

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) – SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- All public Masses are suspended.
- To ensure compliance with the Government's instruction regarding places of worship, St Joseph's Church will remain closed, until further notice.
- The Diocese of Portsmouth offers live streaming of Daily Mass and Sunday Mass via the following link: <https://www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>
- Please continue to check our website and Facebook page. We will try to keep them up to date with new information and spiritual help: <http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/index.php>. <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephstilehurst/>. The HOME page of our website contains our Community tab, for more information. On the Community, tab there is: A daily Novena, a prayer from Fr Peter and a section called "Latest News".
- In the event of an emergency, please telephone or email St Joseph's Parish Office (*details above*). Although the Parish Office remains closed until further notice, the answer phone and emails are checked daily.
- If you are able to continue to support St Joseph's Church financially and would like to do so online, please note our parish bank details:

**Lloyds Bank - 30 93 04 – 00885992 - PRC DTR Reading St Joseph - Ref: Parish/Your name.**

Alternatively, please post your offering envelope through the letter box of the Parish Office.

- Age UK has set up a phone friending service called "call in time". The service matches elderly people with a "friend" who calls once a week for a 30-minute chat at a time that suits. To set this up the phone number is 0800 434 6105 or the website is: [www.ageuk.org.uk/callintime](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/callintime) and this service is for anyone over 60.

## **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>No public Masses.</b>  <b>Fr Peter will celebrate these Mass intentions in private.</b>	Kathleen Cunningham's intentions
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March		Deceased members of the Quinn & Campbell families RIP
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March		
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April		Michael & Joan Coats RIP
		Maureen & Martin Tomas RIP
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April		Ellen Knox RIP
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Louise Monaghan RIP
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April		P T Antony RIP
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		Ellen Knox RIP
		Jack & Theresa Kerrigan RIP
		Michael Heneghan RIP
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."</b>		

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Chris Quinn, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy.

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

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

There will be no further prayer group sessions, *until further notice*.

### **KNITWITS**

Knitwits will not be meeting for the foreseeable future  
– *Margaret Chaplin*.

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - OAKWOOD WARD**

Volunteering on the ward is suspended, *until further notice*.

### **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.**



### **MIMI FURNELL RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Mimi Furnell who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Mimi's soul.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE**

If you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below: 16th - 25th September 2020 - 9 nights. Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person. Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje. Flight details: Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 - 16th September 2020. Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25th September 2020.

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

If you know in advance that you are going into hospital, please inform Fr Peter. In case of emergency, inform hospital staff and they will contact a priest for you.

**Note: Priests are now on emergency call out only - in danger of death. This is to ensure protection for them and for others. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: RBH: 0118 322 7105.**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Reading, during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. For full details and to sign up now to pray with them see our website at [40daysforlife.com/reading-2](http://40daysforlife.com/reading-2), or contact them at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com).

### **AV SCREEN VOLUNTEERS**

We need more volunteers to help run the presentation on the screen for 8.30 am Mass. You don't need to be confident with computers. Full training and support will be given. Please consider helping so that we can share the load better. Commitment will be once a month or less. If you would like to know more, please introduce yourself to the person running the presentation at any Mass, when our Masses can be celebrated once more,

### **THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY - "BEHOLD"**

This Re-dedication on March 29<sup>th</sup> is both a personal promise by the people of England, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey in 1381. England received the title 'Mary's Dowry' when Richard sought Our Lady's protection in the face of great political turmoil. This meant England was 'set aside' as a gift for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday, 29th March at 12 noon, the Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. Like King Richard we are invited to give ourselves, the people of this country, as a gift to Mary. We can respond in two ways; making a personal pledge (the "Angelus Promise" in which we proclaim our union with Mary through the words of the Annunciation) and a communal entrustment (a prayer of profoundly historic and spiritual nature, bringing together the prayers of surrender and dedication that have echoed throughout our history). All parishes, schools and Catholic organisations are invited to host this dedication and mark the occasion in their own way. For more details go to <https://www.behold2020.com/take-part>. The re-dedication comes as we celebrate God's Word becoming Flesh during "Year of the Word - the God Who Speaks". To link the two events, more can be found at [www.godwhospeaks.org](http://www.godwhospeaks.org) or the national site <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>



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

### **PASSOVER SUPPER - SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 7 PM**

This event has been cancelled.