

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

My dear friends,

ASH WEDNESDAY is on 1st March. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am & 7 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. A day of fasting and abstinence which is mandatory on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Lent calls us to repent, to a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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.

*Fr Peter*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>		
<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	8.30 am	Ciara Wooller RIP
	10.30 am	Mario Miranda RIP
<b>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12 noon	Eileen & Colin Ryall RIP
<b>Wednesday, 1st March</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> 11 am <b>7 pm</b>	Toos Van Kesteren RIP St Paul's School Mass – <i>at school</i> Jim Waggott RIP
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	People of the parish
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Vincent Herbert RIP
	5 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross following Mass</b> Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7.30 pm	World Women's Day of Prayer
<b>Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10 am	Annie Kate Walshe RIP & Thomas Walshe RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	<b>No confessions due to Eucharistic Ministers' Training Day</b>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "In God alone is my soul at rest."</b>		

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

Gift Aid:	£1,152.40
Planned Giving:	£109.50
Loose Plate	£290.66
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Catholic Education Service	£35.50
Candles	£42.29
Mass Stole fees	£30.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£10.00
Donation (Anonymous)	£40.00
Cathedral Trip Coach payments	£44.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,764.35</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£25.00
Donations for Altar Servers Albs	£25.00

### REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. The Prayer Group on Ash Wednesday has been cancelled. *All are welcome.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

5 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30 am	Edgar Welch RIP
	10.30 am	James & Elsie McAdden RIP

### READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Frs John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**

### 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, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

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.\*\*

## **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*.

### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS - 9.30 AM**

St Paul's Class will be attending Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> March. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

### **LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS**

A series of Lent Discussion Groups will be held at St Catherine's Church from 7 - 8 pm on the following Sundays: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. *All are welcome.*

### **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Lent Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed into any of our Sunday collections. *Thank you.*

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

We currently have no Christian Aid representatives in our parish. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help, please call *Richard Canning* on 0118 942 8238 email: *rcanning@meadowsweet.eu*.

### **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

For the first time in our parish of St Joseph, we are participating in the day devoted to Our Lord. Beginning with Mass at 10 am followed by confession, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6 pm. There will be a Watching List available, nearer the time, for you to sign up at the back of the church.

### **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Thomas de Freitas Franco who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

### **PREPARING OURSELVES FOR EASTER**

Retreat Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Monday) at Cold Ash Centre. Directed by Sr Margaret Taylor,. Please contact us on 0163 586 5353. Email: *coldashcentre@hotmail.co.uk*. Find more, Website: *www.coldashcentre.org*

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held here at St Joseph's Church at 7.30 pm on Friday, 3rd March. This year, it is focusing on the ladies of the Philippines and the theme is 'Am I being Unfair to you?' *All are welcome*

### **NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME!**

If you are a new parishioner to St Joseph's, Tilehurst, we hope you feel welcomed into our parish community. Please complete a new parishioner registration form which is available in the church porch. *Thank you.*

### **DIVINE MERCY HOLY - SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT ST JAMES' CHURCH**

Start at 2.30 pm with Exposition, hymns and the Divine Mercy chaplet will be sung. *All are most welcome.*

### **NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH 10<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the Novena prayer. Please write to *Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT*, or email *novena@millhillmissionaries.com*. The Novena will be recited daily here after Mass each day.

### **"LECTIO DIVINA" - THE LIVING WORD**

Are you interested in praying with Scripture? If so, Ian and Carmen would like to hear from you. Please talk to us after Sunday 10.30 am Mass or phone 0783 771 1876 (Ian). Please call us if you would like any further details or information. We're relatively new to the parish, but I'm sure you've seen us with our children, 11 year old Cristina and 8 year old Matthew, little boy with Down syndrome. Kind regards, *Ian and Carmen Balanza-Davis.*

### **USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR PARISH EVANGELISATION/CATECHESIS**

On Monday, 27th February from 7 - 9 pm at Our Lady & St Anne's Church, Southview Ave, Caversham, RG4 5AB. Practical ideas for Parishes: There will be four 20 minute presentations on using social media, in youth ministry and developing a parish strategy. Resources/handouts will be available. *All welcome.*

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This Lent, Stations of the Cross will be commemorated on Tuesdays BEFORE Mass at 11.30 am, and on Fridays AFTER the 7pm Mass. Fr Peter will lead the Friday Stations. The Stations on Tuesdays are to be laity led. If you would like to lead them, either as an individual or as a pair, then please let me know. There are no set prayers to accompany each Station so the format adopted will be the choice of the leader on the day. If you have never led the Stations and would like some guidance then please let me know. *Mike Tomas.*

St William of York Latin Community - Stations of the Cross at 7 pm every Friday of Lent, concluding with the blessing with a relic of the True Cross. *All are very welcome!*

In this centenary year of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, Fr Serafino of the Gosport Marian Franciscans will be preaching a Lenten Mission for the St William of York Latin Community on 'The Message of Fatima: a call to prayer, penance and consecration to Our Lady.' *All are very welcome!* The Mission will take place on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 pm - 9.20 pm and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30 am - 4.45 pm - please bring your own lunch. *Rev Matthew Goddard, FSSP. St John Fisher House, 17 Eastern Avenue, Reading, RG1 5RU. Telephone No. 0118 966 5284.*

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We have a number of items of lost property. If these items are not claimed by Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, Carmen will donate them to charity. *You have been warned!*

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

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat such as, ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew
- Tinned soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables.
- Family food, such as pasta, tinned hot dogs and cereal
- Men's warm winter coats, in good condition. Warm hats, 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, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

### **Votive Mass of St David**

As St David's Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year, Fr Peter will celebrate a Votive Mass of St David on Tuesday at 12 pm here at St Joseph's. All are welcome to attend. *Mike Tomas.*