

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Fr Peter

We are very sad to hear that Fr Peter's mother, Theresa, has passed away. Please continue to keep Theresa, Fr Peter and his family in your prayers: Bishop Philip has granted him a leave of absence to remain in Poland until after the funeral and Fr Peter hopes to be back with us from 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## Prayers Please

Your prayers are asked please for:

Bernadette Smeesters, who passed away peacefully on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Margaret Chaplin who passed away on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. Her funeral will be Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Brigid Wilchusky RIP, sister of Margaret and David Collier RIP, father of Geoff, who died last week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, 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.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY 29th AUGUST - SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5pm (Vigil) *	Margaret Chaplin RIP
	8.30am *	Mary Ralph's intention
	11am *	Rita Da <u>Breo</u> RIP
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August	12 noon *	Princess Diana RIP
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September	9.30 am	St Paul's School Teaching Staff
	12 noon	Margaret Chaplin RIP
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Private	Fr George Lyons – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Private	
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Private	
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Hanson RIP
	8.30 am	Juvenal & <u>Alzira</u> Costa RIP
	11 am	Theresa <u>Glas</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: 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

The **March for Life** will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with a number of indoor events for children, teens and adults between 10am until 1pm in The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. The March to Parliament Square will start outside The Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm. There will be a number of Pro-Life speakers at Parliament Square, including Bishop John Keenan who will travel from Scotland to attend this important event. For details see: [www.MarchForLife.co.uk](http://www.MarchForLife.co.uk)

### 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.

### 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.

### SVP APPEAL

Someone has an urgent need for a small wardrobe or clothes rack and a fridge freezer. If anyone has these items to donate, can you please contact Jack on 07734499190

### Fast With Us

Amongst those who suffer in Afghanistan, we understand that Christians are on the front line and we would like to express our unity with them, pray for them and fast for them. We invite all to be in prayer and unity with the persecuted Christians in Afghanistan by fasting on bread and water on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

*Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi*

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Sat 4th Sept 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.

Donate directly: Account: 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

### Marys Meals: Haiti urgently need our help

The massive earthquake in Haiti left around half a million children in need of emergency humanitarian assistance. Tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed and there is widespread fear of further damage and danger as aftershocks continue. People are in urgent need of food, safe water, and shelter.

Mary's Meals has been feeding schoolchildren in Haiti for 15 years. Many communities were already vulnerable as the Caribbean nation continued to grapple with ongoing political unrest and the long-term damage created by previous natural disasters, so this latest catastrophe has left hundreds of thousands of people in desperate need. Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response, to deliver emergency ration packs of essential food items to families in the worst affected areas.

Please give if you can, to help families in desperate hardship. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

### 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. More details on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers enable us to support many 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.**

