

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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9 am – 12.30 pm*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) - 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

ADVENT begins on Sunday, 28th November, with the start of a new liturgical year and the re-instatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass.



We now enter a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. 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 undertake to give this season our best efforts, as we begin Advent.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr Peter, Fr Michael, Fr Richard and Fr Anthony will be available to hear confessions here at St Joseph's, following the 7 pm Mass on Friday, 17th December. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. *All are welcome.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2021

Sunday, 28 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	5 pm (Vigil)	Peter Collier RIP
	8.30 am	David Dye RIP (Foundation Mass)
	10.30 am*	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions
Monday, 29 th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 30 th November ST ANDREW, Apostle	12 noon	Kevin Darling RIP
Wednesday, 1 st December	12 noon	Rose Pocock RIP
Thursday, 2 nd December	9.30 am	Bill & Larissa's intentions
Friday, 3 rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest	7 pm	Theresa Glas RIP
Saturday, 4 th December	10 am	P T Antony RIP
Sunday, 5 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	5 pm (Vigil)	Dalia's 7 th birthday intentions
	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	10.30 am*	Jozef Kamysz RIP

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

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams & Pat Knowles. ***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 Tilehurst



Volunteers Needed!

We rely on so many volunteers in many different ways to help run OUR church. Can you help?

Below is a list of areas where we are looking for new helpers. FULL support/training will be available. If you would like to know more, please contact a member of the Co-ordinating Team (see noticeboard), or send a message to the Parish Office.

God bless you!



If you would like to help in some other way, then please let us know.

Some activities haven't resumed yet, so there will be more ways to help in the future!

COLLECTION FOR 20TH/21ST NOVEMBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£182.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Loose Plate	£176.30
Bamenda Sunday	£20.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£463.30
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,091.07
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Home Mission Sunday	£212.75
World Mission Sunday	£333.70
Bamenda Sunday	£414.25

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>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence after Christmas with the Confirmation ceremony taking place the following year: Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the *Parish Office*.

VOCATIONS

"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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*.

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH READERS

On Saturdays 4th & 11th December from 10 am - 1 pm, led by Dominican Sisters and Lay team. To find out more and to register: [https:// www.pffm.org.uk/readers](https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 4th December 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.*

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

On the second Thursday of every month (9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 10th March) - Country & Irish Music by FINBARR & PAUL. Admission £5 from 1 pm. Music from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. FREE tea & coffee. Light refreshments at a nominal charge. For more information, call *Paul* on 0777 301 6589. Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Main Hall (Thomas Lane Hall) Reading RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB).

CHAPLAINCY CENTRE ADMINISTRATOR

The University of Reading Chaplaincy Centre is looking for a new Administrator for its drop-in centre at the heart of Whiteknights campus. The role is for ten hours a week during Reading University term-time, facilitating the work of the Chaplains through administrative and management tasks. A full job description and person specification is available. Please email chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk to request this before you apply. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please call *Mark Laynesmith* on 0796 313 4623. To apply: Please send a C.V. with a covering letter stating how you fulfil the criteria outlined on the person specification. Closing date: Monday, 29th November at 5 pm. Interview date: Tuesday, 7th December 2021.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is now fully stocked. Please see our Christmas cards and Advent calendars for sale. It is open after the following Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am.

CARITAS - NEW WEBSITE

CARITAS Portsmouth has developed a new website and this has now gone live. There is a lot of information about CARITAS projects, news and events and information about how people can get involved; <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/>



As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones; let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections>, or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

Like many women around the world, Garmah in Liberia had no legal rights to her home when her husband died. CAFOD worked with local experts to help her, and now Garmah and her children live rightfully and happily together in their family home. "I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them and myself. God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy."

Thank you for your support which enables hundreds of women like Garmah remain in their homes during times of struggle.

LIFE

Coffee Morning and Sale on Friday, 3rd December at 9.30 am Mass at the English Martyrs Church Hall: Gifts, cakes, toiletries, books, handknits, jewellery, raffle, etc.

DAILY PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

For more information about the Year of St Joseph, including more prayers and indulgences, please go to: <https://yearofstjoseph.org>

Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

APF NEWS

APF collection money is now due. If you are able to empty your own box, please write a cheque for the appropriate amount, place it in an envelope marked APF, and hand it in to the *Parish Office*. Cheques should be made payable to Missio APF. If you are unable to do this, please contact me on 0770 803 2743. The autumn magazines and the 2022 calendars are available at the back of the church. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.*

**** St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 30th November ****

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST BERKSHIRE, TILEHURST & SOUTHCOTE

In December:

- Carols in the Square, Coronation Square, Southcote on Saturday, 11th December at 5 pm.
- Carols at Tilehurst Triangle with the Rotary Club, Thursday, 23rd December at 12 noon & 4 pm.

In January:

- Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, at St Matthew's Church, Southcote, Sunday, 23rd January at 6 pm. The service will draw on material from Christians in the Lebanon, and the preacher will be the Rev Dr. Andreas Andreopoulos, Reader in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester and Visiting Professor of Theology at the Agora University Alexandria.

Rev Robert Barthram - Churches Together in West Berkshire, Tilehurst & Southcote.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING

We will again be joining the Salvation Army Band in Broad Street to sing carols. This will be outside Marks and Spencer on Saturday, 11th December. The band plays from 11 am – 3 pm, with a break on the hour when the New Hope Gospel Choir will sing carols. As for the community carols, we shall sing with the band for 15 minutes each hour, from about 11.30 - 11.45 am, 12.30 - 12.45 pm, 1.30 - 1.45 pm, 2.30 - 2.45 pm. Please join us for one of these singing sessions. There will also be a nativity scene where people can bring their children and have their photo taken with Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. For further information please phone 0149 167 1357. Let's make this a great Christmas. Every blessing in Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Michael Penny, Chair, Churches Together in Reading and Berkshire.*



Part Time Supervisor – Saturdays - Sonning Common. Do you want to work together to help others? The shop is busy and vibrant and serves the local community with great quality, pre-loved items at really good prices. Would you like to join the team sorting stock, pricing it – merchandising and helping with the window displays? For an informal chat about this role, or to request an application form (CVs not accepted), please phone *Megan* on 0118 951 2336 or via email to hr@ccam.org.uk. Or go to www.ccam.org.uk for more details. The closing date for applications has been extended to the 6th December. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 6th December 2021.