

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

5TH MARCH 2017

My dear friends,

Due to the installation of the Audio Visual screen and new sound system in our church next week, **ALL** weekday Masses will be held at 7 pm. For this reason, Stations of the Cross on will be held on Friday only. There will be no Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, 7th March, as advertised in the enclosed Lent & Easter services diary note.

Fr Peter

CAFOD: FAMILY FAST DAY AND REGULAR GIVING

The CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10th March. Please use the GIVE TODAY part of the envelope provided for your donation to CAFOD's appeal, and the GIVE REGULARLY part should you wish to make a regular gift to CAFOD. Florence, the focus of this year's Lentern campaign, was poverty stricken and helped by one of CAFOD's partners in Zambia, who equipped her to become a successful fish farmer. Florence's income is now sufficient to give her two children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. She is voluntarily working alongside CAFOD's partner to help others in her community improve their lives similarly. This is just one of several projects CAFOD has in Zambia, all of which are designed to equip people to provide for themselves, rather than be dependent on aid. CAFOD's Africa aid programme is bringing relief from poverty in more than a dozen African countries. All donations and pledges of gifts will go to CAFOD's general appeal fund to support its global mission to help the poorest communities and people who are most in need. Thank you for praying for CAFOD's work at this time and for giving what you can. Lent Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed in any of our Sunday collections. *Thank you.*

MASS INTENTIONS: 5TH MARCH – 11TH MARCH

Sunday, 5th March	8.30 am	Edgar Welch RIP
	10.30 am	James & Elsie McAdden RIP
Monday, 6th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 7th March Ss Perpetua & Felicity	7 pm	Tony Douet RIP
Wednesday, 8th March St John of God	7 pm	Catherine Gallagher RIP
Thursday, 9th March	7 pm	Joan McNeill RIP
Friday, 10th March	7 pm 7.30 pm	Joan McNeill RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 11th March	10 am	Catherine Gallagher RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 26TH FEBRUARY 2017

Gift Aid:	£1,194.21
Planned Giving:	£86.00
Loose Plate	£346.82
Candles	£45.09
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£40.00
Mass Stole fees	£40.50
Hall hire	£216.00
TOTAL	£1,968.62
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£25.00
Donations for Altar Servers Albs	£25.00

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 12th March will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 15th March at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

12 th March	8.30 am	Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP

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 Frs John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**

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, Patricia Kusta, 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*.

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

The remaining Lent Discussion Groups will be held at St Catherine's Church from 7 - 8 pm on the following Sundays: March 12th, 19th & 26th. *All are welcome.*

CHRISTIAN AID

We currently have no Christian Aid representatives in our parish. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help, please call *Richard Canning* on 0118 942 8238 email: *rcanning@meadowsweet.eu*.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH

For the first time in our parish of St Joseph, we are participating in the day devoted to Our Lord. Beginning with Mass at 10 am followed by confession, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6 pm. There is a Watching List available for you to sign up at the back of the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesdays BEFORE Mass at 11.30 am (*excluding 7th March*), and on Fridays AFTER the 7pm Mass. Fr Peter will lead the Friday Stations. The Stations on Tuesdays are to be laity led. If you would like to lead them, either as an individual or as a pair, then please let me know. There are no set prayers to accompany each Station so the format adopted will be the choice of the leader on the day. If you have never led the Stations and would like some guidance then please let me know. *Mike Tomas*.

WITHDRAWAL OF OLD £5 NOTES

Paper £5 notes, featuring Elizabeth Fry on the reverse, will be withdrawn from circulation on 5th May 2017. They can be used normally until then. The Bank of England will always exchange its old-series notes.

Recommended morning and night-time prayers are enclosed with this newsletter.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

10th - 18th MARCH 2017

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the Novena prayer.

Please write to *Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT*, or email *novena@millhillmissionaries.com*. The Novena will be recited daily here after Mass each day.

"LECTIO DIVINA" - THE LIVING WORD

Are you interested in praying with Scripture? If so, Ian and Carmen would like to hear from you. Please talk to us after Sunday 10.30 am Mass or phone 0783 771 1876 (Ian). Please call us if you would like any further details or information. We're relatively new to the parish, but I'm sure you've seen us with our children, 11 year old Cristina and 8 year old Matthew, little boy with Down syndrome. Kind regards, *Ian and Carmen Balanza-Davis*.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHER'S

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 8th March at 7.30 pm. Fr Peter will be joining us. We meet in the small hall and all ladies are welcome.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Paul's Class will be attending Mass at 9.30 am on Thursday, 16th March. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' is the theme for our next session on FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm in the parish hall. Why not join us for an evening of bush tucker trials - we promise the trials will be fun, but that's not to say there may be one or two hidden surprises ... How many stars will you find? Will you succeed in the Dingo Dollar Challenge? Come along and test your skills. Be brave! New members welcomed.

For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell, Youth Group Co-ordinator on, T. 07740 547922* or on *E. igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

'PREPARING OURSELVES FOR EASTER'

Retreat from Tuesday, 11th - 17th April at Cold Ash Centre of Franciscan Spirituality. Directed by Sister Margaret Taylor FMM Counselling Psychologist, Dip. Psych., Spiritual Director, HV Cert, SCM, SRN. Tel 0163 586 5353. Email: *coldashcentre@hotmail.co.uk*. Website: *www.coldashcentre.org*.

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th March at 2.30 pm at the home of Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close.

This Lent, join our Wednesday Gospel Webinar, every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel. Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. Take the time to ponder the Word of God and to ask the questions you cannot ask in church during the homily! You can join the webinar wherever you are, from a computer with a good internet connection and the sound turned up. Here are a few steps to join the webinar:

1. Register:
http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/for/mation/webinar
2. You will receive a confirmation email, and reminder emails after that.
3. On Wednesday at 7pm, join the webinar by clicking on the link in your confirmation/reminder email.

CHURCHES IN READING WOMEN'S CENTRE (CIRWC) NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you know women who would be interested in coming along to our friendly drop in centre on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday based at Wesley Methodist Church, we would love to hear from you. See what we do at our web site: *www.cirw.org.uk*.

We are looking for volunteers to lead activities, talk with the women who come and support cooking and friendship. We would also like contact with women who might benefit from the centre and its activities.

If you would like to join our Trustee body, we would also be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at *enquiries@cirwc.org.uk*. Further details are available in the church porch.

FREE WOOD CHIP

Makes great garden mulch. Help yourself from pile in far corner of car park. *Bring your own bags*.

