

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Parish Secretary:

Sheila Jones

*Parish Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9 am – 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only*

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd August 2021

While COVID cases remain high locally, we will continue with our existing system for attending mass. Restrictions will be reviewed every few weeks.

We ask everyone to continue to wear a face-covering. The weekend Mass invitation system, sanitizing and social distancing will all continue for the time being. We have a responsibility to keep each other safe, especially the vulnerable. We are hopeful that most people will be offered a place at one of the weekend Masses every week, especially during holiday time.

Sheila is away during August and the parish office is closed and will reopen on 7th September. Emails, phone messages and post will continue to be monitored and processed during this time including submissions for next weeks newsletter. Thank-you for your understanding.

Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners and local residents. Please email stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk or contact the Parish Office and Sheila will pass on your request. Registration required for attendance at weekends. No invites required mid-week.

Prayers Please

Your prayers are asked please for:

Brigid Wilchusky RIP, sister of Margaret, who died on 17th August

David Collier RIP, father of Geoff, who passed away on 16th August

Bernadette Smeesters, who passed away peacefully on 15th August. Bernadette has been living in Abbeyfield care home since 2018. Funeral details to follow.

Tony Chaplin and family announce with great sadness the death of Margaret Chaplin on Tuesday 10th August, 2021. Please remember her in your prayers. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

Please keep Fr Peter and his parents in your prayers: Bishop Philip has granted Fr Peter a leave of absence in Poland until 27th August, due to his family circumstances.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin & Alan Allen. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please send a message to the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22nd AUGUST - SUNDAY 29th August 2021		
Sunday, 22 nd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5pm (Vigil) *	Sister <u>Assumpta's</u> intentions
	8.30am *	Veronica and Raymond Brown RIP
	11am *	David Collier RIP
Monday, 23 rd August	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 24 th August	12 noon *	Mary Ralph's intention
Wednesday, 25 th August	12 noon *	Eileen Drake RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday, 26 th August	Private	
Friday, 27 th August	Private	
Saturday, 28 th August	Private	
Sunday, 29 th August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5pm (Vigil) *	
	8.30am *	Mary Ralph's intention
	11am *	Rita Da <u>Breg</u> RIP

* These Masses will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

CONFESSIONS: After 12 noon Mass next Wednesday, and after 5pm Mass on Saturday.

ROSARY: Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary. See website for details

March for Life: 4th Sept

We would like to invite you to attend March for Life this September. We start at 10am at Emmanuel Centre, London with talks, music and stalls followed by a peaceful march to Parliament Square finishing about 4pm.

SPUC Reading branch are organising a coach to the event. Tickets for the coach will be £15. RSVP to spucreading@gmail.com if you are interested in traveling by coach so we have an idea of numbers.

More details to follow closer to the date. Any questions or queries please contact Christopher at spucreading@gmail.com

Offerings, Donations and Sunday Collections

Please see our web site for information about how to make your contributions online for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings.

Or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

Baby and Toddler Group

We have 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. After the summer break, we will re-commence on Thursday, 2nd September from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. All welcome.

Climate Change

The ECO Group at Tilehurst Methodist Church are planning a Community Event in September with Alok Sharma in the run up to COP26. If you would like to be involved, please email St Joseph's parish office for more information.

St Joseph's Nursery

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 Sep 2021. For more information, please contact: Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.

APF

Boxholders are asked once again to open their own boxes and write a cheque, payable to Missio APF, and place it in an envelope marked for my attention, and drop through the presbytery door. Any problems please contact me. Thank you. Mike Tomas, APF Secretary – 0770 803 2743

Christian Community Action: Support Assistant Required

Two Support Assistants required for 2 days/14 hours week at the Oxford Rd Support centre. For more information please contact Claire Lewis on 0118 951 2337 or via email: hr@ccam.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 27th August 2021 at midday.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Sat 4th September from 2pm-3pm in the church car park and 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 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. Jack Ewins. Mobile: 0773 449 9190 Email: jackewins9@gmail.com

CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Loving Lord,

For those who have died, give them eternal rest. For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them. For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.

Amen.

