

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

26TH MARCH 2017

My dear friends,

Firstly, I would like to wish all Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!

Temporarily, until the CCTV camera is installed within our church, it will be remained locked outside of service times. The reason for this decision is because we now have a very expensive sound system and equipment installed and we do not wish to have it damaged or stolen. *Thank you for your understanding.*

Lenten Penitential Services:

I encourage you all to attend one of the local Penitential Services detailed in this newsletter. Individual confession and absolution are included in these services and they are wonderful community celebrations of the forgiveness of God. This time of Lent is a time of repentance, when we turn to God with all our hearts. It is a time of conversion, when we change our lives for the better and seek to live more fully the values of the gospel. It is also a time to encounter the person of Jesus so that when we renew our baptismal promises at Easter, we will do so with renewed faith in Him. There is a no more powerful way to conclude the season of Lent than to attend a Penitential Service with the gathered community, to go to confession and to receive the healing balm of God's forgiveness in absolution. Let us make these services joyful celebrations of God's mercy. Please do avail of this opportunity of going to confession before Easter.

Easter Triduum:

We are fast approaching Easter, so I encourage you to put the dates and times in your diaries of the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Fr Peter

Maundy Thursday	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers)</i>	8 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am 3 pm
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 pm
Easter Sunday	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

MASS INTENTIONS: 26TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL		
Sunday, 26th March	8.30 am	Bridget Murphy RIP
	10.30 am	Daphne Brown RIP
Monday, 27th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 28th March	7 pm	Anthony Bernie RIP
Wednesday, 29th March	11.30 am 12 noon	Stations of the Cross People of the Parish
Thursday, 30th March	9.30 am	Vincent Herbert RIP
Friday, 31st March	5.45 pm 7 pm 7.30 pm	The Way of the Cross - Malayalam Anthony Taylor RIP Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 1st April	10 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
Sunday, 2nd April	8.30 am	Catherine Gallagher RIP
	10.30 am	James O'Shea RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 - 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 19TH MARCH 2017

Gift Aid:	£402.22
Planned Giving:	£48.00
Loose Plate	£341.21
Candles	£46.47
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£93.40
Mass Stole fees	£20.00
Walk With Me Lent books	£122.30
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Catholic Education Service	£1.00
TOTAL	£1,119.60
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£35.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£20.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£996.29

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a second collection **TODAY** in support of the Clergy Assistance Fund.

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 2nd April will be *Rita McKenna* and *Peter Nicholson*.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 2nd April will be *Carmen*.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 29th March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

The remaining Lent Discussion Group will be held **TODAY** at St Catherine's Church from 7 - 8 pm. *All are welcome.*

TEA & COFFEE

Tea & coffee is served every Sunday after 10.30 am Mass in the large hall. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names** will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email *brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*.

PATRICIA KUSTA RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Patricia Kusta who died recently. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Patricia's Funeral will be held here at St Joseph's Church on Friday, 7th April at 11.30 am, followed by burial at Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

MORNING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting this week, and continuing for the rest of Lent, the laity-led Stations of the Cross will be held on WEDNESDAYS at 11.30 am. *Mike Tomas.*

BREAKING BARRIERS, HEALING EVENING

On Friday, 7th April from 7.30 - 9.30 pm at St James. Lively Praise and Worship. Prayer for: sickness, financial & relationship problems, fear ... *All are welcome!*

EAST AFRICA - HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Most of our parishioners will have seen on television the humanitarian crisis that has arisen in North East Africa. CAFOD, as a member of the national Disasters Emergency Committee, is making a special appeal to the Catholic community throughout England & Wales. Arrangements are in hand for this parish to hold a special collection on Sunday, 2nd April. Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. *Please be as generous as you can.*

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*

LOCAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT 2017

Monday, 3rd April	St John Bosco, Woodley	7.30 pm
Tuesday, 4th April	St Joseph's	7.30 pm
Wednesday, 5th April	Christ the King, Whitley	7.30 pm
Friday, 7th April	Our Lady of Peace, Earley	7.30 pm
Saturday, 8th April	English Martyrs	11 am
Sunday, 9th April	Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	3 pm
Monday, 10th April	St James	7.30 pm

APF

The spring magazine is available for collection at the back of the church. You may take one even if you are not a box-holder. If it is more than six months since your box was opened then please contact me. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Copies of the new church cleaning rota beginning 22nd April up until 29th December 2017 are available in the church porch. If you are on the rota, please collect your highlighted copy. *Thank you - Mary Philip.*

EXAM INVIGILATORS

Casual Contract - £9.10 per hour. We are seeking to recruit Invigilators to join our existing team. You will be required at key times throughout the year to supervise pupils undertaking examinations, in accordance with the Examination Board regulations. For further information and an application form please contact *Karyn Stiles, HR Officer* on either *K.Stiles@hughfaringdon.org* or *0118 918 3806*. Alternatively, a job description and application form can be downloaded from our website - <http://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/vacancies>

HEAD OF CENTRE URGENTLY NEEDED!

Would you like to lead a friendly local team of marriage preparation facilitators and counsellors making a big difference to people's lives in the local area? Marriage Care - the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales - is in urgent need of a local Head of Centre to lead the team and coordinate services in and around the Reading area. If you believe in supporting relationships, have experience of managing a team and possess good communication and people skills why not contact us at: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk or www.marriagecare.org.uk, for more information.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

This month's collection will be going to the Churches in Reading Woman's Centre and the Parish SVP. The collection will be on the first Sunday of the month which will be next Sunday, 2nd April. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat, such as ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables.
- Family foods, such as pasta, tinned hot dogs and cereal.

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, 2nd April. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

