

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH 2020



CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH

This is an opportunity to support our overseas brothers and sisters in need. Eat a simple meal on that day so that others can simply eat! Anabel Goncalves, our CAFOD parish representative, will speak after both Masses today. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach the ends of the earth, so please collect your Fast Day envelope from church and give whatever you can, or donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>. Thank you.

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE - SATURDAY, 14TH MARCH FROM 5 – 7 PM

Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*

Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive; instead, park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH – SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH 2020

Sunday, 1 st March	8.30 am	Margaret Humphreys RIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Monday, 2 nd March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 3 rd March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Tony & Sinead O'Carroll & family's intentions
Wednesday, 4 th March	6.30 am	
	12 noon	Michael O'Carroll's intentions
Thursday, 5 th March	9.30 am	May & Kathleen Phelan & family's intentions
Friday, 6 th March	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 7 th March	10 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
Sunday, 8 th March	8.30 am	John & Mary English RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	10.30 am	Graham Ward RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned".		

COLLECTION FOR 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£428.42
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£29.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£2,046.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£77.00
Loose Plate	£181.09
Candles	£48.32
Hall Hire	£320.00
Donation (RISE)	£240.00
Repository	£10.00
Mass Stole fees	£70.00
TOTAL	£3,449.83
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)	£388.85

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH

- Collection for CAFOD Lent Fast Day

- **Counters:**

J Macbeth & I Balanza-Davis

- **Mass readers**:**

8.30 am.

1st Reading – E Millichap.

2nd Reading – M Tomas.

10.30 am

1st Reading – C Parkes.

2nd Reading – R Hopkins.

- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**

8.30 am

D Cathrew, M Tomas & M Fernandes.

10.30 am

A Epps, D Fernandes & E Hopkins.

- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**

H McSoley.

****Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you**.**

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.**

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP – 9.30 AM

Due to flood damage in the Marian Room, all prayer group meetings will take place at St Catherine's, until further notice. *All are welcome.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd March at 2 pm at the home of Theresa Bricker.

TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

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

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, Mimi Furnell, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Chris Quinn, 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*.

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 take the necessary action of contacting a priest for you. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm in the Royal Berkshire Hospital chapel. *Patients, staff & visitors are all welcome.*

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Thursday, 26th March from 10 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

SVP

A Mass with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick will be held on Thursday, 12th March at 2 pm. Tea, coffee, cake, etc., will be available in the hall after Mass. *Everyone is welcome.* Should you require transport, please contact *Jack* or other members of the SVP.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - 50TH CELEBRATION

There will be an open afternoon on Sunday, 15th March, to commemorate the opening of St Paul's School, from 12 noon - 2 pm.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. contact *Fr John Cooke* - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

PARISH LIFE & WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING

An illustrated talk by a leading local historian, Joan Dils, at Our Lady of Peace Church on 11th March at 7.30 pm. *Everyone welcome.*

WALKING THE ST JAMES' WAY

From Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James' Church, Reading, RG1 3FD. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year? Please email St James' Parish Office on stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. Please see poster for full list of dates.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY

On Saturday, 18th April from 10 am – 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church: 'BREAKTHROUGH'. For more information go to www.smartloving.org/breakthrough.

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE - EXPLORING THEOLOGY SERIES

7.30 – 9 pm, Zero Degrees Bar in St Mary Butts. No charge, all welcome. Monday, 2nd March: Interview with the new Bishop of Reading, Rt Revd Olivia Graham.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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.

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Laity led Stations of the Cross before Mass on Tuesdays (Wednesday in Holy Week) have been well attended over the last few years. However, finding people to lead them has proved difficult. There are no set prayers to accompany the Stations, so whoever leads, decides the format to adopt. Guidance can be given if you would like to lead but have never done so before. If you are able to lead, please contact me. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

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 request a novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to *Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT* or email: *novenamhm@gmail.com*.

LENT 2020

Traditionally, Lent has been a time when we give up something we enjoy: biscuits, sweets or alcohol, for example. However, Lent is about self-discipline. Self-discipline doesn't have to be "giving something up", it can take the form of "doing something extra". During Lent last year, Fr Peter introduced a 6.30 am Mass on Wednesday mornings, giving us all the opportunity to practise self-discipline - to do something extra. The first of these Masses will be on 4th March and the last will be on 1st April (there will not be one in Holy Week). This Holy Season of Lent, why not give it a go? It really is good for the soul.

PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL: 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover Supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration including some singing/music. Ticket prices are Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Ann Epps, Sue Collier* or *Wendy Earley*.

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

This Re-dedication on March 29th 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 or the national site <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

FAIRTRADE LECTURE BY THE CEO OF CAFÉ DIRECT, JOHN STEEL

Hosted by the Economics Dept and the Chaplaincy at the University of Reading - Wednesday, 4th March, 6.15 pm, Slingo Lecture Theatre, JJ Thomson building. Free, but booking required. Booking will be open soon at <https://www.reading.ac.uk/news-and-events/about-eventlist.aspx>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer, formerly Women's World Day of Prayer, is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. It is celebrated annually on the first Friday of March in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa, and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later.

The Tilehurst service will be at the Methodist Church, School Road, at 7.30 pm on Friday, 6th March. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, and everyone is invited.

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, or contact them at 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com.