

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Sheila Jones

Parish Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9 am – 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only

Safeguarding Representative:
Miriam da Cruz Fernandes

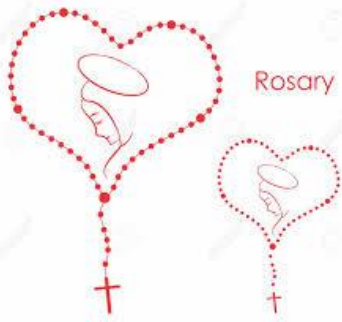
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 2ND MAY 2021

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary together.

You may wish to erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Our Lady, as a reminder of Mary's month, in your homes.



When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – *our domestic churches* – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. The main point is that it is a place designated for spending time in prayer. Just as you need a proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need a proper atmosphere to pray.

For the month of May, give Mary a special place in your home - a prayer corner; perhaps a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. ***Ave Maria!***

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND MAY – SUNDAY, 9TH MAY 2021

Sunday, 2 nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Mickey Scanlon, Batty Tiernan, Patsy Coyne & Francis Ryan RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Suzette & Filomena Lobo RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Zbigniew Maslewski RIP
Monday, 3 rd May Ss PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 4 th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1525 - 1680)	12 noon + Live-streamed	All those visited by the SVP
Wednesday, 5 th May	12 noon + Live-streamed	People of the parish
Thursday, 6 th May	Private	Kate Modlock, Mark Tracey, Barry Heaps & Brian McDonald RIP
Friday, 7 th May	Private	For all the sick
Saturday, 8 th May	Private	
Sunday, 9 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	John Cronin's intentions
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Gerry Brady RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Philip Marston RIP

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

**COLLECTION FOR
24TH/25TH APRIL 2021**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£196.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£210.50
Clergy Training Fund	£106.00
Repository	£2.50
Mass Stole Fees	£80.00
TOTAL	£1,270.00
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,554.78
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£127.50
Easter offerings	£1,871.00
Holy Places	£188.75

**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>

ROSARY

Saturdays at 10 am with
Fr Peter online.
Please follow the link on the
website.

**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, Michael & Joy O'Connell, 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.

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

COFFEE & CHAT

After both Sunday Masses.
Please follow the link on the website.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVP spends £2,600, annually, supplying CIRDIC with fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat products. To support this initiative, you can put your donation in the collection box in church, or using an envelope post it to the Parish Office, or give it to an SVP member. 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.*

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.

FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from your germs, even if you do not feel ill. If you become unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available from April 2021. 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. Beginning on 21st May 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.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size. *Alan Goncalves*.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

With the lifting of lock down on the horizon and the successful roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, Bishop Philip is inviting you to reserve a place on our pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage is from 19th – 23rd July 2021.

Last year, we had to postpone our plans due to the pandemic and are this year very much looking forward to meeting with our very patient pilgrims at the airport on Monday, 19th July to fly to Tarbes, France, to begin our much-awaited pilgrimage. We do still have some places available and would encourage all of you who have told us you would like to join us, but are waiting to see what happens with regard to COVID-19, to send your booking forms and deposits to us a.s.a.p. to avoid being disappointed.

This year we are due to fly from Bournemouth direct to Tarbes, France, a much shorter travelling distance, and stay as in previous years at the Hotel La Solitude, where we can enjoy en-suite rooms and full board, for the duration of our stay. We have exciting plans for our pilgrimage, and if you too would like to join us, further details can be obtained by email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone: 0778 022 1686.

CAFÉ THEOLOGIQUE: A HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

Interview with Emeritus Prof John Barton on Monday, 17th May from 7.30 pm – 9 pm on Zoom. Shortcut: <http://u.nu/cafetheo> (full details: <https://zoom.us/j/99410788443?pwd=U09sMUVWb0tzYzRpRGxScUk3aVR1OT09> Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541). Prof Barton is the Oriel & Laing Emeritus Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford. A History of the Bible was featured on Radio 4's Book of the Week, read by Hugh Bonneville. "Scholarship and cerebral entertainment of the highest class" (Dominic Sandbrook, Sunday Times, Books of the Year).

MARS, THEOLOGY AND ASTROBIOLOGY

Interview with the Revd Dr Andrew Davison on Monday, 14th June from 7.30 – 9 pm on Zoom. Shortcut: <http://u.nu/cafetheo> (full details: <https://zoom.us/j/99410788443?pwd=U09sMUVWb0tzYzRpRGxScUk3aVR1OT09> Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541). Dr Davison is the Starbridge Senior Lecturer in Theology and Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, and Canon Philosopher of St Albans Cathedral. He has doctorates in both Natural Science and Theology. His forthcoming monograph will explore the significance of exobiology on Christian faith.

UNIVERSITY OF READING

The Chaplaincy is hosting The Week of Guided Prayer starting on 9th May. A personal daily half-hour meeting with a prayer guide to help you find God's call. Free online workshops that are happening throughout the week on Zoom, 7 - 8.30 pm, on the topics listed below:

- Monday 10
Ways of Praying 1:
Imaginative Contemplation
- Tuesday 11 - Ways of Praying 2:
The Examen
- Thursday 13 - Ways of Praying 3:
Doing Art

Please email us to register and for the Zoom link chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk For regular activities see our weekly events page or Facebook. Follow us on Instagram. *University of Reading Chaplaincy, Park House Lodge, Whiteknights, READING, RG6 6AH.* Tel. 0118 378 8797. *Miriam Barlow - Chaplaincy Administrator.*

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

Tuesday, 4th May is to be this year's Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Listening to the voices of victims and survivors, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have moved the date on which the Day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse is usually marked, to a new date during the Easter Season. Initially, the Fifth Friday in Lent, it was felt that the inclusion of this day in Lent was penitential. The original motivation for the day was not the Church seeking forgiveness for its failings, but on the hope and renewal that is necessary for the victims, survivors and others affected by abuse (for example families, parish communities). As such, the Conference decided to move this Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse to the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter.

In 2021, this will fall on Tuesday, 4th May. Making this change affirms the desire of the Church to put survivors at the heart of the response to abuse. Holding the day in Easter Season also offers the hope that Pope Francis spoke of in his first General Audience: "He healed, comforted, understood - gave hope. He led all to the presence of God." (27th March 2013). The 'Let's be Honest Group', a group set up to support survivor-centred initiatives such as this, has been asked to provide resources and prayers for the day. These will be published in due course. The group has already released a resource this Lent called 'Listening with Love' – inviting people to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals and the Church. For more information, please click [here](#).

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

For information about the Year of St Joseph, including prayers and indulgences, please go to: www.yearofstjoseph.org.



VACANCY – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

At Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. Closing Date for applications: 7th June 2021. A vacancy for Foundation Governor on the governing body has arisen and expressions of interests are

being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- that the religious character of the school is preserved
- that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed
- that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese.

The school would benefit from people with skills or experience in one or more of the following: accountancy, legal, contracts, project/facilities management, quantity surveying. Anyone interested in the mission of foundation governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Nomination Forms are available from the school:

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/schools/governance.php>.

Please e-mail s.cook@hughfaringdon.org.

The School website:

<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/governing-body>, or Catholic and Academies Schools Office, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, St. Swithun Wells House, 22 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1DH. Or email: governors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS - 4TH MAY

Many years ago, I watched an edition of Songs of Praise. I don't normally watch this programme but, as the theme that particular Sunday was "traditional Catholic hymns", I decided to tune in. One hymn was introduced as "the most Catholic of all Catholic hymns", namely Faith of Our Fathers, [sadly very rarely sung in our churches these days]. It was written in 1849 by Frederick William Faber (1814 -1863), a convert to Catholicism, in memory of the Catholic martyrs of this country who suffered for their faith between 1535 and 1680, and whose feast we celebrate on Tuesday.

On 4th May 1535, in Tyburn (close to the current location of Marble Arch), three Carthusian monks were the first of many men and women who were martyred for their faith during The Reformation. The number who died, who came from every walk of life, cannot be measured, however 284 of them have been canonised or declared blessed.

It wasn't just priests and religious who were martyred. Laity who were prepared to shelter priests; to arrange Masses in secret to witness to the faith, all met the same fate. They are remembered for the example they gave and for their courage in the face of persecution" in spite of dungeon, fire and sword", as the hymn puts it. Their heroic witness should help us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the holy priesthood. Let us pray for the priests and people of our neighbouring parish, a parish that we were part of until April 1966, when St Joseph's became a parish in its own right. *Mike Tomas.*

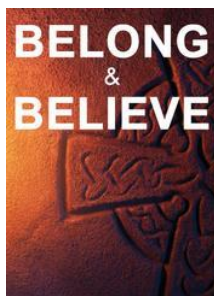
All you holy English Martyrs - pray for us.

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Earlier this year, the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill, and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change.

Right to Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation



**CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION (CaFÉ)
BELONG & BELIEVE
NEW ONLINE FILM PRE-LAUNCH**

In our post-pandemic world, the need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This new filmed course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together. A five-session course to revitalise communities and their mission. Includes a recommended course book. Ideal for parish teams and small groups in both a Catholic and an Anglican setting. Stand-alone filmed sessions (approximately 20 mins each).

More details can be found on the café web site at www.faithcafe.org café is offering this full course set for only £25 + p&p, and it can be ordered online or by telephone on 0845 050 9428.

**CHRISTIAN AID
- MAKE EVERY STEP COUNT THIS MAY**

Let's move one step closer to a world free from poverty. Make every step count this May; climate crisis hurts us all, but people living in poverty battle the worst of it. Every day they walk further and dig deeper to survive. This May, we invite you to take on our 300,000 Steps Challenge. Clocking in at just under 10,000 steps a day, you can do the challenge alone or with a team. Each step you take could help people like Rose in Kenya - who struggles daily to provide enough food for her family.

Find out more through our Facebook group - we will be able to support you every step of the way. No matter how you decide to take part, the money you raise could help a community like Rose's to build a dam, so that many more people can have the water they need to live:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself?utm_source=christianaid&utm_medium=email&utm_content=btn-body-Resources&utm_campaign=20210329-CA-CAW-Org-4&cldee=cmNhb5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQuZXU%3d&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1chaede758264597a495672a5a65cbe7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba#steps



Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples; it brings a positive focus, and helps nourish and grow your marriage, and you don't need to leave home; it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme; a virtual weekend commencing on 1st - 4th July - call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443. Email:

retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



**REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
CARETAKER**

20 hours per week (plus overtime). Grade/Salary D. Are you a team player who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school by helping to maintain our premises and security to a high standard?

We are looking for an excellent, organised, flexible and methodical Caretaker to start as soon as possible. We welcome applications to join our dedicated and enthusiastic team. The successful candidate will:

- Be fully supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Be enthusiastic, imaginative, open and flexible
- Have high expectations
- Enjoy working in a team and on their own

We can offer you:

- An Outstanding Catholic School in "Overall Effectiveness and all aspects of learning" as judged in our recent Diocesan Section 48 Validation
- An opportunity to work in a school that has been rated number one Primary in Berkshire!
- "St. Pauls has a strong community spirit, pupils enjoy coming to school...providing a calm, friendly and well-ordered environment where pupils make good progress in their learning." according to the recent OFSTED report
- Delightful and happy children
- A caring and supportive ethos
- A vibrant, stimulating, well-resourced environment

Please visit our website for our virtual tour, and give us a ring if you would like to have a chat or if you need any further information. Tel: 0118 942 2003. E-mail: sbm@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk. Closing Date: Friday, 7th May 2021 at Midday. Interviews: Week commencing 10th May 2021. For an application pack, please contact the school. Application packs are also available online at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate.