

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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ALL SAINTS (A) - 31ST OCTOBER/1ST NOVEMBER 2020

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.

The Vatican has said that this plenary indulgence has also been extended and is available to Catholics throughout the month of November, to reduce crowds.

Both indulgences must include the three ordinary conditions and full detachment from sin.

The Vatican also said that, because of the health emergency, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday, 1 st November <i>ALL SAINTS, solemnity</i>	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerald MacMahon & Julie Glancy's intentions
	8.30 am	Ada & James Mills RIP
	11 am	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Monday, 2 nd November <i>ALL SOULS</i>	Private Mass	All Souls
Tuesday, 3 rd November	12 noon	Deceased members of the parish (1 of 7)
Wednesday, 4 th November <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	11 am <i>followed by Rosary before Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>	John O'Shea RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday, 5 th November		Deceased members of the Ybañez-Mate family and Gene Ignatowski RIP
Friday, 6 th November		Gene Ignatowski RIP (Foundation Mass)
Saturday, 7 th November	10 am <i>followed by Rosary</i>	Gillian Ann RIP
Sunday, 8 th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	5 pm (Vigil)	P T Anthony RIP
	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish (2 of 7)
	11 am	Catherine Hopes RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Helen, Maureen Hanson, Rita Williams, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst and Kevin Keep.

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, 1st November - Masses will be celebrated at 5 pm Vigil, 8.30 am & 11 am.

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, 2nd November - We commemorate all the faithful departed. Fr Peter will celebrate Mass in private.

**MASS FOR DECEASED
& RECENTLY BEREAVED**

On Saturday, 14th November, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved.

FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from YOUR germs, even if you do not feel ill.

LIVE STREAMING

Live streamed Masses are scheduled at these times: Tuesday 12 noon, Wednesday 11 am, Saturday 5 pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.30 am & 11 am. The YouTube link for live Mass from St Joseph's Tilehurst is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>



DICK O'BRIEN RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Dick O'Brien who died recently. Dick's Funeral Mass will take place at the English Martyrs Church on Wednesday, 4th November at 11 am, followed by burial at St Michael's Graveyard. Please pray for the repose of Dick's soul. *May he rest in peace.*

FEELING UNWELL?

If you feel unwell, please do not attend Mass. If possible, please let us know so that we can inform the stewards that you are unable to attend. If you become unwell with any COVID19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Sundays at 12 noon - Grab a coffee and have a catch-up with friends from St Joseph's. <https://pepsico.zoom.us/j/65563666322?pwd=ZlpNYlBxbTZSUIJZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

COLLECTION FOR 24TH/25TH OCTOBER 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£436.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£152.17
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,532.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£102.41
Home Mission Sunday	£10.00
World Mission Sunday	£22.00
(TF10) CAFOD Covid Appeal	£16.55
Mass Stole Fees	£130.00
TOTAL	£2,397.13
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
(TF10) CAFOD Covid Appeal	£126.55
Home Mission Sunday	£157.25
World Mission Sunday	£136.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£873.83
Easter Offerings	£463.05
Lenten Alms	£786.95

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 0118 957 4730.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer your help in any way, please contact the Parish Office. Perhaps there is a couple, or family, who could offer to clean once/week between Masses? With the addition of new Mass times, some of our volunteers are now helping twice a week because we don't have enough volunteers. *Please help!*

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

On Monday, 26th October at 7.30 pm - Dr Robert Beckford - "Decolonising Gospel Music" - This event is on Zoom. Use the shortcut u.nu/cafetheo. All welcome. No booking required.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

To make any donation to St Joseph's, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

CONFESSION

Confession is available after every Mass. Please tell the steward when you arrive for Mass that you would like to go to confession afterwards. Confession will take place on the bench in the prayer garden, *weather-permitting*.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER

Henley Road Cemetery

3 pm

ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child, or you know of a child who will be starting school in September 2021, then they should be filling out their Council Application form and a new 2021 Supplementary Information Form for St Paul's. These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by 15th January 2021. We are unable to offer any school tours, at this time. A short video tour of our reception classes can be found on our website and the school office is happy to answer any other questions www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate our Diocesan link, since 1974, with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for Bamenda, for the six wonderful priests we have on loan from the Archdiocese working in our Diocese, for peace and justice to be restored in the region and for the safe reopening of their schools.

The collection box, on the table as you leave church, is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support during the coming year. Please read the Bamenda Sunday Newsletter for an Overview of the last year and an update on the projects funded.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time financially for many parishioners, but please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in the very challenging times they are facing. Donations can also be made securely online via the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>. If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £5 per month would meet the annual primary school fees for an orphaned or vulnerable child. *Thank you.*

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Hours: 20 hours per week (to be arranged). Closing date: Monday, 16th November. Interviews in week beginning 23rd November. To assist the Parish Priest in the administration of our vibrant parish, which includes 3 Church Communities. For informal enquiries, Job Description and Application Form please contact the Parish Priest, *Fr Peter Bowe*: Email: pp@douaiabbey.org.uk or telephone: 0118 971 5371.

APF

Boxholders are asked to empty their own boxes this year, and write a cheque, payable to Missio. This cheque can be posted through the Presbytery letter box, and I will collect and bank it. Please contact me if you are unable to do this. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church. Many thanks. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary – 0770 803 2743.*

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 box available to receive the petitions. ***Please do not place any offerings in the box.*** Any such offerings should be posted through the letterbox of the *Parish Office*.

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

1	Tuesday, 3 rd November	12 noon
2	Sunday, 8 th November	8.30 am
3	Wednesday, 11 th November	11 am
4	Friday, 13 th November	<i>Private Mass</i>
5	Friday, 20 th November	<i>Private Mass</i>
6	Sunday, 22 nd November	8.30 am
7	Tuesday, 24 th November	12 noon

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST MARTIN DE PORRES – 3RD NOVEMBER

Martin de Porres, (that was his name - not where he was from), was born in Lima, Peru in 1579, the son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave from Panama of either African or Indian descent. At a young age, Martin's father abandoned him, his mother and sister, leaving him to grow up in deep poverty. After spending just two years in school, Martin was placed with a barber/surgeon. In those days, those jobs were inter-changeable. You could have your hair cut; a tooth removed or your leg amputated all by the same person.

As he grew older, Martin experienced a great deal of ridicule for being of mixed race. In 16th Century Peru, black lives didn't matter. In Peru, by law, descendants of Africans or Indians were not allowed to become full members of religious orders. Martin, however, was accepted by the Dominicans of the Holy Rosary in Lima as a volunteer, and performed the most menial tasks in the monastery. In return, he was allowed to wear the habit and live within the community. As he grew older, he was given the job of almoner, that is the person in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor.

When he was 24 years old, the prior of the monastery decided to disregard the law and allowed Martin to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of St Dominic; a decision not popular with everyone at the monastery. Martin was assigned to the Infirmary where he remained until his death on 3rd November 1639.

After his death, many miracles were attributed to his intercession. Martin was beatified by Pope Gregory XV1 in 1837 and canonized by Pope St John XX111 in 1962. Martin is the patron saint of people of mixed race, barbers and public health workers. *St Martin de Porres - pray for us. Mike.*

NEW LIGHTING BY CHURCH EXIT

The Saturday, 5 pm Vigil Mass finishes now after sunset. Our thanks to Richard and Tom Epps who have responded *super-fast* to the problem, and have fitted lights down the side of the church ensuring the safety of parishioners leaving after this service.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE **- OPENING HOURS**

The office is open for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact, *until further notice*. Office hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am -12.30 pm. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to say a Mass, or if you would like anything to be included in the newsletter.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years, and particularly the past 8 months of the pandemic. These have been very tough times for everyone, but for those who are in need, homeless, vulnerable and in poor health, even more so. We have tried to do as much as possible, within the scope of our resources to reach out where we can, to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Visits have continued within the current rules and help with transport, visits to hospital appointments, shops and supermarkets and other activities. Our main focus during the pandemic has been the provision of food and clothing to CIRCIC (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre), and needy families. Our work with CIRCIC is to provide fresh food and other provisions every 2 weeks, plus fresh meat in the form of bacon and sausages monthly. In addition, long dated food and clothing collections have been made by yourselves and passed on to CIRCIC. Our aim is to continue this work at current levels, until further notice.

In the past, you have all contributed to the monthly food collection, which we are now planning to re-instate, with the addition of specific clothes collections, and for donations. A number of you are very kindly already making donations, and for this, we are very grateful. We will start a collection on the first Saturday of each month, commencing on the 7th November & 5th December, in the church car park from 2 - 3 pm. Please bring long dated food, mainly tinned food, big meal soups, food suitable for families. In addition, jeans - size 30 - 40" waist, warm coats, anoraks and trainers. Should you be able to make a financial donation, we will be collecting. We accept direct debits and standing orders for regular contributions, or cheques, cash, online and contactless payment. Thank you all for your continued support. God Bless. *Jack Ewins - President SVP, St. Joseph's Conference, Tilehurst. Mobile No. 0773 449 9190. Email jackewins9@gmail.com.*