

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 31ST JULY 2022 (YEAR C)

Trust in God - as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus. Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us. This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25). Jesus calls the rich man a "fool" - a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment - this night even - demand it back from us.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 31ST JULY – SUNDAY, 7TH AUGUST 2022

Sunday, 31 st July EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	<i>Intention available</i>
	8.30 am	<i>Intention available</i>
	10.30 am *	Thomas & Michelle Collier - For blessing & health
Monday, 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguori , Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 2 nd August	12 noon	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 3 rd August	12 noon	Bernadette Ward RIP
Thursday, 4 th August St John Vianney , Priest	1 pm	Funeral: Patricia Mary Knowles RIP
Friday, 5 th August	7 pm	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Saturday, 6 th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD , feast	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 7 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Patrick & Kathleen Shaughnessy RIP
	8.30 am	Domingo Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am *	<i>Intention available</i>

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

PATRICIA MARY KNOWLES RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Patricia (Pat) Knowles who died recently. Pat's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 4th August at 1 pm here at St Joseph's, followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard at 2.15 pm. Please pray for the repose of Pat's soul. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE NOTE:

MASS ON THURSDAYS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 12 NOON WHILST FR PETER IS AWAY – EXCEPT ON THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST WHEN WE WILL CELEBRATE PAT KNOWLES' FUNERAL MASS AT 1 PM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Mary O'Carroll & Helen. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr Pat Madden (0751 018 2722) and the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). Fr Pat covers every Monday from 12 noon until Thursday 12 noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 noon until Monday 12 noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are *patient-led*.

PRAYER FOR RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. *Amen.*

SUNDAY COLLECTION – 24TH JULY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£176.50
Planned Giving	£13.45
Loose Plate	£251.00
TOTAL	£440.95
Running Totals	
Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)	£577.00
Day for Life	£125.00
Peter's Pence	£31.25

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS



You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It can be used for regular Sunday offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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>

"UNSURE AS TO HOW MUCH TO PUT INTO THE OFFERTORY?"

Please consider calculating and donating your first hour's salary each week, in support of the mission and ministry of our parish. Your first hour can help sustain our first hour, by ensuring Sunday Mass continues to equip Christians for service for generations to come. Please think about offering what's right, not what's left: the average Offertory across our Diocese is less than £3 per person per week – whereas the national minimum hourly wage (national living wage) is £9.50 ..."

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We will resume on Sunday, 4th September. If you would like to join our rota and take a turn at running a session, please do let me know. *Ann Epps* – 0798 919 2833 ann.epps@ntlworld.com

AMAZON SMILE

There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will resume on Sunday, 11th September. However, depending on the availability of the Leaders, there may be some ad hoc sessions over the holidays. If you would like to be part of our team, please come along to one of our sessions on a Sunday morning and speak to the catechists. *Ann Epps* - ann.epps@ntlworld.com - 0118 941 1479.

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. We will resume on 8th September. *All welcome.*



RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT DIOCESE

The relics of St Bernadette are coming to visit the Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3rd – 30th September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed. The relics of St Bernadette will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8th September and on the morning of 9th September 2022. ***The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at*** <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of St Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion. *(Image credit to Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 372).*

VOCATIONS

“One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact *Cn John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

Aged 16 - 30? You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon from 1st – 6th August 2023, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost £1,200 which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! To apply and for more details: wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FLAME NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2023

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London on Saturday, 4th March 2023 with the theme 'Rise Up!' For further questions, ring 0778 022 1686 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP are helping out a refugee family who moved into Reading recently. We have list of items that we are hoping to supply to them (used or new). The items they require are as follows:

- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if possible
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Pressure washer
- Laptop for the 16-year-old, as he will be going to college in September

Please contact *Rita Boyce* on 0798 464 3250, if think you can help. Many thanks in advance.

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The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be **Saturday, 6th August** 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.*

SVP DONATIONS

If you wish to donate to the SVP by Standing Order, please take a donation form, *available in the church porch.* The completed form should be returned to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Key contacts: *SVP President: Rita Boyce* - 0798 464 3250 ritaur@yahoo.co.uk. *SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins* - 0773 449 9190 jackewins9@gmail.com.

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YOUTH GROUP

Age 11+ starting in September. The first activity will be on Saturday, September 17th from 1 pm. *Save the date!*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 6TH AUGUST

Bishop Philip writes: “On Saturday, 6th August, Margaret and Christopher Langley, the organisers, have asked me to lead the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. Many brother bishops have led this pilgrimage over the last years and so this year I especially wish to encourage as many of you as possible to join me. A good number of pilgrims managed to attend last year's event, when restrictions were still in place, and many joined online. They hope that now with greater freedoms in place, people will take the opportunity to join - and those unable to attend in person will join online. The cause for life is continually under attack in our society, with so-called DIY abortions, attempts to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide and plans to restrict further the freedom to speak and witness to life. So, this is a good intention to put before the Blessed Mother in Walsingham.



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

One of SPUC's current campaigns is to highlight the issue of coerced abortion by partners, family members, medical professionals and others. We are launching a petition calling on the Health Secretary to urgently commission research into the area of abortion coercion, and in so doing recognise coerced abortion as a priority for health and social policy. Petition sheets will be available to sign in the church porch during this month of July and, to make as big an impact as possible, we need to collect as many names as possible. The petition can also be signed online at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/coercion>. *Christine Wall.*

ST JAMES' WAY

Help develop a UK Camino, the St James' Way: It starts in Reading and passes through the full length of our Diocese on a pilgrim's way to Santiago de Compostela. David Sinclair, and his friend Adrian Croft, need your support to add a stone distance marker (called a “mouteira” in Galician) and a St James Cross monument to further mark the Way. They intend to walk the 110km to Southampton over 3 days in August for this cause. Please join the open invitation to a pre-walk BBQ at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi small hall on Sunday, 31st July, any time between 12 – 4 pm to find out more and enjoy a pilgrim gathering.

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops. Please contact Jo at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for more information.

CLERGY MOVES

Whilst the appointments become effective on 8th September, the exact changeover dates will vary depending on the schedules of both incoming and outgoing priests. Here is the list so far:

- Canon Michael Dennehy is on sabbatical leave this coming year;
- Fr Pat Madden is on sabbatical leave this coming year in the Diocese of Galway;
- Fr Leo Odomeja moves to St. John Bosco, Woodley;
- Fr Bill Wilson moves to Our Lady of Lourdes, New Milton;
- Fr Gaston Forbah moves to English Martyrs, Reading;
- Fr Daniel Agber moves to Christ the King, Reading and becomes Coordinator of the Catholic Chaplaincy to Reading Hospital;
- Fr Anthony Fyk to St John's Cathedral as Bishop's Secretary.

SCHOOL SPACES

We will have spaces available in our Reception Classes from September. If you know of any children who would be interested in joining our school, please let them know. We also increase our intake from 45 to 48 from Year 3, so will also have some spaces available in our junior classes. Telephone No. 0118 942 2003.



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

The report for England and Wales is now available. Please read the report here:

[For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)



**ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI,
FOUNDER OF THE REDEMPTORISTS**

Next Monday, 1st August 2022, is the Memorial of St Alphonus Mary Liguori (1696 -1787), the founder of the Redemptorists. Born in Naples in 1696 of a noble family, he gained a doctorate in civil law and canon law at the amazingly young age of 16. He practiced for a few years as a lawyer, before making an error that lost him an important case. It was principles point in his life and later he turned to priesthood and after his theological studies, joined the Oratorians and was ordained a priest in 1726. A brilliant preacher and a gentle confessor, he later went on to found the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, which comprised both male and female orders, although he suffered countless setbacks and complications. In 1762, he became the Bishop of Beneventum but later had to resign because of ill-health. He lived a difficult life, yet his writings express his serenity and holiness. St Alphonsus says we should thank God not only for good things but even for suffering and hardship, because we believe God loves us and that whatever happens, He allows it to happen for our greater good and salvation. We need to learn how to conform our will to His will. It's a challenging message. Yet, deep down we know that, in Christ Jesus and his promise of eternal life, what St Alphonsus says is hard but true, which is why we can thank God even when we are down in the dumps. Alphonsus died on this day in 1787, was canonized in 1839 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871. *(Image credit to Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 372).*



**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON RC
SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE -
OPEN DAY - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022**

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<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

ST JOSEPH'S RAFFLE

The recent raffle was drawn on Sunday, 24th July and the lucky prize-winners are:

- Dominic O'Connor - Ticket No. 10 - Basket of Goodies.
- Ann Epps - Ticket No. 28 - Bottle of Champagne.

Many congratulations to Dominic and Ann! The raffle raised in excess of £30 towards parish funds. Many thanks to all those who participated in the raffle.

7TH - 9TH OCTOBER 2022

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". During the weekend of the 7th - 9th October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, there will be two talks - Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). It's possible to stay the whole weekend (full board) or to come for the day (bring a packed lunch). Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022). For More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>
To book go to:
<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday, 8th October 2022 at Peter's Church in Winchester. An opportunity for prayer, reflection, discussion and exploring the guidelines and principles of Children's Liturgy of the Word and Catechesis, sharing ideas, good practice, and resources. Please book here www.pffm.org.uk/catechists

LIFE

LIFE coffee morning on Friday, 5th August at English Martyrs' Church Hall after the 9.30 am Mass. Refreshments, cakes, raffle and items for sale. *All welcome.*

SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

Saturday, 8th October: 6 pm - late:
70s/80s Music Night

Saturday, 12th November: 6 pm - late:
Quiz + Supper night.

Tickets on sale from September.