

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**  
Parish Office hours: 9 am – 12.30 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**Safeguarding Representative:**  
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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2022 (YEAR C)

### SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC: SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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### SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October: 6 pm to late: 70s/80s Music Night  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November: 6 pm to late: Quiz + Supper night.

*Tickets on sale from September.*

## MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY – SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	10.30 am *	Jonathan Palk's intention (For a successful operation on Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July)
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon	Fr Peter's intentions
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	7 pm	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am	People of the Parish
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July <b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	People of the Parish
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

### 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 UKRAINE



*Loving God: We pray for the people of Ukraine, 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 and for all the world. Amen.*

Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Check the diocesan website regularly for updates about the situation, how to help, refugees, etc: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

### SUNDAY COLLECTION - 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

Gift Aid	£184.50
Planned Giving	£35.00
Loose Plate	£430.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£649.95</b>
<u>Running Totals</u>	
Peter's Pence	£115.74
Communications Sunday	£171.00
Day for Life	£171.00

### 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 and donations. 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>

### 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 ..."

### SECOND COLLECTION (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

There will be a Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (formerly Stella Maris), to be taken 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> July until Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

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/>

### 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.

## ROE VERSUS WADE DECISION

As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states. There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision. Lord Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

## VOCATIONS

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September and on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. More details will be available in the coming weeks.



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, 2<sup>nd</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.*

## 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](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk). *SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins* - 0773 449 9190 [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).

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On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Diocese writes:

The largest youth gathering of Catholics, Flame is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Saturday, 4th March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'. We are asking you to reach out to your young people and make them personally aware of the opportunity to join with other young Catholics at Flame. We are also asking that you purchase tickets for the event via the Diocese.

All young people attached to your parish, school or university are WELCOME! The only stipulation is that they are in at least year 9, so around 14. There will be loud music, bright lights, and moments of stillness. Any questions you have about the event can be answered by emailing [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). We are very much looking forward to hearing from you and together with Bishop Philip welcoming you to the arena on 4th March.



## **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](http://www.hughfaringdon.org)

[admin@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.org) 'Outstanding School -  
Section 48 Inspection' @bhfc bhfc. 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)

## **7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

### **YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND**

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". During the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Glaysheer 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](mailto:sue.cooper@marriagecare.org) or 0793 949 5774. For further information about Marriage Care visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

**Calling all young people across the diocese!** If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day. This world-wide gathering is planned to take place 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! But hurry, spaces are limited! Please register your interest ASAP to get your name on the list. Fill out this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q4Ug0oGaa9FufUVxIRZLQxUMkdUODlWRjJDRVjPWjJlSkVVUllFS0hXQy4u>



or scan the QR code, which will also take you to the form.

Plans are in the early stages, but we will provide more information and details as soon as possible. For further information, please email Sarah Farrell at [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## SCAM ALERTS

There are several email/text scams that continue to occur. These include a loved one texting from a strange phone saying that they have lost/had stolen their own phone and could you forward them money. There are also bogus requests for bank details from banks, police, TV Licence Office, and people claiming that you have won or been gifted a lot of money. Parishioners are also being targeted by people claiming to be their priest (including Fr Peter) asking them to buy gift cards from Amazon and the like. Fr Peter would never ask you to do that. Please talk to your relatives, friends, or your bank before sending money, even a small amount, as that may allow scammers to empty your account completely. PLEASE BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS, AND DON'T BE PRESSURED INTO DOING ANYTHING IN A HURRY, ESPECIALLY IF THE CALLER/TEXTER/EMAILER IS PRESSURING YOU TO ACT IMMEDIATELY.



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Friday, 8th July from 3.30 - 7.30 pm at St Paul's School: Pimm's, Escape Room, Bouncy Castles, BBQ Bottle Stall, Enchanted Forest . . . . and much, much more!