

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

### SPECIAL COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE – 13<sup>TH</sup> 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.*

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### 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation)

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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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion) Daniel Turner - Right To Life UK – 0173 246 0911 - [daniel@righttolife.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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, 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Sheila & Paul's intentions
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Ged Murphy RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Romano Rato RIP
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Bill McMahan RIP
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Private</b>	Mary Sexton RIP
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Private</b>	Gerald & Julie MacMahon's intentions
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Private</b>	
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Patricia MacMahon RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Jesus Montoya Durand RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

**IMPORTANT DATES**

*	Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30 am & 1 pm
*	Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul
*	Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Sea Sunday Mass - Apostleship of the Sea

**ROSE QUINN RIP**



The parish offers condolences to the family of Rose Quinn, who died recently. Rose's Funeral service will be celebrated on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am, followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. Due to Covid restrictions, the service will be by invitation only. *Please pray for the repose of Rose's soul.*

**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.***

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>TH</sup>/6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£174.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£30.00
Loose Plate	£97.70
World Communications	£1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£302.70</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
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	£165.00

### **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>



### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 RICHARD OF CHICHESTER - 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

It is only in England that the optional memorial of St Richard of Chichester is celebrated. [An optional memorial is a feast day of a saint whose memory the Church encourages the faithful to celebrate, without strictly requiring its observance].

Richard was born in 1197 in Droitwich, Worcestershire, to a very wealthy family who could afford to have him educated in Oxford, Paris and Bologna. A gifted lawyer, he was Chancellor of Oxford University and legal adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury before being appointed Bishop of Chichester in 1244.

However, his appointment did not meet with the approval of King Henry III, who wanted a different man in charge of the diocese.

For a while Richard was an outcast in his own diocese, until Henry finally accepted him after Pope Innocent IV threatened Henry with excommunication, if he didn't.

The Opening Prayer on his feast day describes St Richard as a man bestowed by God as someone who had "a love of learning, a zeal for souls, and a devotion to the poor".

He lived a simple life, and died in Dover in 1253, while preaching the crusade. He is the patron saint of Sussex. He was canonized in 1262, after many miracles were attributed to his intercession.

In many Catholic missals, you will find the following well known prayer, attributed to St Richard:

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits and blessings  
which you have borne for me.  
O Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer,  
may I know you more clearly; love you more  
dearly; and follow you more nearly.  
**St Richard of Chichester- pray for us.**  
- Mike Tomas*

## THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE OFFERS

An opportunity for prayer, Saturday Retreats: 2 - 4.30 pm. The next one is 19<sup>th</sup> June. Retreats in Daily Life in June and July. Brian Purfield's Introduction to the Bible begins on 21<sup>st</sup> June. He is offering morning or evening classes. You can book online via our website: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## 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](mailto: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/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/)

## ADoRE

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. June 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://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.

## SATURDAY

### - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

This Saturday, 12th June, the day after the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's heart perfectly reflects the love and purity of the Sacred Heart of her Son. Mary gave the Incarnate Word His whole humanity: the blood that was shed, the hands and feet pierced for us, the Heart that showed pity to the poor, the sick and the needy. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is therefore a refuge for us and for anyone who seeks to follow Christ. We can find in Her Heart strength to overcome temptation, courage to rise after a fall, and patience to endure the Cross. Here is the Collect prayer from the Mass: *O God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit in the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, graciously grant that through her intercession, we may be a worthy temple of your glory. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*