

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 11TH JULY 2021

TODAY is the Fifteenth Sunday of the Year. In the Gospel (Mark 6:7-13) we hear how Jesus entrusts to the twelve apostles the work that, until now, he had Himself performed: proclaiming the Kingdom of God, casting our demons, healing the sick. Today, that same work is carried out by the Church, founded on the teaching and preaching of the Apostles in obedience to Christ's command. Does the apostolic work have anything to do with me, or do I feel unconcerned by the mandate of Jesus? Is it only the work of bishops and priests to proclaim the kingdom in words and deeds, to fight evil, and to relieve suffering? How can I take my part in the mission of the Church, in concrete ways, in my own time, place and circumstances?

You can find the Sunday readings [here](#) and read Scott Hahn's reflection [here](#). You can register to watch our Diocesan Wednesday Webinar [here](#), or join via [Facebook live](#). If you can't join on Wednesday, you can subscribe to the podcast [here](#).

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY – SEA SUNDAY

Apostleship of the Sea: This is the church in action amongst the seafarers of the world. The object is to provide for the spiritual and material well-being of them all, regardless of religion, race or rank. If you would like to donate on-line, kindly please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so is grateful to you for your generosity. ***Father, in your mercy, accept the prayers we make for ourselves and our neighbours, especially those who work at sea. We make our prayer through Christ, our harbour of peace. Amen.***

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11TH JULY – SUNDAY, 18TH JULY 2021

Sunday, 11 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Andrew & Annie Oliver RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Prince Philip RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Joy O' Connell RIP
Monday, 12 th July	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 13 th July	12 noon + Live-streamed	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
Wednesday, 14 th July	12 noon + Live-streamed	John Ellis RIP
Thursday, 15 th July	Private	Liam Power RIP
Friday, 16 th July	Private	The Power family's intentions
Saturday, 17 th July	Private	
Sunday, 18 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Ralph & Sadie Green RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Charlie Robert Rendell RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Joy O' Connell RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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, John Cronin, Alan Allen and Mike Tomas. ***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, 7th 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.* Key contact: *Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: 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 3RD/4TH JULY 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£191.40
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£365.06
Day for Life	£4.00
Peter's Pence	£13.00
World Communications	£2.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£2.00
Hall Hire	£144.00
Clergy Training Fund	£2.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£738.46
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£289.56
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£195.00
Day for Life	£265.00
Peter's Pence	£151.25

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>

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. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

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.*

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 16th July, we will meet in the large hall on **Friday** mornings. We're open between 8.45 am - 11.30 am, during term time.

SPUC

SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday, 16th July or Saturday, 17th July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

FR BON



Welcome back to Fr Bon from Bamenda, who is in England for a short holiday and has been staying with Fr Bernadine Nsom, in Charminster. He is full of news about the situation in Cameroon and asks our prayers for a peaceful solution to the troubles. He is wearing the colourful suit that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Archdiocese. We wish him a happy stay and a safe journey.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Holy Father has designated 25th July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life have produced a selection of resources for the Day, so as to ensure that "its joyous message reaches every grandparent and elderly person effectively, even the most isolated." You can access the [message of Pope Francis here](#) and also some pastoral guidelines and [ideas for the day here](#). The Vatican suggests that it "would be especially meaningful if, as the Day approaches, the message could be delivered by every grandchild to their own grandparents, and by young people to the lonely elderly members of their communities". To mark the day and to encourage acts of charity, the Holy Father has established a special Plenary Indulgence for those who on that day devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases).

VOCATIONS

"Before the foundation of the world, God chose us in Christ." Are you discerning the vocation that God has chosen for you in Christ? Might it be to serve the Church in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact *Cn. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST BONAVENTURE (1221 - 1274)

On Thursday, 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.

Aged twenty-two, Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order and was sent to Paris to complete his studies. It was there that he became good friends with St Thomas Aquinas, and they both received their Doctorates there. When he was thirty-five, Bonaventure was made General of his Order and restored calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions.

In 1265, he was nominated by Pope Clement IV to be the next Archbishop of York, but begged not to be forced to accept that role. Bonaventure was later made Cardinal Bishop of Albano (Rome), and was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons when he died on 15th July 1274. He was canonized in 1482 and made a Doctor of the Church in 1588. He is remembered chiefly for his philosophical and theological works and is known as the "Seraphic [angelic] Doctor".

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.
Mike Tomas.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADoRE)

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. July 24th, 10 am – 1pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Transformation in Christ" - The Holy Spirit is at work in you to change you and make you holier. Our guest speaker is Maria Heath, Chair of English Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2021. ADoRE also offers confidential prayer for healing by telephone on 0757 982 4523 - Monday to Friday 10 am – 4 pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

CAFOD

Jo Lewry writes:

It has been a difficult time for many people over the last year and we are so thankful for the support the Catholic community has given to us and the work you've made possible. Here are a few examples of [communities transformed by water](#), including a nice video of [Binga from Zimbabwe](#) delighted at a new water source – 'I even whooped for joy.' Thank you for your part in this work.

- Family Prayer Resources for Summer - We will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. This will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>
- We have resources for the [Season of Creation](#) and our Harvest Fast Day (Friday, 1st October) appeal will feature some of our work in the Amazon. Join us in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth. This will be available from September at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>
- [Laudato Si' encyclical resources | CAFOD](#) – this link will take you to the page on our website with a range of resources around Laudato Si', to study, reflect, pray and take action.
- [Livesimply award | CAFOD](#) – one of our most popular community activities is our livesimply award. This award is given to parishes and communities that have taken significant steps to respond to the Church's call to live simply. Please do contact me if you would like more information on the live simply award.

I am very aware of the preparations as part of the synodal process over the second half of 2021. We will be holding online sessions, open to all with experts sharing what is synod, why it is important and how parish communities are participating. You are welcome to join these sessions and to invite your parishioners to come along too. Our first session on Tuesday, 27th July at 7 pm will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for The Tablet, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod. [Click here to book onto the session.](#)

Many Catholic parishioners have been responding to Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics and meeting their MPs this summer. If you supported one of these CAFOD meetings, calling for more action to tackle the climate crisis and to help the poorest countries cope with the pandemic, thank you. Thank you also if you are supporting our [petition to the Prime Minister](#).

Thank you once again for your leadership and commitment to working in solidarity with people in need of support. Whether that's in support of our Fast Days or [Emergency appeals](#), our advocacy campaigns or for holding us and our work in your prayers. *Jo Lewry, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Portsmouth - 0771 009 4447.*

RIGHT TO LIFE UK

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth. The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth
Daniel Turner, Operations Officer, Right to Life UK
0173 246 0911 - daniel@righttolife.org.uk



COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, 25th July from 3 - 6 pm at King's Meadow Park, Napier Road (near Tesco). Do come and join us! Please bring your own food, drink, hand - sanitiser and any games you would like to share. This event is free and for everyone. King's Meadow is a short walk from Reading Station. There's a pay and display car park and plenty of other public car parks close by. The site is reasonably level and easy to access. There is a children's play area. Children will need to be supervised by a responsible adult. Public toilets and hand-washing facilities are available in the pavilion.



Required September 2021 - Temporary SEN Teaching Assistant - Autism (Minimum qualification Level 2). 32.5 hours per week term time only, until 21st July 2022. Grade/Salary C/D depending on experience. Closing Date: Friday, 9th July at Midday. Interviews: Wednesday, 14th July 2021. For an application pack, please contact the school on 0118 942 2003. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

Happy 90th Birthday, Tom!

We would like to wish Tom McKeown a very Happy 90th Birthday this weekend. Congratulations & Happy Birthday to you, Tom!
God bless you.