

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) – 28TH /29TH NOVEMBER 2020

ADVENT: PREPARING, WAITING, LONGING, PRAYING



We begin the season of Advent today. We now enter a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. We light the first purple candle. Our liturgical colour changes from green to purple. The Gloria is omitted in Advent. We adopt the attitude of the Jewish people who longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah – the Saviour of the world. A well-lived Advent is the perfect preparation for Christmas. Let us undertake to give this season our best efforts, as we begin Advent.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Planning is well underway for our Christmas Masses. Information about Mass times will be available from next weekend.

PUBLIC MASSES

Public Masses will resume from Saturday, 5th December at the following times:

Saturday 10 am & 5 pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.30 am & 11 am, Tuesday 12 noon, Wednesday 11 am. Please look out for emails inviting you to a specific Mass, and reply as soon as possible.



MAUREEN HANSON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Maureen Hanson who died on Wednesday, 18th November. Maureen's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 2nd December at 12.15 pm, followed by 1.45 pm at Reading Crematorium, South Chapel, *by invitation only*. Please pray for the repose of Maureen's soul. *May she rest in peace.*



JEAN TROTT RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Jean Trott who died recently. Jean's Funeral Mass details are to be confirmed. Please pray for the repose of Jean's soul. *May she rest in peace*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Helen, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep & Betty Dennehy. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2020		
Sunday, 29 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)	5 pm (Vigil) Live-streamed only	Harry McSoley RIP
	10am Live-streamed only	David Dye RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Monday, 30 th November ST ANDREW , Apostle	Private Mass	Pierce MacMahon & Nicola Perkins' intentions
Tuesday, 1 st December St Edmund Campion , Priest, Martyr	Private Mass	Harry & Mick McSoley RIP.
Wednesday, 2 nd December	12.15 pm + Live-streamed	Funeral: Maureen Hanson RIP
Thursday, 3 rd December St Francis Xavier , Priest	Private Mass	Michael Joyce RIP
Friday, 4 th December	Private Mass	Teresa & Kevin Quinn RIP
Saturday, 5 th December	10 am followed by Rosary & Benediction + Live-streamed	Roy & Christine Fisher RIP
Sunday, 6 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Sean Murphy RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Michael Joyce RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Patricia MacMahon RIP

TEMPORARY OPENING HOURS

St Joseph's Parish Office is open for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact, *until further notice*. *Temporary* office hours are Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 12.30 pm. 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 say a Mass, or if you would like anything to be included in the newsletter.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 0118 957 4730.

APF

Many thanks to all box holders who have emptied their own boxes, and posted a cheque through the presbytery letter box.

There is still time to have your contributions included in the 2020 accounts, if you empty your box and submit a cheque by 10th December. Cheques should be made payable to Missio.

Any enquiries to me please - *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary* – 0770 803 2743.

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The following Masses will also be live-streamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

- Wednesday - 11 am, followed by the Rosary
(*Note: Change of time on 2nd December, in order to accommodate Maureen Hanson's Funeral Mass at 12.15 pm*).
- Saturday - 10 am, followed by the Rosary and Benediction.
- Saturday - 5 pm Vigil
- Sunday – 8.30 am & 11 am

**COLLECTION FOR
21ST/22ND NOVEMBER 2020**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£55.00
Loose Plate	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£55.00
TOTAL	£120.00
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
(TF10) CAFOD COVID-19 Appeal	£126.55
Home Mission Sunday	£157.25
World Mission Sunday	£186.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£873.83
Lenten Alms	£463.05
Bamenda Sunday	£695.73

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

To make any donation to St Joseph's, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

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.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Sundays at 12 noon - Grab a coffee and have a catch-up with friends from St Joseph's. <https://pepsico.zoom.us/j/65563666322?pwd=ZlpNYlBxbTZSUlJZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2021

Registration is now open for St Joseph's parish children and St Paul's School children who are in Year 3 and above. Please download a form and revised session dates, attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter, or from our web site, and post the completed form, copy baptism certificate and your payment of £25.00 through the letterbox of the Parish Office. *Please note due to the pandemic, there will be no face-to-face contact with the Parish Office.* The closing date is **20th December 2020.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next collection will be on Saturday, 5th December from 2 - 3 pm in St Joseph's Church car park. Very many thanks to all those who were able to donate to the SVP on Saturday, 7th November, and to those who continue to donate by envelope to CIRDIC/SVP, and post through the Parish Office letter box.

Your donations of food, clothes and funds have been very well received. CIRDIC is very grateful for the clothing and food. Your financial support is also enabling us to provide fresh provisions and meat for CIRDIC. We also support needy and vulnerable families in the area. I have detailed below the items most needed:

- Food:
Tinned Goods - Ham, corned beef, chicken, soups & Big Meal soups, tuna, hot dogs, baked beans, spaghetti, ravioli, fruit salads and other tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, packet and vacuumed items, pasta sauces, dried pasta, cereals, sugar, long life milk.

This list is a guide, but those of you who have families are much more aware of what's needed.

- Clothes/Footwear:
Winter jackets, anoraks, waterproof jackets, jeans, warm winter trousers, trainers, gloves and warm socks, knitted hats.

These items are mainly for men - approx. 60. However, women's warm clothing would be appreciated - approx. 15 women.

Donations to the SVP would also be very much appreciated. We plan to continue the collections on the 1st Saturday of each month into 2021. There will also be a collection basket for money donations available on the table as you exit the church. Thank you all for your very kind support. Keep safe & well. God Bless. *Jack Ewins, President SVP St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Mobile No. 0773 449 9190.*

2 single electric beds, in good condition. One will need a new mattress - for collection in Tilehurst before 7th December. Please contact *Jack Ewins - Mobile 0773 449 9190.*

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the Covid-19 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.*



ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is due to start school in September 2021, please complete a Council Application form and a new 2021 Supplementary Information Form. These forms need to be returned to the council and school by 15th January 2021. We are unable to offer any school tours, at this time. A short video tour of our reception classes can be found on our web site, and the School Office is happy to answer any other questions: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANT (MINIMUM QUALIFICATION LEVEL 2)

Required A.S.A.P., to work with a named child - 27.5 hours per week, term time only until 21st July 2021, (with a possibility of further extension). Grade/Salary C.

Please feel free to ring us and have a chat about our lovely school and children – Telephone No. 0118 942 2003. Closing Date: Wednesday, 9th December – Midday. Interviews: Friday, 11th December. For an application pack, please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk. E-mail: office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk.



This Christmas, why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas. New gifts this year include Keep Clean £6 (soap and washing powder for family), and Emergency Food £50, so please look online <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>. Many thanks for your support. Jo Lewry - Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Portsmouth - 0771 009 4447.

MARY'S MEALS

From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our "Double The Love Campaign" will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Please consider setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table, or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST ANDREW – 30TH NOVEMBER

Not that anybody from Scotland will need reminding, tomorrow is St Andrew's Day. Andrew was born in Bethsaida and was the elder brother of St Peter, and was the first of the Apostles to be called by Jesus. Originally, he was a disciple of St John the Baptist. After Pentecost, he zealously preached the Gospel and was crucified in Patras (Greece). Andrew believed he was not worthy to be crucified on a cross like that of Christ, so he met his death on a saltire, or an X-shaped cross. After his death, relics of St Andrew were taken to many places, and probably brought to Britain by St Augustine from Rome in 592. In 732, they were brought from Hexham to Kilrymont (Fife), which was later re-named St Andrews. His relics can now be venerated in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

In 832, King Oengus II (Angus) led his side into battle. It is alleged that on the morning of the battle, he witnessed an X-shaped cloud against a clear blue sky. Believing it to be the cross of St Andrew, Oengus prayed to him for victory saying that he would declare him Patron Saint of Scotland, if he won. Needless to say that the white X-shaped cross, on a blue background, is the proud symbol of Scotland today. St Andrew is not only patron of Scotland, but also of Greece, Russia, Romania and Barbados. *St Andrew- pray for us.*

Mike Tomas.

COMPASS IN ADVENT PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to Covid-19. Join us to reflect on some of the characters in the Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. How is God speaking to us through these stories today? Each Friday, we will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will also include a sharing of a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion. Who? – Young adults 18 - 35. When? Fridays – 4th, 11th, 18th December. Time? 7 pm, for one hour. Zoom link: Email us on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com for the link, and for any other information. Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>. Compass is a project of CVP (Catholic Vocations Project). CVP is supported by a group of religious women and men in the UK who are interested in promoting a culture of vocation in our Church. *FCJ Young Adult Network*
www.fcjsisters.org
Blog: <http://fcjsisters.wordpress.com/>