

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10TH JULY 2022 (YEAR C)

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC: SUNDAY, 10TH JULY

After 10.30 am Mass:

Live music and games, hot drinks, ice-creams.

Bring a picnic and blanket.

There will also be cakes on sale and the proceeds will go to the special collection for Apostleship of the Sea.

Volunteers to make cakes please! Please drop cake donations to the hall from 9.30 am.

SECOND COLLECTION - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (formerly Stella Maris), to be taken 9th/10th July, Sea Sunday. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday, your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. The Apostleship of the Sea (formerly Stella Maris) is the Catholic Church's maritime charity, whose chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country and across the world. We recommend that you drop your second collection offering into the collection plate in the church porch, into the Parish Office, or by bank transfer. Alternatively, the online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea> Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from Monday, 4th July until Friday, 15th July. Thank you for your support for this appeal over the course of the last year, which raised £13,636.71 across the Diocese in 2020-21!

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10TH JULY – SUNDAY, 17TH JULY 2022

Sunday, 10 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Pauline Oster's intentions
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	Shany Jerymon's intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 11 th July ST BENEDICT , Founder, Patron of Europe, feast	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 12 th July	12 noon	<i>Intention available</i>
Wednesday, 13 th July	12 noon	<i>Intention available</i>
Thursday, 14 th July	9.30 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Friday, 15 th July St Swithun , Bishop	7 pm	<i>Intention available</i>
Saturday, 16 th July	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 17 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Guy & Anabel Hudson's intentions
	8.30 am	<i>Intention available</i>
	10.30 am *	<i>Intention available</i>

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRuCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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, Pat Knowles, 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 - 3RD JULY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£259.50
Planned Giving	£25.00
Loose Plate	£312.44
TOTAL	£596.94
<u>Running Totals</u>	
Peter's Pence	£146.99
Communications Sunday	£202.25
Day for Life	£173.50
Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)	£12.50

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>

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.

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.

"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

If you would like to join the rota for this, please let me know or speak to whoever is in charge of the teas on any Sunday. We look forward to once again having an opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners. *Ann Epps* - ann.epps@ntlworld.com - 0118 941 1479.

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. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen* - 0118 941 3602.

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. *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. More details will be available in the coming weeks. 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.

VOCATIONS

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Faithfulness to one’s vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:
Facebook: @PortsmouthRC
LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Twitter: @PortsmouthRC
The Diocese website:
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

SENIOR ESTATES MANAGER

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Senior Estates Manager to join the team. This role carries senior and professional responsibility for the delivery of all schools' estates and facilities services across the Diocese. The postholder will provide building and construction expertise to support the development of the school's estate and be the principal advisor on all land, property, and facilities matters to the Parishes and Diocesan Trustees through the Head of Estates. If you would like to receive a full job description for this role with details on how to apply, please contact Mailbox recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 9 am on Monday, 18th July 2022.



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

SVP are helping out a refugee family who moved into Reading 2 weeks ago. We have list of items that we are hoping to supply to them (used or new). The items they require are as follows:

- 2-seater buggy
- Adult bike
- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if possible
- Shoe rack
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Large pots (so they can cook rice, etc)
- 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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On Wednesday, 27th July, SVP are holding an afternoon Tea after 12 noon Mass (Celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly). "Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting 2021, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus".

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



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

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading,
RG30 3EP. Tel. 01189 574 730
www.hughfaringdon.org

admin@hughfaringdon.org 'Outstanding School -
Section 48 Inspection' @bhfcs bhfcs. Morning
9 am – 12 noon. Evening 5 - 7.30 pm. Serving the
Community in Reading since 1958. (10.15 am,
5.45 pm & 6.30 pm Headmaster's Address)

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>

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are currently looking to recruit volunteers, couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. Our presenters usually present courses on a Saturday two or three times in a year. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org or 0793 949 5774. For further information about Marriage Care visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

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



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.*

KNITWITS

Thank you to the kind person who left a bag of wool for us in the church porch a few weeks ago. We have made good use of it. We still welcome donations of wool, especially Double Knitting, which can be left in the box marked WOOL under the bench in the porch. We continue to knit blankets for needy people. The next Knitwits' meeting will be at the home of Christine Wall on Tuesday, 19th July from 2 - 4 pm.

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

HEAD OF ESTATES (DIOCESAN SURVEYOR)

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Head of Estates (Diocesan Surveyor) to have responsibility for the development and delivery of all estates and facilities services across the Diocese. This includes Churches, School Estate, Presbyteries and other investment property. If you would like to receive a full job description for this role with details on how to apply, please recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Closing date for applications: 9 am on Monday, 18th July 2022.

**MEMBER OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE -
VOLUNTEER**

Property Investment Specialist

We have recently incorporated the Investment Committee of the Diocese which has been tasked by the Trustees to oversee the investments of the diocese of both £12 million of quoted investments and some £15 million of residential property. The committee is chaired by a Trustee, Deacon Gerard Dailly, and the membership also includes three experts in quoted investments, and two priests. It is also attended by the Director of Finance, Clive Field. We need a person who would be able to attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and have experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee property investment portfolio.

If you would like further details of what is entailed, please contact: Hereward Drummond, Secretary to the Trustees. Email:

hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RAIL PASTORS

I am sure many of you have heard about the wonderful Street Pastors that we have in Reading. Now, not just on Friday and Saturday nights but since the beginning of the first lockdown weekdays during the day. Apart from Street Pastors we also have Rail Pastors. Rail Pastors only go out during the day for about 3 hours. Either 10 am – 1 pm or 1 pm – 4 pm. We work quite closely with BTP at Reading Station and we visit stations within a couple of stops of Reading. But we do go as far as Slough, Windsor, Newbury and Didcot. We are out there mainly looking for people who might be vulnerable or at risk of harming themselves. Rail Pastors undertake the same basic training as Street Pastors plus additional training from BTP and The Samaritans. We are currently trying to increase the number of Rail Pastors. We would be happy with any level of commitment. If you feel you could manage one patrol per month, that would be wonderful if you wanted to do one a week, that would be fantastic. Whatever you feel you can manage. We operate a very flexible rota system.

If you would like more information, please contact me, Roger Clark: ReadingRailPastors@gmail.com

You might like to watch the clip below from BBC South Today who came out to film with us:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-berkshire-44468015>

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.

READING INTERFATH GROUP - PICNIC



Sarah Griffin-Chair Reading Interfaith Group writes:

Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of the Reading Interfaith Group inviting you to come to our Community Picnic. I am also asking for your

help: Our community has been through a challenging time lately. Among the many unsettling effects of coronavirus, a considerable number of people are still lonely or depressed. Many situations, including financial pressure, can make families feel less confident, secure or able to go away on holiday. In response to this need and the opportunity, Reading Interfaith Group is organising a free fully inclusive community picnic, to relax, socialise, make new friends and for everyone involved to feel valued. We are looking for offers of entertainment, games and activities you would feel able to bring and share. (Please bear in mind that as we are a fully inclusive organisation, so everything we provide at our events has to be free.)

Our Mission:

- *To enable members of different faiths to learn about and experience each other's beliefs, practices, and traditions.*
- *To acknowledge each other's differing spiritual paths.*
- *To challenge misinformation and prejudice.*
- *To promote friendship through interfaith dialogue and hospitality locally and nationally.*
- *To support interfaith initiatives organised in the Reading area by faith and community leaders. Website: <http://www.rifg.uk/>*

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST BONAVENTURE (1221 - 1274)

On 15th July, we celebrate the memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor. Bonaventure was born in 1221 in Bagnoregio (about 75 miles north of Rome). However, he was baptised "John" and received the name "Bonaventure" as a consequence of an exclamation of St Francis of Assisi. As a child, John had a very dangerous illness. At the pleading of his mother, St Francis prayed for the boy's recovery. St Francis, foreseeing the future greatness of this child, cried out, "O Buona ventura" (O good fortune), and the name stuck. Bonaventure made a full recovery. A famous quotation of his reads: "In all your deeds and words, you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so, whether you are keeping silence or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect and thus you will be, not only irreprehensible, but praiseworthy". Bonaventure is the patron saint of those suffering from bowel disorders because it was this condition which nearly took his life as a child.

St Bonaventure - pray for us.