

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

SEMINAR ON HEALING

SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY: 11 AM – 4 PM IN ST JOSEPH'S LARGE HALL

Fr Nicholas Broadbridge OSB, Benedictine Monk from Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Berkshire, will lead a special healing seminar and teach us all about the healing ministry. Please bring food to share for lunch. *All are welcome.*

WANTED

NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 10th March from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before Sunday, 4th March 2018. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a *mandatory* parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday, 17th March following 10 am Mass here at St Joseph's**, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The Lent Family Fast Day will be held on Friday, 23rd February with the donations being collected as a second collection on Sunday, 25th February. This Lent, for every pound you donate, the UK government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5,000,000. The envelopes are now available at the back of the church. *Please give generously.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY

Sunday, 4th February	8.30am	Seamus Hoban RIP
	10.30 am	Trevor & Cyril Williams RIP
Monday, 5th February <i>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	12 noon	Maureen & Donal's Intentions
Wednesday, 7th February	12noon	Meg Connell RIP
Thursday, 8th February	9.30 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
Friday, 9th February	7 pm	Rita Boyce's Intentions
Saturday, 10th February <i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>	10 am	Alice Johnson Vembala RIP
Sunday, 11th February	8.30 am	People of the parish in Thanksgiving from Carmen
	10.30 am	Julie & Gino Marenghi RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 28TH JANUARY 2018

Gift Aid	£1,269.87
Planned Giving	£100.90
Loose Plate	£309.74
TF3 CAFOD	£15.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£807.02
Candles	£33.18
Hall Hire	£92.00
Mass Stole Fees	£190.00
TOTAL	£2,817.71
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£175.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,896.45
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 11th February will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 11th February will be Eden Tett.

If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the RBH Chaplaincy on 0118 322 7105.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 7th February at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

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, and each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin, Rita Boyce & Maria.

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com. **Please register by 15th February.**

CAFOD FAST DAY BRIEFING

On Thursday, 8th February from 7.15 - 9.15 pm at the English Martyrs Church. CAFOD Portsmouth invite you to join them to find out more about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe tackling malnutrition. To book your place call 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH - VACANCY

English Martyrs parish wishes to appoint an Office Business Manager to work in the Parish Office full-time for 35 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 9th February. Interviews will be held w/c Monday, 19th February. For informal enquiries please contact the *Parish Office* on 0118 957 2149. Further details are available in the church porch.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY EVENT

Wednesday 7th February, 7 pm – Play: “This Evil Thing” - Being a pacifist in WW1. University of Reading, London Road Campus, LO22. Book for free tickets: events@reading.ac.uk

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the Reading University has also organised “Theology of the body” based on the teaching of St John Paul II. Every Thursday in February, lunch time (1 – 2 pm), at the Chaplaincy on Campus. There are sessions on theology of the body from Catholic perspective suitable for people aged 18 – 25 years. Covered topics include: Created in the image of God, Freedom, The human person, Fall and Redemption, What is love? Chastity, Vocations.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE Youth Group is always looking for new members to join their family. Therefore, if you have ever thought about joining a youth group but have always felt a little shy, let God hold your hand, invite a friend or two and join us! Our sessions are very relaxed and informal with opportunities to make new friends and have fun! Sessions are usually held in St Joseph's parish hall on the last Friday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We also run several offsite activities throughout the year too, such as bowling and swimming parties. IGNITE Youth Group is open to all young people of secondary school age. The annual membership fee is £22 or you can opt to pay £2 per session. If you would like to find out more, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at igniteyouth16@outlook.com or better still, come along to one of our sessions.

FUNDRAISING DANCE at the Irish Centre for Local Charities that help the Poor and Needy. Saturday, 10th February at the Irish Centre, 8 'til late, live music. Tickets £5 on the door on the night.

Knitwits meeting on Tuesday, 6th February at 2.30 pm at Theresa Bricker's home: 23 Bitterne Avenue.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are regularly requested to provide items such as furniture, clothing & food, and we hold a small food bank in the church hall, which has kindly been provided from your monthly donations. This has enabled us to make food available for the elderly, vulnerable and families in the area. The demand is continuing to grow due to cuts to Local Authority budgets & Government austerity. Our greatest need is a suitable storage facility which is clean, dry and large enough for storage of household items, which are often offered to us, but we are unable to store. If you know someone who has a storage facility to offer, please contact us urgently. Thank you all for your continued support to the St Joseph's SVP Conference. Jack Ewins President SVP, St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2018

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 11.30 am on Tuesdays, and after 7 pm Mass on Fridays. Fr Peter will lead Stations on Fridays; Tuesdays' Stations will be led by the laity. Please contact me if you would like to lead the Tuesday Stations. There is no set format; the leader decides which one to adopt. Guidance can be given if required. *Mike Tomas* - 0770 803 2743.



This year's Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela will be from 19th – 26th September. For anyone interested in taking part, an information meeting will be held at St James' Church on 23rd February at 7.30 pm. Initial enquiries to *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858.

HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale on Sunday, 25th February in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Handmade, non-religious birthday, sympathy, etc., cards are available for sale from the repository, courtesy of Jenny Gouk. Priced at £1 each. *Personalised cards are also available on request by contacting Jenny on 0118 941 2597.*

TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

Saturday, 24th February - Healing Ministry and Holy Mass at 12 noon at Our Lady of Peace with Fr Joe (Pastoral Coordinator from Isle of White) who organises deliverance prayers. If anyone wants to have special deliverance prayer said over them, please put contact details in a sealed envelope and hand them in to the Parish Office at OLOP. The Healing Mass will be followed by time for more individual prayers over people. *All are most welcome.*