - Rosary procession, 7 pm – 8 pm - Fun, Food and Games, Hot Dogs, Games and Goodie Bags for all Children. Some may like to wear an item of clothing, in communion with the Saints. Children may wish to dress up in white angel costumes or like their favourite saints. Donations of sweets are welcome at the English Martyrs Parish Office, or on the night.

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!

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Parish (Main Hall)
338 Wokingham Road Earley RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB)
T 0118 986 3711 E office@olop.org.uk W olop.org.uk

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.

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>

"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*

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

SS CHAD & CEDD, BISHOPS – 26TH OCTOBER

We all know that boundary lines have to be drawn somewhere, but did you know that you could go to the Channel Islands and not leave the Diocese but travel the short distance to Caversham and be in a different one? I mention this because Our Lady and St Anne's, approximately five miles from St Joseph's, is in Birmingham Diocese, whose Cathedral is dedicated to St Chad.

St Chad, who together with his brother St Cedd (pronounced Ce ed h) is the optional memorial we celebrate on Tuesday.

These two brothers were monks of Lindisfarne [a beautiful island off the coast of Northumberland]. Both became bishops in the 7th century. Cedd founded an abbey in Lastingham, North Yorkshire. Chad later succeeded him as Abbot of Lastingham, and later became the Archbishop of York.

However, Chad had a dispute with Theodore (later Saint Theodore) the Archbishop of Canterbury, and was removed from York but allowed to continue his episcopate in Lichfield in the West Midlands.

St Cedd, who died in 664, is the patron saint of Essex, having founded a monastery there. St Chad, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is the patron saint of disputed elections having survived controversy over his own election as Bishop, he died in 672.

Relics of St Chad are now preserved in St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, the first Catholic Cathedral erected in this country after the Reformation. *Saint Chad & Saint Cedd - pray for us.*

Mike Tomas



A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD:

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November. There are prayer cards in the church porch; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

The First Holy Communion programme will start in January 2022. Preparation sessions will be held at St Paul's School, although they will be open to any child, regardless of school attended. The date for First Holy Communion will be towards the end of May 2022. *Further details will follow after half-term break.*