

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A) – 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

*TO JESUS CHRIST, OUR SOV'REIGN KING,  
WHO IS THE WORLD'S SALVATION,  
ALL PRAISE AND HOMAGE DO WE BRING,  
AND THANKS AND ADORATION.*

*CHRIST JESUS VICTOR, CHRIST JESUS RULER!  
CHRIST JESUS, LORD AND REDEEMER!*

*THY REIGN EXTEND, O KING BENIGN,  
TO EV'RY LAND AND NATION,  
FOR IN THY KINGDOM, LORD DIVINE,  
ALONE WE FIND SALVATION.*

*TO THEE AND TO THY CHURCH, GREAT KING,  
WE PLEDGE OUR HEARTS' OBLATION,  
UNTIL BEFORE THY THRONE WE SING,  
IN ENDLESS JUBILATION.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 – SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	8.30am	Rose McDonagh
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>	10.30 am	Lonergan Family RIP
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	12 noon	Deceased members of our parish RIP
<b>Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	12 noon	Mr & Mrs Braganza RIP
<b>Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	9.30 am	For all the souls in Purgatory RIP
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	People of our parish
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	10 am	Deceased and recently bereaved members of our parish RIP
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent (YEAR B)</i>	8.30 am	In Thanksgiving for the generosity of our parishioner John O'Shea RIP
	10.30 am	Joah Chacko RIP

### **BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH MASSES ON SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Saturday: after 10am Mass until 12noon

**ROSARY & CONFESSIONS** Saturday: Following 10am Mass

**Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."**

## COLLECTIONS FOR 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£407.50
Planned Giving	£95.00
Loose Plate	£258.40
Bamenda Sunday	£1.00
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
Candles	£31.35
Hall Hire Donation (Carmelites)	£30.00
Mass Stole Fees	£20.00
Divine Mercy Teas/Coffees	£110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£958.25</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£50.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£510.03
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
World Mission Sunday	£413.13
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
Cathedral Fund	£20.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

### REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be Terry Clarke and Jenny Horton.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be Carmen.

*\*\*If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you.\*\**

### 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.

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

### 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, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban and Margaret Chaplin.

*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.*

### GINO MARENGHI RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Gino Marengi who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Gino's soul. *Funeral details to follow.*

### 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.*

### MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

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

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to *Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com*. Sessions will start after Christmas.

### ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Advent Discussion Group at St Catherine's at 7 pm **TODAY** and on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December. *All are welcome.*

### NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

The remaining Mass will be offered on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon, for the departed members of our families, parishioners and friends.

### THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Paul's Class will be attending Mass on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

### 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 **TODAY**. The medal has been awarded to Tom in acknowledgement of his many dedicated years of service in respect of the buildings and maintenance work in our parish. 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!

### LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR THE POSADA!

The Posada (travelling crib) will be touring the parish again this Advent starting next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK PROJECT UPDATE

There will now be a small box in the church porch on top of the Repository counter where donations will be collected periodically. Thank you for your support. *Patrizia Chessell Youth Group Co-ordinator ☎ 07740 547922 ✉ igniteyouth16@outlook.com.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is now a Prayer Request box in the church porch in which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have, and each week during one of the Masses Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please *DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX*.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Christingle means 'Christ Light' and celebrates Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World". To mark the start of Advent, we will be holding a Christingle Service at our next meeting on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. We will meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

*Dear All,*

*We would like to invite all Peace & Justice parish reps and CAFOD reps and all those who attended the recent CARITAS evening at English Martyrs (led by Kevin Gallagher) to our Faith in Action meeting next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm at St James. At this meeting Graham Hodge has been invited to speak about the Laudato Si Response in his Pangbourne parish. Graham shared some of this with us at the Caritas meeting and many expressed an interest on hearing more from Graham. Best wishes, Fr John O'Shea.*

### **REPOSITORY**

Please note that we have a number of Christmas items for sale in the Repository including cards, Advent calendars, 2018 calendars and Advent candles. As the Repository unit is now much larger, we will not be having a separate stall in the small hall as in previous years – all Christmas items now fit into the Repository unit, and you may purchase items, with immediate effect. Please do have a look as the items are very reasonably priced. *Thank you.*

### **KNOCK SHRINE - FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION**

On a recent visit to Knock Shrine, Jasmine Jones, daughter of Sheila & Paul Jones, kindly enrolled parishioners of St Joseph's as members of the above association, and for one year, the parish will share in two Masses offered each day at Knock Shrine for the intentions of all the members of our parish. *Many thanks, Jasmine.*

### **MINISTRY FAIR**

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported the Ministry Fair last weekend. We were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm shown by all our volunteers and by the number of people who came into the hall after both Masses. We are collating the feedback and over the next couple of weeks we will share more information with you about how successful we were. *Thank-you all! The Mission Team*

### **FAITH BASED ADMISSIONS CAP IN SCHOOLS**

Please see letter from Bishop Philip which is displayed in the church porch.

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 11th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 12th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 13th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 14th	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 15th	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 16th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 18th	7.30pm	St James

### **REMINDER:**

#### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The items that are most useful are listed below:  
Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar

- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned stew and casserole meats
- Tinned vegetarian meals, tinned tuna
- Tinned soup, tinned hot dogs, tinned vegetables
- Pasta sauces, tinned fruit
- Shower gel, disposable razors
- Men's boxer shorts
- Warm hats and warm coats, in good condition

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

We are regularly requested to provide items including furniture clothing and food, and we hold a small food bank in the church hall, which has kindly been provided from your monthly donations. This has enabled us to make food available for the elderly, vulnerable and families with children in the area. The demand is continuing to grow due to cuts to Local Authority budgets and Government austerity.

We would like to do more, and our greatest need is to find a suitable storage facility which is clean, dry and large enough for storage of household items, which are often offered to us, but we are unable to store. Therefore, if you have or know someone who has a storage facility to offer, we would like to hear from you. Thank you all for your continued support to the St Joseph's SVP Conference. Please contact us or call as soon as possible, if you can help. *Jack Ewins President SVP. Mobile No. 0773 449 9190.*