

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**NEWSLETTER COVERING TWO WEEKS**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) - 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018**

## **A HOLY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS!**

### **THANK YOU!**

A huge 'THANK YOU' to each and every one who generously gave their time and effort during the year. We are always in need of volunteers to be able to become a viable and successful Parish. Without your continued help and support many will feel disenchanted with the lack of vibrancy in the house of God. Please make this your New Year resolution to become more involved in Parish life. Wishing you and your families a very peaceful and joy filled Christmas. Fr Peter.

### **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.*

### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please visit their web site: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time, and please be generous.

### **PARKING AT 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS: 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018****Responsorial Psalm: “I will sing forever of your love, O Lord”****Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December** 8.30am Eily Collins intentions

10.30am Michael Henegan RIP

**Responsorial Psalm: “Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord”****THE NATIVITY** 2 pm Syro Malabar Vigil**OF** 6 pm People of the Parish**THE LORD** Midnight People of the Parish**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am People of the Parish**Responsorial Psalm: “All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God”****Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December** 12noon Michael Henegan RIP, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard RIP & John Nevin RIP  
*St Stephen***Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> December** 12noon Sr Assumpta & Sisters intentions  
*St John the Apostle***Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30am Peggy Hodgkinson’s intentions  
*Feast of the Holy Innocents***Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> December** 7pm Kathleen O’Shea RIP  
*St Thomas à Beckett***Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December** 10am Ellen McCormack RIP**Responsorial Psalm: “He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever”****Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December** 8.30am Tom Fahy RIP  
*The Holy Family*

10.30am Charles &amp; Julia Newman RIP

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January** 12noon Michael Lanigan RIP  
*Mary, Mother of God***Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January** 12noon Christine Foley RIP  
*Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen***Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January** 12noon Jim Ward RIP  
*Most Holy Name of Jesus***Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January** 9.30am Joe Marshall RIP

10.30am Funeral: Terri Hadland RIP

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> January** 7pm Stewart Finch RIP**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January** 10am Thomas Walshe RIP & Annie Kate Walshe RIP**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January** 8.30am Tim O’Leary – Ciara Wooller RIP  
*Epiphany of the Lord*

10.30am Renato Goncalves RIP

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Saturday: 9.20am followed by 10am Mass.

**ROSARY AND CONFESSION**

Saturday: following 10am Mass.

## COLLECTIONS FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1148.83
Planned Giving	£90.41
Loose Plate	£282.92
TF3 CAFOD	£15.00
Candles	£38.98
Christmas Offering	£15.00
Hall Hire	£92.00
Funeral Fees	£ 323.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2006.14</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£120.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00
Christmas Offering	£25.00

### REMINDER

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December will be Eileen Kerrigan.

*\*\*If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you.\*\**

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meeting will not be meeting this week. The next meeting will be at 9.30am on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January at St Josephs.

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

There is now a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have, and each week during one of the Masses Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban and Margaret Chaplin.

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

### WINEFRIDE MARY THERESE HADLAND RIP (TERRY)

Terry's Funeral Mass has been arranged for Thursday, 4th January 2018 at 10.30 am. Terry's body will be received into the church the evening before, Wednesday, 3rd January, at 4.30 pm. *All are welcome.*

### "ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

The next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 27th January from 5 - 7 pm. *All are welcome!*

### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to *Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com*. Sessions will start after Christmas.

Is there anyone in the parish who can create a halo of lights above the statue of Our Lady? Please see me if you can help. *Fr Peter.*

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP

This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bishop Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass - a copy of the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly." Rediscover Jesus consists of a collection of 40 short chapters, 3 - 8 pages each, that focus on a particular way to know Jesus and to open the reader's life to His grace. *Please take your copy from the back of the church.*