

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) – 1ST DECEMBER 2019

ADVENT: PREPARING, WAITING, LONGING, PRAYING



We begin the season of Advent today and we now enter a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. We sing the haunting Advent hymns. We light the first purple candle. Our liturgical colour changes from green to purple. The Gloria is omitted in Advent. We adopt the attitude of the Jewish people who longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah – the Saviour of the world. A well lived Advent is the perfect preparation for

Christmas. Let us make every effort to give this season our best effort as we begin Advent. **Fr Peter.**

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

'The air is getting colder, the holidays are near; it's time to celebrate, with friends we hold so dear'. Please join us for our annual SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7th, 1 - 4.30 pm - St Joseph's parish hall. Please put your name down on the list at the back of the church; please also let us know whether you need a lift or have any dietary requirements. For more information, please contact *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER – 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Sunday, 1 st December	8.30 am	Bernadette Patterson
<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	10.30 am	In Thanksgiving – The Keep family
Monday, 2 nd December	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 3 rd December	12 noon	Iris Hughes RIP
St Francis Xavier, Priest		
Wednesday, 4 th December	12 noon	Chris O'Malley RIP
Thursday, 5 th December	9.30 am	Martha & Patrick Munnely RIP
Friday, 6 th December	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 7 th December	10 am	Laska family's intentions
<i>St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		
Sunday, 8 th December	8.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	10.30 am	Return to health – Bressler family, Pennsylvania

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'."

COLLECTION FOR 24TH NOVEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£385.75
Gift Aid (via bank)	£745.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£31.10
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£322.84
Bamenda Sunday	£40.00
On Fire	£824.37
Candle Money	£69.72
Hall Hire	£334.00
Pocket Diaries 2020	£2.00
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
TOTAL	£2899.78
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£376.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3072.01
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£916.52
Bamenda Sunday	£1135.35

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. *PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle*.
Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105.
Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENT

On Wednesday, 4th December from 6 – 8 pm, St Paul's PTA invites you to a Christmas Wreath Making Event - £20.00 pp. Tickets are available from the St Paul's School Office. Ticket includes your beautifully made wreath, plus mince pies, tea, coffee & hot chocolate. All materials and accessories will be provided for you to get creative and make something beautiful this festive season.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 4th December at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*



Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER

- **Counters:**
D Lineham & K Copus.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am.
1st Reading – E Cathrew.
2nd Reading – J Horton.
10.30 am
1st Reading – A Archer.
2nd Reading – G Heenan.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
T Parnell, M Ogbuagu & M Fernandes.
10.30 am
J Macbeth, A Epps & M Keep.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
Carmen.

****Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you**.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowka, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek & Bridget.

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

ST JOSEPH'S RECIPE BOOK

The recipe book is available today. There are over 100 recipes and the cost will be £2 per copy. We are raising money to purchase a new paten to be used at Mass. *A big thank you to everyone who has contributed a recipe.*

POSADA

Our Posada (travelling crib) will start its journey after 10.30 am Mass **TODAY**, the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please sign the rota which is available in the porch, together with some information about the Posada.

CAFOD - WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE

Please take a copy of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue – the true spirit of Christmas giving - *available in the church porch.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next programme starts in Lent 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. *Registration forms available from Parish Office*

“They shall beat their swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks....” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother and want to explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *0132 931 8869*.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions Consultation - As required by the Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School is conducting a consultation on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2021-22. The consultation period runs from 15th November 2019 to 3rd January 2020. A copy of the Consultation Proposal, Admissions Policy 2021-22 and SIF 2021-22 is available on the school website.

Please can you send any comments you may have about the proposed arrangements to: Clerk to the Governors, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ, or by email to: *rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk* no later than 3rd January 2020.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Required for January 2020 - Teaching Assistant (Minimum qualification Level 2 and ideally SEND Experience) - 17.5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary B-D depending upon experience. Closing Date: Friday, 6th December Midday. Interviews: w/c 9th December. *For further details, please see notice board in church porch.*

TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, TILEHURST CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Required ASAP. Approx. 4.5 hours per week. SCP 11 - 17 (£10.97 to £12.35 per hour). For further information and an application pack, please see poster in church porch, school website *www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk*, or contact the school on *0118 937 5466*. Alternatively, email: *businessmanager@englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk*.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

At our next meeting on Wednesday 4 December we will hold an Advent Christingle service. Also we will have our annual Christmas raffle, the proceeds of which will be donated to a charity for the homeless. We meet in the small hall at 7.30pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 9 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 10 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 11 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 12 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 13 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 14 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 16 th	7.30 pm	St James

KNITWITS

Knitwits will meet on Tuesday, 3rd December at 2pm at Dot's home.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

On Sunday, 8th December from 3 - 5 pm. Please join us in the large hall for an afternoon of Christmas music. Sing along with well-known seasonal tunes. Then refresh those vocal chords with hot drinks and mulled wine.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Friday 13th December 7pm at English Martyrs Church. You are warmly invited to an enjoyable evening of Christmas Carol Singing. This is a great opportunity for YOU to invite your family, friends and neighbours to sing the Christmas Story with our community. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine, with child friendly alternatives. *Donations for 'a Bed for the Night' gladly welcome*

SIMBANG GABI (CHRISTMAS MASS)

The Reading Filipino Community invites everyone to their Traditional 'Simbang Gabi' (Christmas Mass) on Tuesday, 17th December at St Joseph's Church at 6.30pm. Roast Hog (Lechon) shared after Mass. All welcome.

THE ACADEMY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

opens in December with 4 study days on The Blessed Virgin Mary in Sacred Scripture from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday 4th and (repeated) on Saturday 7th, and the second day on Wednesday 11th and (repeated) on Saturday 14th. Visit the Academy website for our launch in the Year of the Word <https://www.aoa-edu.com/new-advent-study-days-announced/> Telephone: 07742 150006 Email: enquiries@aoa-edu.com