

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK: 5 – 11TH NOVEMBER

Gifts in your will are a very valuable and lasting way that you can continue to support the Church's ministry, and help meet the needs of future generations. Please do consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your will. For more information, please pick up a leaflet from the church porch, contact *Your Catholic Legacy* on 020 7095 5370 or go to www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I am able to tell you that our long-term parishioner, John O'Shea who died on 11th November 2016, has kindly left our parish of St Joseph's, a legacy in the sum of £20,861.02. It was John's specific wish that the money should only be used for St Joseph's parish and the amount, therefore, is to be set aside for this sole purpose. Those of you who knew John will remember him as a kindly and gentle person whose love for the Good Lord was clear for all to witness.

To show our appreciation, and the love that John had for St Joseph's parish, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for John's generosity which will be celebrated on Sunday, 3rd December at 8.30 am. *All are welcome.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2017 – SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 5th November	8.30am	John O'Shea RIP
	10.30 am	Deceased members of the Ibañez Mate family RIP & Gene Iganatowski RIP
Monday, 6th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 7th November	12 noon	Gene Iगतowski RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Wednesday, 8th November	12 noon	Leonilda Figueira RIP
Thursday, 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 10th November <i>St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	7 pm	John O'Shea RIP
Saturday, 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop</i>	10 am	Annie Kate Walshe RIP & Thomas Walshe RIP
Sunday, 12th November	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP
	10.30 am	Joseph Naughton RIP

BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday: 9.30am - 10am

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS

Saturday: Following 10am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: "Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord".

COLLECTIONS FOR 29TH OCTOBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,069.00
Planned Giving	£94.00
Loose Plate	£337.02
Candles	£39.98
Mass Stole Fees	£80.00
World Mission Sunday	£32.59
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,667.59
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£400.03
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
World Mission Sunday	£413.13
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£648.76
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 12th November will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 12th November will be Eileen Kerrigan.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special collection TODAY for Bamenda.

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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Catherine's** on 8th November at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

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.*

BRIDIE NAUGHTON RIP

The family of Bridie Naughton would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass cards and condolences on the recent loss of their mother. *May she rest in peace.*

TOM MCKEOWN – BENEMERENTI MEDAL

We offer our sincere congratulations to Tom who will be presented with the Benemerenti Papal Medal at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 26th November. The medal has been awarded to Tom in acknowledgement of his many dedicated years of service in respect of buildings and maintenance work in our parish of St Joseph's. Fr Peter invites you all to join in this presentation to Tom followed by a celebration cake in the hall after the 10.30 am Mass – CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

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 from 9.30 am – 5 pm on Saturday, 18th 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* or *Amanda* at ashorten@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your space. Bring a packed lunch.

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, Mary O'Shea and Mary Hoban. *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.*

MINISTRY FAIR

On 19th November, after both Masses, we will be holding a Ministry Fair in the hall. This is an opportunity for everyone and every group that is active in our church and community to share some information with other parishioners about what they do. It is also a request for more volunteers to join an existing team or to introduce something new. Our church is a wonderful, dynamic, parish and each and every one of us should be involved in some way. There are so many ways that we can help. So please do make a note to attend the fair after Mass on the 19th November, to appreciate just how many volunteers we have hard at work and to see how you can offer your help and share your talents.

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 2nd December, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th November at 2.30 pm at the home of *Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close.*

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 remaining designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Sunday, 12 th	8.30 am
Tuesday, 14 th	12 noon
Saturday, 18 th	10 am
Tuesday, 21 st	12 noon
Friday, 24 th	7 pm
Tuesday, 28 th	12 noon

BLESSING OF GRAVES – NOVEMBER

The annual Blessing of Graves during the month of the Holy Souls will take place on the following Saturdays/Sundays:

St Michael's Churchyard	11 th	12 noon
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	11 th	1 pm
Purley Burial Ground	11 th	1.45 pm
Henley Road Cemetery	12 th	3 pm

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 1st 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.*

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

Regular sessions will be held on the first Thursday of the month (excluding school holidays). The session will begin at 3.45 pm and will last approximately 45 mins. Please can I remind parents that it is your responsibility to keep your child's alb laundered. *Mike Tomas – 0770 803 2743.*

MATILDA THE EMPRESS PLAY

BY READING BETWEEN THE LINES

From 2nd – 18th November at St James' Church. The sequel to RBL's 2016 award winning King Henry I of England, Matilda the Empress weaves an epic story of politics, love & intrigue, amidst a backdrop of terror, anarchy & a desperate bid for survival by the ordinary people of Reading.

Tickets are available from:

booking.readingbetweenthelines.co.uk

The Posada (travelling crib) will be touring the parish again this Advent starting on Sunday, 3rd December. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please sign the rota in the porch where you also find some more information about the Posada.

CATHOLIC POCKET DIARIES 2018

Available at the back of the church - Cost: £2 each. *Please place payment in plastic pouch provided.*

CAKE SALE

Many thanks to those who supported the recent cake sale at which we raised £268.15 for the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda. This, together with money from our Sunday coffee sessions, means that we will be able to send £500 to the Sisters – enough for them to buy two plots of land, which is a great result.

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

A Mass of Remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday, 19th November at 10 am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. *Everyone is welcome.*

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We currently have available an electric armchair in excellent condition. If you know of someone who would benefit from this please let us know. Should transport be a problem, we should be able to help move the item. Please contact SVP member, *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Advent Discussion Group at St Catherine's at 7 pm on Sundays, 19th & 26th November and 3rd & 10th December. *All are welcome.*

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

We try to keep the church open, but because of security this is not always possible. If you are unsure and you wish to visit the church, please telephone the Parish Office, so that you do not have a wasted journey.