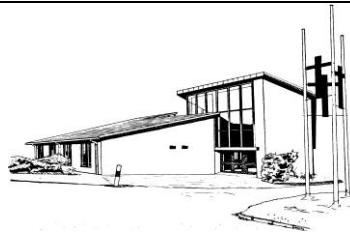


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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## A HOLY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS!

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) – 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.45 pm	Carols before Christmas Family Mass at 6 pm
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30 pm	Carols before Midnight Mass
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am	Christmas Day Mass
<i>Please note that there is only ONE Mass on Christmas Day</i>		
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	St Stephen's Day Mass
<i>Medals to be presented to the Altar Servers during this Mass</i>		

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019 – SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	8.30 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard & John Nevin RIP
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6 pm	People of the parish
<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	Midnight	People of the parish
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am	People of the parish
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Michael Heneghan RIP
<b>ST STEPHEN, the First Martyr</b>		
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	12 noon	Paddy McMahon & Stephen McKenna RIP
<b>ST JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist</b>		
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	10 am	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>		
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	8.30 am	Thomas & Helen Pryce RIP
<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	10.30 am	Kathleen O'Shea RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	12 noon	Ellen McCormack RIP
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	12 noon	Michael Lanigan RIP
<b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>		
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.30 am	Vera Lambert RIP
<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</b>		
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	Bevyn Fernandes' Intentions - Thanksgiving
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30 am	Una Hegarty RIP
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity</b>	10.30 am	Ricky Edwards RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		

## COLLECTION FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£367.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,131.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£41.50
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
Loose Plate	£491.35
Christmas Offerings	£50.00
Candle Money	£45.40
Filipino donation	£50.00
Syro Malabar donation	£120.00
Recipe Books	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£80.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,433.25</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£399.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,986.31
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£916.52
Christmas Offerings	£50.00

### **REMINDER FOR NEXT**

### **SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER & 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

- **Counters:**
  - 29<sup>th</sup> – T Clarke & J Horton.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – J Macbeth & I Balanza-Davis.
- **Mass readers\*\*:**
  - 8.30 am.
    - 29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Hurst.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – H Glover.
    - 29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M Livingston.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – J O'Connell.
  - 10.30 am
    - 29<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M O'Brien.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Balanza-Davis.
    - 29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – C Parkes.
    - 5<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – B Davis.
- **Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:**
  - 29<sup>th</sup> - 8.30 am
    - M Tomas, T Millichap & M Fernandes.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> - 10.30 am
    - A Epps, D Fernandes & M Keep.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
  - 29<sup>th</sup> - E Tett.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - E Kerrigan.

**\*\*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.**

### **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL**

Caretaker required for January 2020, or sooner - 20 hours per week (plus some overtime). Grade/Salary C. See poster in church porch.

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors welcome.*

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

### **TEA/COFFEE/CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Please note that there will be tea/coffee and children's liturgy as usual on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, but not on 29<sup>th</sup> December. Both will resume on 5<sup>th</sup> January. *Thank you.*

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Next programme starts in Lent 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. *Registration forms available from Parish Office.*

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call 0132 931 8869.

### **APF**

It's time to empty the red boxes again. Could I have all contributions by 29<sup>th</sup> December please? Any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2019 accounts. *Thank you – Mike Tomas, APF Secretary.*

### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will be closed from week commencing Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, and will re-open on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> December. Fr Peter will do his best to answer any urgent queries. Any non-urgent matters may be left until the Parish Office is open again. *Thank you.*

### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form the major part of his annual income. Please be as generous as you can. *Thank you.*

### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

Crib collections during Christmastide for Christian Communities in the Holy Land (*via the Friends of the Holy Land*).

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH CLEAN**

A special Christmas church clean will be held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am. *Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.*

### **BAPTISM COURSE**

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 15th & 22nd January 2020 from 8 - 9.30 pm in the large Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – Helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Philip* on 961 5905 email: [mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### **ANNUAL NOVENA PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

Led by Fr Michael Dennehy from Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. £699 per person. Single rooms may be available at a supplement. Price includes Full Board, at the Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, all excursions and guided tours included. Please see poster on the noticeboard and/or ask for a copy of the itinerary from *English Martyrs Parish Office (0118 957 2149)*.

Tony & Margaret Chaplin wish their many friends at St Joseph's a Holy and Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. *We will give a donation to CAFOD in lieu of Christmas cards.*

### **ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY LECTURE**

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm - Neil MacGregor, "A Church for Shepherds or for Kings?" Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights Campus. Former Director of the British Museum, writer and BBC broadcaster, Neil MacGregor explores through art the story of the shepherds and the wise men to pose the question of power and poverty in the life of the Christian Church: Is this a church for the shepherds, or for the kings? Admission is free. To book your place visit [www.reading.ac.uk/events](http://www.reading.ac.uk/events).

Over the past few years St John Fisher parish, Reading's Latin 'Extraordinary Form' Parish, has welcomed in the New Year, on 31st December, with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 11 pm - Midnight, followed by a sung Midnight Mass, at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. We are going to be doing the same again this year, with a little celebration in the church annexe afterwards. All are very welcome! Clearly, a full Holy Hour followed by a Sung Mass would feel quite a liturgical marathon for many, and so folk are welcome to pick and choose which elements they wish to attend. Wishing you all a blessed Advent, *Fr Matthew Goddard, Parish Priest, St John Fisher Parish. Tel: 0118 966 5284.*



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

Our next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service will be held on Saturday, 25th January 2020 from 5 – 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

### **REMINDER: DROP-IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please note that the items that are most useful this month are:

- Tins of minced beef, chicken casserole, beef casserole, stewed beef, vegetable curry, beef curry, chicken curry.
- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar.
- Tinned cold meats, tinned tuna.
- Tinned soup, tinned hot dogs.
- Pasta sauces, tinned vegetables.
- Family cereal, porridge, tinned fruit.
- Biscuits.
- Warm socks, warm coats, in good condition.

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Many people like to book their holidays well in advance; if you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. *Provisional* 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 – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25th September 2020.

### **PARKING AT THE 6 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS**

Would you kindly consider walking to Mass or parking your car considerably further away from Berkshire Drive in order to avoid traffic congestion. Park Lane Orthodontics practice at 65 Park Lane has kindly offered their six car parking spaces as an overflow for our use.

### **BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020**

REMINDER: The deadline to submit a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly is 31<sup>st</sup> December. If you have any queries, please contact *Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator* via [admissions@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admissions@hughfaringdon.org) or 0118 957 4730.

### **KNITWITS**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 2 pm at the home of Maureen English. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your help supplying us with wool over the past year.