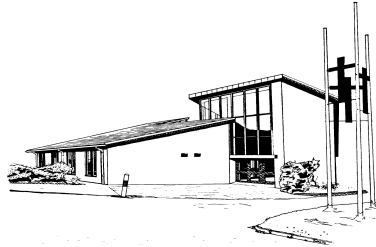


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

My dear friends,

Help wanted! This is the last call.

## READERS

It is an honour to read the scripture in the church; a blessing and a privilege to read at Mass.  
We are in need of more readers.

## WELCOMERS/CHURCH CLEANERS

Two vital ministries to be undertaken, which I am sure all parishioners appreciate.

## WANTED! NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

As indicated last week, our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am - 1.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a *mandatory* parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March following 10 am Mass here at St Joseph's**, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

If you will kindly think and pray about volunteering for one or more of these ministries, please submit your contact details to Sheila in the Parish Office or ***add them to the clipboard which is available in the church porch.***

You will receive abundant blessings from the Good Lord.

**Fr Peter**

**MASS INTENTIONS: 5<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

<b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	8.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12 noon	People of the parish
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12 noon	Irene Pinnington RIP & Robert Murphy RIP
<b>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Scholastica, Virgin	7 pm	John O'Shea RIP
<b>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10 am	Paddy Urban RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>		Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>		Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright".</b>		

**COLLECTIONS FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Gift Aid:	£1,546.52
Planned Giving:	£96.50
Loose Plate	£281.41
TF3 (CAFOD)	£0.00
Candles	£35.47
Mass Stole fees	£100.00
Pocket Diaries	£74.80
Hall Hire	£100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,234.70</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
Divine Mercy	£222.07
TF3 (CAFOD)	£305.00
Christmas Collection	£2,571.22

**REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS**

12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
February	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP

**READING & CENTRAL BERKS**

**MACMILLAN COMMITTEE – QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm here at St Joseph's. Tickets £7 each person. Maximum team 6 per table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For tickets ring 0780 921 4015.

**UCM**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, when local author, Nick Swyft will talk about his recently published novel, The Lost Legion. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Patricia Kusta, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery and Gerard Tomas. If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names\*\* will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*\*\* Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.\*\**

**IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

IGNITE Youth Group are going to be hosting their very own 'Winter Olympics'! If you would like to be part of 'IGNITE Team 2017', please join us on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February between 7.30 – 9.30 pm in the parish hall. We have some fantastic games lined up – Gold, Silver or Bronze ... which one will you go home with? Crispy Crème Donuts and refreshments will be served to all athletes. New faces are always welcomed, so please invite your friends! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or email [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

**INTERCOM SYSTEM**

There is a new intercom system installed at the front door of the Parish Office. Please use this facility should you wish to visit the Parish Office. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 am – 12.30 pm.

**THE CATENIANS ASSOCIATION -  
STRENGTHENING FAMILY LIFE THROUGH  
FRIENDSHIP & FAITH**

The Catenian Bursary Fund gives cash grants to help young volunteers with their costs. Applicants aged 16 - 24 and wishing to help with a Catholic/Christian project at home or abroad or as a helper on a trip to Lourdes or helping HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust), the Bursary fund may be able to contribute to your expenses. Bursary Grants awarded according to the merits of each individual application with a contribution of £45 for helpers in Lourdes and £75 for HCPT helpers. Bursary Awards for those on projects are of £150 and upwards depending on the duration of the project, plus meeting additional criteria, e.g. a minimum of 15 days working on a project.

Visit The Catenian Association Bursary Fund website [www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com) for application forms and guidance notes. Forms should be returned to [bursary@thecatenians.com](mailto:bursary@thecatenians.com). For additional information, email [bursary@thecatenians.com](mailto:bursary@thecatenians.com) or contact me *Frank Hogan* a member of *Reading Catenians*. My email is [frankchogan@gmail.com](mailto:frankchogan@gmail.com) or phone 07774 854820. The Catenians Association Bursary Fund Limited, is a Registered Charity.

**WALKING THE CAMINO**

From Reading, 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Flight: Stanstead - Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 - 25km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year, the most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem & Rome. Information evening on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February in St James RG1 3FD at 7.30 pm. If you wish, you are welcome to ring *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858, for any further information.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC?  
IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN  
THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email [brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk](mailto:brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk)



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES  
23<sup>RD</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

Following a successful parish pilgrimage to Lourdes last year, Fr Michael Dennehy, Parish Priest at English Martyrs, will again lead us in a further pilgrimage in July this year. This will include Mass at the Grotto, attendance at the International Mass, individual time for prayer, the baths and reconciliation. If you would like more information on the trip, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30 pm, at English Martyrs Parish Centre. If you would like further information please email *Judith* on [judithjan29@gmail.com](mailto:judithjan29@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE CARE**

Marriage Preparation Facilitators & Head of Centre are needed. Please visit for full details: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked-in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups & individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* anytime on 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

**ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING**

There will be a training session for all new and inexperienced altar servers on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.45 pm in the church. It will finish no later than 4.30 pm. Please let me know if you are unable to attend so that alternative arrangements can be made. *Mike Tomas* - 0770 803 2743.

This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o *Mr and Mrs Mulkerns*, 23 *Pardown*, *East Oakley*, *Basingstoke*, *Hampshire* RG23 7DY or [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)