

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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CORPUS CHRISTI [THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST] SUNDAY, 6TH JUNE 2021

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Bishop Philip invites us all to participate in celebrating the Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021, to help us realise our diocesan ambition of Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. This will follow on from the Year of the Word, a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole, for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. There is also a booklet, which you can download: <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue320>

SPECIAL COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE – 13TH JUNE 2021

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The collection funds the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. *Please give generously.*

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Earlier this year, the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill, and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right to Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion. Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the following link to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion
Daniel Turner - Right To Life UK – 0173 246 0911 - daniel@righttolife.org.uk



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

In March 2020, the government introduced 'home abortion' under cover of emergency coronavirus regulations. This allows women to take abortion pills at home without medical supervision, and is leading to more innocent babies being killed. You can help us in our current campaign by signing a postcard which asks the Prime Minister not to make home abortion permanent. The postcards are available on the exit table in church, to take away and fill in. You can return them to the collection basket, duly signed, when you next come to church, or stamp and post them. Donations can also be made online at www.spuc.org.uk/donate. *Please be as generous as you can.* Please pray for SPUC's work and that of all pro-life groups, and for all expectant mothers and their babies. **Christine Wall.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 6TH JUNE – SUNDAY, 13TH JUNE 2021

Sunday, 6 th June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Gerald & Julie MacMahon's
	11 am + Live-streamed	Ged Murphy RIP
Monday, 7 th June	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 8 th June	12 noon + Live-streamed	Richard Davis RIP
Wednesday, 9 th June	12 noon + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
Thursday, 10 th June	Private	Gerald & Julie MacMahon's
	11 am	Funeral: Krysztof Adamczyk RIP
Friday, 11 th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	7 pm + Live-streamed	Krystyna Jones & her daughter's intentions
Saturday, 12 th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Private	
Sunday, 13 th June ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Sheila & Paul's intentions
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Ged Murphy RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Romano Rato RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

IMPORTANT DATES

*	Sunday, 6 th June	Transferred Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus – Corpus Christi
*	Friday, 11 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, solemnity
*	Saturday, 26 th June	First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30 am & 1 pm
*	Tuesday, 29 th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul
*	Sunday, 11 th July	Annual Sea Sunday Mass – Apostleship of the Sea

KRYSZTOF ADAMCZYK RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Krysztof Adamczyk, who died recently. Krysztof's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 10th June at 11 am, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. Due to Covid restrictions, the service will be by invitation only. However, people are welcome to follow the service via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>? Please pray for the repose of Krysztof's soul.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 3rd July 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.

ROSARY

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary. *Further details are available on our web site.*

COLLECTION FOR 29TH/30TH MAY 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£198.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£279.10
World Communications	£23.00
Mass Stole fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,185.10
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£287.06
Easter offerings	£1,933.51
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£163.75

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>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson.

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



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. Until 16th July, we will meet in the large hall on **Friday** mornings. We're open between 8.45 am - 11.30 am, during term time.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Telephone and email contact only - There is no face-to-face contact possible, due to the pandemic. 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 offer a Mass, or for newsletter items.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India. You can donate online here: www.cafod.org.uk/give Please keep praying for the people of India, and all those affected by the pandemic.

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. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST BARNABAS - 11TH JUNE

Barnabas was born in Cyprus and was originally known as Joseph. After he sold his land and gave the proceeds to the Apostles, they gave him the surname Barnabas which means "son of encouragement". In the Acts of the Apostles Barnabas is described as "a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with Faith" (Acts 11:24). He lived in common with the earliest converts to Christianity and persuaded them to accept Paul as a disciple. Because of Paul's history, they could not believe he was really a disciple and were afraid of him. Barnabas told the apostles about Paul's Conversion and how he had preached boldly in Damascus in the name of Jesus, and he was finally accepted as a disciple. Barnabas preached the Good News in Antioch (Syria), and eventually brought Paul there as well. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians". It is believed that he died in the year 61 although the date, place and circumstances of his death are historically unverifiable.

St Barnabas is the patron saint of Cyprus and of peacemakers. His name is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I - the Roman Canon. *St Barnabas - pray for us.*
Mike Tomas.

THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE OFFERS

An opportunity for prayer, Saturday Retreats: 2 - 4.30 pm. The next one is 19th June. Retreats in Daily Life in June and July. Brian Purfield's Introduction to the Bible begins on 21st June. He is offering morning or evening classes. You can book online via our website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org.
Fr Adrian Porter SJ – Director.



THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide. *Jo Lewry*, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Portsmouth – 0771 009 4447.

DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP: 25TH – 31ST JULY - FR MARK HOGAN

We are delighted that the camp will be going ahead this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions, 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 is £210 (part-bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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. If you become unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES

Get your newspaper delivered direct to your home every week, post-free - Just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call us on 0161 820 5722.

VOCATIONS

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord . . . perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact *Fr John Cooke*.
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.



VACANCY - FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

At Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. Closing Date for applications: 7th June 2021. Nomination Forms are available from the school:

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/schools/governance.php>.

Please e-mail s.cook@hughfaringdon.org.

The school website:

<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/governing-body>,

or Catholic and Academies Schools Office, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, St. Swithun Wells House, 22 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1DH. Or email: governors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size. *Alan Goncalves*.

MASSES

Weekend Masses are *strictly by invitation only*. Please reply as soon as possible to Mass invitations. Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

SAFE SPACES

Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Telephone No. 0300 303 1056. Web site: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/

ADoRE

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. June 26th, 10 am – 1 pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Growth in the Holy Spirit" - Grow your Christian life in the Spirit through Prayer, Scripture, Service and Community. Speaker: *Carol Ann Harnett*, *Catechist trainer*. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2021. ADoRE also offers confidential prayer for healing by telephone - 07579 824523 - Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.