

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) – 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

BAMENDA SUNDAY

On Bamenda Sunday (6th/7th November), we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for the six priests we have on loan here from the Archdiocese. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please read the attached Bamenda Newsletter for an update on the situation and some examples of this year's project applications. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! Donations can also be made securely online: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

[Donate - Bamenda and Portsmouth](#) Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers and be as generous as you can in your donation for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese in Cameroon. www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £6 per month would help an orphaned or vulnerable child attend primary school. *Many thanks!*

PLENARY INDULGENCE - NOVEMBER

A Catholic who wishes to obtain a plenary indulgence must also fulfil the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are: 1. Sacramental Confession. 2. Reception of the Eucharist. 3. Prayer for the intentions of the Pope. Sacramental confession and reception of the Eucharist can occur within a week of the indulgenced act.

In the month of November, the Church has two traditional means of obtaining a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory: 1. To visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day, which is 1st - 8th November. 2. To piously visit a church or oratory on the Feast of All Souls' Day, 2nd November and recite the Our Father and the Creed. Both indulgences must include the three ordinary conditions and full detachment from sin.

The Vatican also said that, because of the pandemic, the elderly, the sick, and others who cannot leave the house for serious reasons can participate in the indulgence from home by reciting prayers for the deceased before an image of Jesus or the Virgin Mary. They must also spiritually unite themselves to other Catholics, be completely detached from sin, and have the intention of fulfilling the ordinary conditions as soon as possible.

The Vatican's decree offered examples of prayers that homebound Catholics can pray for the dead, including lauds or vespers of the Office for the Dead, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for deceased among their family or friends, or performing a work of mercy by offering their pain and discomfort to God.

**MAKE SURE YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR FAITH. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM DOUBT,
AND ISOLATE YOURSELF FROM FEAR. TRUST IN GOD THROUGH IT ALL.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday, 7 th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Eileen Drake RIP
	8.30 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP (Foundation Mass)
	10.30 am*	Margaret Chaplin RIP
Monday, 8 th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 9 th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA , feast	12 noon	Graham Ward RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday, 10 th November St Leo the Great , Pope, Doctor of the Church	12 noon	Deceased members of the parish (3)
Thursday, 11 th November St Martin of Tours , Religious, Bishop	9.30 am	Theresa Glas RIP
Friday, 12 th November St Josaphat , Bishop, Martyr	7 pm	Deceased members of the Ibañez-Mate family & Gene Ignatowski RIP (Foundation Mass)
Saturday, 13 th November Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Deceased members of the parish (4)
Sunday, 14 th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	5 pm (Vigil)	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions
	8.30 am	Deceased members of the Rato & Rodrigues families RIP
	10.30 am*	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron 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 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER	
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 designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Wednesday, 10 th	12 noon
Saturday, 13 th	10 am
Tuesday, 16 th	12 noon
Friday, 19 th	7 pm
Thursday, 25 th	9.30 am

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 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.***

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 - 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.

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



JADWIGA WLASAK RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Jadwiga Wlasak who died recently. Jadwiga's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 19th November at 12.15 pm, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium South Chapel at 1.45 pm. Please pray for the repose of Jadwiga's soul.

COLLECTION FOR 30TH/31ST OCTOBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£416.00
Gift Aid (bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£25.00
Planned Giving (bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£659.22
World Mission Sunday	£179.70
Repository	£162.65
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£2,117.57
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Home Mission Sunday	£212.75
World Mission Sunday	£246.20

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>

REPOSITORY

Please complete the sign-up sheet in the church porch, if you would like to volunteer to help run the Repository around specific Mass times. **The Repository is now fully stocked. Please see our Christmas cards and Advent calendars for sale. It is open after the following Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

New Christmas cards are now available from Pax Christi: Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into Christmas cards. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p from: [HTTPS://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/](https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/)

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.*

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.

VOCATIONS

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself". Are you being called to a life of service as a priest or consecrated religious? 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 organization 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.

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.*

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 4th December 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are hoping to resume Children's Liturgy sessions at 10.30 am Mass on the Feast of Christ the King (21st November). We have a team of volunteers to lead the sessions, but would like to recruit some more people to assist them on a rota basis. If you could help in this way, or would even be interested in becoming a Leader, please contact me by email (ann.epps@ntlworld.com) or text (0798 919 2833), as soon as possible. *Ann Epps.*

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

2nd Thursday of every month (11th November, 9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 10th March) - Country & Irish Music by FINBARR & PAUL. Admission £5 from 1 pm. Music from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. FREE tea & coffee. Light refreshments at a nominal charge. For more information, call *Paul* 0777 301 6589. Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Main Hall (Thomas Lane Hall) Reading RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB)

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE:

"IS THERE A THEOLOGY OF FASHION?"

(On Zoom) - Monday, 15th November from 19.30 - 21.00. Zoom meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541. *No booking, all welcome.*

PASSING ON LOVE FOR THE EUCHARIST TO OUR CHILDREN

Sr Hyacinthe OP, Leader of our Formation for Mission Team shares news of an exciting new online course to support our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist beginning next month on Monday evenings

In this Year of the Eucharist, our Formation for Mission Team is delighted to offer 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 evenings 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.

You can register for 'Passing on love for the Eucharist to our children' [here](#).

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 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*.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES

Please take a catalogue home and share with family and friends. World Gifts are a wonderful way for our parish to share the peace and joy of Christmas with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

TRAVEL COTS

We have two travel cots which we would be delighted to give to anyone who needs one or both of them. They are in good condition, easy to put up, and fold up nice and small. Suitable for babies and toddlers. Please contact *Parish Office* if interested. *Colin and Brigid Parkes.*