

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

2ND APRIL 2017

My dear friends,

Temporarily, until the CCTV camera is installed within our church, it will be remained locked outside of service times. The reason for this decision is because we now have a very expensive sound system and equipment installed and we do not wish to have it damaged or stolen. *Thank you for your understanding.*

EAST AFRICA – HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Most of our parishioners will have seen on television the humanitarian crisis that has arisen in North East Africa. CAFOD, as a member of the national Disasters Emergency Committee, is making a special appeal to the Catholic community throughout England & Wales. Arrangements are in hand for this parish to hold a special collection TODAY. Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. *Please be as generous as you can.*

LOCAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT 2017

Monday, 3 rd April	St John Bosco, Woodley	7.30 pm
Tuesday, 4th April	St Joseph's	7.30 pm
Wednesday, 5 th April	Christ the King, Whitley	7.30 pm
Friday, 7 th April	Our Lady of Peace, Earley	7.30 pm
Saturday, 8 th April	English Martyrs	11 am
Sunday, 9 th April	Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	3 pm
Monday, 10 th April	St James	7.30 pm

Easter Triduum:

We are fast approaching Easter, so I encourage you to put the dates and times in your diaries of the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Fr Peter

Maundy Thursday	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers)</i>	8 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am 3 pm
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 pm
Easter Sunday	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

MASS INTENTIONS: 2ND APRIL – 9TH APRIL		
Sunday, 2nd April	8.30 am	Catherine Gallagher RIP
	10.30 am	James O'Shea RIP
Monday, 3rd April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 4th April	12 noon	Iain McCreight RIP
	7.30 pm	St Joseph's Penitential Service
Wednesday, 5th April	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	People of the parish
Thursday, 6th April	9.30 am	Fr Richard's Intentions
Friday, 7th April	11.30 am	Funeral: Patricia Kusta RIP
	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Gerard McGowan's Intentions
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 8th April	10 am	Bartholomew & Margaret O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 9th April	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:		Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:		Saturday: Following 10 am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 26TH MARCH 2017

Gift Aid:	£1,046.15
Planned Giving:	£91.50
Loose Plate	£244.08
Clergy Assistance Fund	£355.87
Candles	£52.08
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£45.00
Mass Stole fees	£40.00
Donation (Altar Carpet)	£20.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF7 (Youth Group)	£40.00
TOTAL	£1,939.68
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£40.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£1,041.39
Clergy Assistance Fund	£365.87

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 9th April will be Clare McSoley, Donal **Lineham** and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 9th April will be *Anne MacDonald*.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 5th April at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

PATRICIA KUSTA RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Patricia Kusta who died recently. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Patricia's Funeral will be held here at St Joseph's Church on Friday, 7th April at **11.30 am**, followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names** will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email *brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*.

NEW LIGHTING IN PORCH

I hope parishioners will appreciate the beautiful new lighting system in the church porch which we will all benefit from during the darker days of the year. *Fr Peter.*

MORNING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting this week, and continuing for the rest of Lent, the laity-led Stations of the Cross will be held on WEDNESDAYS at 11.30 am. *Mike Tomas.*

BREAKING BARRIERS - HEALING EVENING

On Friday, 7th April from 7.30 - 9.30 pm at St James. Lively Praise and Worship. Prayer for: sickness, financial & relationship problems, fear . . . *All are welcome!*

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Copies of the new church cleaning rota beginning 22nd April up until 29th December 2018 are available in the church porch. If you are on the rota, please collect your highlighted copy. *Thank you - Mary Philip.*

A special church clean for Easter will be held on Wednesday, 12th April at 9.15 am. Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.

ST ANTHONY'S GAA UNDERAGE FOOTBALL now at Kings Meadow Fields, Napier Road, Reading, every Saturday, from 3 - 4 pm.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Bartholomew's Class will be attending 9.30 am on Thursday, 27th April. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

EXAM INVIGILATORS

Casual Contract - £9.10 per hour. We are seeking to recruit Invigilators to join our existing team. You will be required at key times throughout the year to supervise pupils undertaking examinations, in accordance with the Examination Board regulations. For further information and an application form please contact *Karyn Stiles, HR Officer* on either *K.Stiles@hughfaringdon.org* or *0118 918 3806*. Alternatively, a job description and application form can be downloaded from our website - <http://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/vacancies>

HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Fr Peter is to introduce the practice of asking if there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their seat during Mass. You are welcome to raise your hand at Holy Communion time, at any Mass, if you feel unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, and he will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you. Will you kindly make sure that you sit at the end of the bench, for him to have easy access.

Those wishing to receive gluten free hosts, please simply approach *Fr Peter* in the usual way and say 'gluten free host please'.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 are available for collection **TODAY** at the back of the church.

Will parishioners who make donations by Direct Debit or Standing Order kindly note that their boxes will only contain the envelopes for special collections. They are, however, reminded that they too will need to collect their numbered boxes.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE - OPEN DAY

Please see poster in the church porch, for further details.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

For those wishing to serve the Holy Week ceremonies, there will be an altar servers' practice on Wednesday, 12th April at 11 am. It is very important that you attend, otherwise you may not be able to serve. If you cannot make this date, but would like to serve, then please contact me as soon as possible *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743*.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

There will not be an evening meeting this week. Instead, members will join the parish Stations of the Cross at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 5th April. Those who would like to can carry on afterwards for refreshments at one of the local cafés at the Triangle.

TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY /PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALIST

2 days per week. Immediate start, temporary contract (possibly until July 2017). Teacher of Psychology/Psychology - Specialist who is supportive of our ethos. The successful candidate would need to be able to teach AS and A2 Psychology - we follow the AQA specification. For further details and an application form contact *Karyn Stiles, HR Officer* on *0118 918 3806* or *k.stiles@hughfaringdon.org*. Alternatively, an application form can be downloaded from our website www.hughfaringdon.org. Closing date - Friday, 7th April 2017. Further details are available in the church porch.