

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) - 14TH NOVEMBER 2021



This Sunday, 14th November is Remembrance Sunday when we commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and since. The Day is kept on the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November, Armistice Day, the end of hostilities in the First World War in 1918. It is usually kept by two minutes' silence at 11 am. Across the land, there will be numerous ceremonies at local war memorials in most cities, towns and villages, attended by civic dignitaries, ex-servicemen and women, members of the Royal British Legion and other veterans' organisations, and members of local armed forces regular and reserve units, military cadet forces and youth organisations such as the Boys and Girls Brigades. Representatives of the Judiciary lay wreaths at local War Memorials throughout the country. Wreaths of remembrance poppies are laid on the memorials. The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because in the midst of the filth and mud in the fields of Flanders, they were the flowers which, despite it all, grew on the battlefields.

THIS SUNDAY'S LITURGY

In the Gospel (Mark 13:24-32), Jesus tells us about the last days, and about his return at the end of time. Our faith in the second coming of Christ corresponds to a very deep aspiration in the human heart: the longing for life free from sin and death, the longing for justice, the longing for love and mercy. All these desires are planted in us, and will be finally fulfilled on that day, when we see God face to face in the light of glory.

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.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

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
Monday, 15 th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 16 th November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON , Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese	12 noon	Deceased members of the parish (5)
Wednesday, 17 th November	12 noon	Maureen Hanson RIP
Thursday, 18 th November	9.30 am	John Lewis Hadland RIP (Foundation Mass)
Friday, 19 th November	12.15 pm	Funeral: Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
	7 pm	Deceased members of the parish (6)
Saturday, 20 th November Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Sunday, 21 st November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	5 pm (Vigil)	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am	Hilary Cameron RIP
	10.30 am*	Deceased members of the UCM RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

* 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.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - TODAY AT 3 PM - HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY

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:

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

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.

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, Advent calendars, plus other Christmas items will be on sale in the small hall after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, 20th November and Sunday, 21st November after the 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses. Please come along.

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>

COLLECTION FOR 6TH/7TH NOVEMBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£207.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£45.00
Loose Plate	£219.61
World Mission Sunday	£15.00
Bamenda Sunday	£254.50
Candle Money	£133.11
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
TOTAL	£934.22
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Home Mission Sunday	£212.75
World Mission Sunday	£264.95
Bamenda Sunday	£288.00

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

We are pleased to let you know that we will begin our preparation sessions for the Sacrament in January. They will take place on Saturday mornings at St Paul's School, and will be for children only. If you have children in Year 3 or above who have not yet made their First Communion and would like to join us, please complete and return the attached Enrolment Form as soon as possible, but by 19th November at the latest. Details of dates and times will be confirmed at a later date.

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.

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*.

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

Children's Liturgy will resume at 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 21st November, the feast of Christ the King. The sessions are held in the main hall and are for children aged 3 - 11 years, but younger children are also very welcome, if accompanied by an adult. One of the Leaders will be in the porch before Mass starts; please register your child with them as you arrive if you and/or your child would like to attend. The children will leave the church at the beginning of Mass and return in time for the Offertory.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

On the second Thursday of every month (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](#).

Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP - Formation for Mission Team Leader - Department for Evangelisation. Telephone No. 0159 068 1874

ST ALBERT,

PATRON OF STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS

Next Monday, 15th November is the Memorial of St Albert the Great (1200 - 1280), the teacher of St Thomas Aquinas and a mediaeval scientist and man of great learning. He came from Swabia and while studying at the University of Padua in 1223, he rejected his inheritance and joined the recently founded Dominican order. After his own studies, he spent his time teaching theology, mainly in Cologne, where he tutored St Thomas Aquinas and quickly became known and respected for his erudition and understanding. Albert recognised early the genius of his pupil and the two men became close friends and intellectual soulmates, until Aquinas's death in 1274. Both were pioneers of the scholastic method of learning, applying the principles of Aristotle to theology and insisting on the separate but interrelated nature of faith and reason. In 1254, Albert was appointed the Prior Provincial of the Dominicans and personal theologian to the pope, but he was unsuited to administration and in 1257 resigned. He returned to study and developed a systematic curriculum for the Dominicans. In 1260, against his wishes, he was appointed the Bishop of Ratisbon, a post he held the sea for two years but again finding himself unsuited to administration, he resigned and returned to teaching and writing. At the Council of Lyons in 1274, he called for reconciliation between the Eastern churches and Rome. In 1278, a memory lapse signified the start of a degenerative illness that led two years later to his death in Cologne. He left an immense legacy of writings on a vast variety of subjects, together with an enduring tradition of philosophical analysis. Albert was canonised in 1931 and declared a doctor at the church by Pius XI, who also named him patron of students and patron of the natural sciences.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Christine Wall writes: Before the closure of the parish UCM foundation, it was arranged that the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 21st November would be offered for the repose of the souls of its deceased members. Always our friends and in or prayers; those whose dying is known to us are:

Sheila Roberts	(1999),
Annie Beale	(2000),
Angela Macbeth	(2001),
Pat Toner	(2012),
Therese Labrosse	(2014),
Audrey Pearson	(2015),
Peggy Winship	(2016),
Terry Hadland	(2017),
Colleen Collins	(2019),
Rita Williams	(2020),
Maureen Hanson	(2020),
Maureen Murphy	(2021),
Margaret Chaplin	(2021).



APF NEWS

APF collection money is now due. If you are able to empty your own box, please write a cheque for the appropriate amount, place it in an envelope marked APF, and hand it in to the *Parish Office*. Cheques should be made payable to Missio APF. If you are unable to do this, please contact me on 0770 803 2743. The autumn magazines and the 2022 calendars are available at the back of the church.
Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON – 16TH NOVEMBER

Next Tuesday, 16th November is the Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon (1175 - 1240), the joint principal patron of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Happy Feastday! Born in Berkshire on 30th November 1175, Edmund was the eldest son of the wealthy merchant Reginald Rich. Even from an early age, Edmund was renowned for his piety. Educated at the universities of Oxford and Paris, he returned after graduation to teach art and mathematics at Oxford. Ordained after receiving his doctorate in theology, he went on to teach and soon became known for his preaching and personal holiness. He became Chancellor of the University. In 1222, he was appointed Canon and treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, then in process of construction. Five years later, Pope Gregory XI commissioned him to preach throughout England in favour of the Sixth Crusade against the Saracens and shortly afterwards appointed him the Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop, Edmund became an adviser to King Henry III and successfully performed several diplomatic missions including arbitration between the king and his nobles, averting a civil war. He did not greatly enjoy administration and diplomacy, but he threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of ecclesiastical reform. He gathered together some capable helpers such as Richard of Chichester and resisted the intrusion of court politics into the running of the Church. He protested loudly against Henry's appointment of a papal legate for England and this brought him into conflict with the monastic chapter of Canterbury, who, supported by King Henry, resisted his authority. Further disputes arose between Edmund and the king. The Archbishop condemned the king's practice of leaving sees vacant whilst collecting their revenues for the crown. In 1240, he left England for Rome, but died at Soissy near the Cistercian Abby of Pontigny, where he was buried. Despite his troubled rule, Edmund's personal goodness and holiness was never doubted, nor his good intentions. He left behind a simple but comprehensive programme for spiritual growth called the *Speculum Ecclesiae*, which was originally written for monks but which gained much popularity among the laity in the following centuries. He was canonised in 1246, and his cult spread across southern England, as exemplified by the dedication of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford in the late thirteenth century.



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

The Queen's Green Canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built.

This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

Laura, accompanied by a resident from Shinfield View Care Home, were assisted by Colin Parkes and Richard Epps to plant an apple tree in the garden here at St Joseph's. We are very grateful to Laura and Shinfield View Care Home who have now planted more than 17 trees in the community in schools, nurseries and churches.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections>, or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.