

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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9 am – 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only*

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

**TODAY** is the Fourteenth Sunday of the Year, and the Gospel is Mark 6:1-6. Everyone in his home town knows Jesus. They know exactly who he is - he is the ordinary son of an ordinary carpenter. Isn't he? When Jesus preaches, they cannot believe what they are hearing. What they see and hear does not match what they 'know' about Jesus. Instead of opening themselves to this new reality, which challenges their presuppositions about Jesus, they hold on to their notions and so shut themselves off from faith. Do we too miss opportunities to see, hear, acknowledge and accept God in our midst because we think we already know everything he is and does?

You can find the Sunday readings [here](#) and read Scott Hahn's reflection [here](#). You can register to watch our Diocesan Wednesday Webinar [here](#), or join via [Facebook live](#). If you can't join on Wednesday, you can subscribe to the podcast [here](#).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEA SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**Apostleship of the Sea:** This is the church in action amongst the seafarers of the world. The object is to provide for the spiritual and material well-being of them all, regardless of religion, race or rank. *Please be as generous as you can.*

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July <b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Joan O'Brien RIP
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>7 pm</b> + Live-streamed	The Sinnett family's intentions
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Kitty O'Carroll RIP
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Private</b>	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Private</b>	Ritchie O'Connor's intentions
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Private</b>	
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July <b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Andrew & Annie Oliver RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Prince Philip RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Joy O'Connell RIP

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefan Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, 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, John Cronin, Alan Allen and Mike Tomas.

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

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> August from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month. We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). 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](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

### ROSARY

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary.  
*Further details are available on our web site.*

### COLLECTION FOR 19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£387.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£271.87
Day for Life	£15.00
Peter's Pence	£110.00
Funeral fees	£302.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00

**TOTAL** **£1,795.87**

#### RUNNING TOTALS

TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£287.06
Easter offerings	£1,933.51
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£192.50
Day for Life	£260.00
Peter's Pence	£135.00

### 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>

### ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. 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. Until 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### SPUC

SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July or Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021](http://www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021)

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION!

#### PART-TIME SUPERVISOR SONNING COMMON

The Sonning Common shop is busy and vibrant and serves the local community with great quality pre-loved items at really good prices. Would you like to join the team sorting stock, pricing it – merchandising and helping with the window displays? For an informal chat about this role, or to request an application form (CVs not accepted), please phone *Megan* on 0118 951 2336 or via email to [hr@ccam.org.uk](mailto:hr@ccam.org.uk). Or go to [www.ccam.org.uk](http://www.ccam.org.uk) for more details. The closing date for applications is 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.



The London Jesuit Centre in central London is looking to appoint:

- Housekeeper (permanent, 35 hours/week, £525/week; responsible for leading a team of cleaners/housekeeping staff)
- Receptionist (permanent, 6 hours/day, 2 – 8 pm, £390/week).

Further information:

<https://londonjesuitcentre.org/jobs>

### SAFE SPACES

Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Telephone No. 0300 303 1056. Web site: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/)

### VOCATIONS

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, contact *Cn. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

### DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021

The summer edition of our quarterly Diocesan newsletter is available on the exit table as you leave church today. We're very grateful to all who have delivered the newsletters over these last few days. This summer edition has a special focus on the current Year of the Eucharist and also on Vocations. One of my most earnest prayers is for vocations to every state of life and ministry in the Church and especially to the priesthood. I hope you enjoy reading in the newsletter the inspiring stories and testimonies of some of those whom the Lord has called into his service. Canon Gerard Flynn offers a reflection on the work of being the Vocations Director, and Canon John Cooke speaks about the “unique opportunity” given in his work of Vocations' Promotion. I also lay out my hopes for the Year of the Eucharist and offer some practical ideas as to how we might keep this Year special. Make sure you pick up a copy of the Viva Voce newsletter today! *Bishop Philip*.

### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Holy Father has designated 25<sup>th</sup> July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life have produced a selection of resources for the Day, so as to ensure that “its joyous message reaches every grandparent and elderly person effectively, even the most isolated.” You can access the [message of Pope Francis here](#) and also some pastoral guidelines and [ideas for the day here](#). The Vatican suggests that it “would be especially meaningful if, as the Day approaches, the message could be delivered by every grandchild to their own grandparents, and by young people to the lonely elderly members of their communities”. To mark the day and to encourage acts of charity, the Holy Father has established a special Plenary Indulgence for those who on that day devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases).



### **SAINT OF THE WEEK:**

#### **ST MARIA GORETTI (1890 -1902)**

Maria was born in Nettuno (about 40 miles south of Rome) to a very poor family. Her father died when she was about 10 years old and the family were so poor that they had to share a house with another family, the Serenelli family.

One of the family, a young man named Alessandro [who was about eight years older than Maria], made several attempts to seduce Maria. Angered by her constant refusals, Alessandro threatened to kill Maria. When Maria was twelve years old, Alessandro attempted to rape Maria. She fought him off but he carried out his previous threats and stabbed Maria fourteen times. Maria was taken to the local hospital but died there from her injuries. However before dying she forgave her attacker.

In 1910, eight years later, Alessandro had a dream in which Maria presented him with fourteen lilies individually (one for each stabbing). When he awoke, he saw that as a sign that Maria had forgiven him and wanted him to change. Alessandro, from that moment, was indeed a changed man. He confessed his sin, begged forgiveness and prayed constantly to Maria in his prison cell.

In 1928, he was released from prison. One of the first things he did was to seek out Maria's mother and beg her forgiveness, which she gave, saying that if her daughter could forgive who was she to refuse. That year Maria's mother and Alessandro received Holy Communion together at Mass on Christmas Day.

In 1947, Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII and canonized just three years later. Alessandro became a lay Capuchin brother until his death in 1970.

On 6th May 2003, the ceremony of the Dedication of a Church took place here in St Joseph's. At such a ceremony, it is customary to place relics in the altar. We are fortunate to have relics of three saints in the reliquary namely, Saint John Vianney, St Pius X and Saint Maria Goretti.

Let us pray to Saint Maria Goretti, asking her to intercede for our needs and the needs of the parish.

***St Maria Goretti - pray for us.***

*Mike Tomas*

### **RIGHT TO LIFE UK**

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth  
The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)  
Daniel Turner, Operations Officer, Right To Life UK  
0173 246 0911 - [daniel@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:daniel@righttolife.org.uk)



Temporary SEN Teaching Assistant- Autism (Minimum qualification Level 2) required September 2021 - 32.5 hours per week, term time only until 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Grade/Salary C/D depending on experience. Please feel free to ring us and have a chat about our lovely school and children. Closing Date: Friday, 9th July Midday. Interviews: Wednesday, 14th July. For an application pack please contact the school on 0118 942 2003. Application packs are also available on line 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.

### **EMERGENCY ALERTS**

What are Emergency Alerts? The new Emergency Alerts service will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone if their lives are at risk in an emergency. The service will be used to warn you about life-threatening emergencies such as severe flooding or terror attacks. What will the alert look and sound like? An Emergency Alert looks and sounds very different to other types of messages such as SMS text messages. You'll know if you get an Emergency Alert because you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound and your phone will use a distinct vibration. A message will appear on your screen until you acknowledge it. For more information about Emergency Alerts visit: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>