

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th September 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.

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 17th September.

Prayers Please

The funeral of Margaret Chaplin will take place at St. Joseph's at 12noon on Wednesday 15th September, followed by interment at Purley Burial Ground. The mass will be livestreamed.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER to SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021		
Sunday, 5 th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Maureen Hanson RIP
	8.30 am	Juvenal & Alzira Costa RIP
	11 am	Theresa Glas RIP
Monday, 6 th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 7 th September	12 noon	Mary Ralph's intention
Wednesday, 8 th September	12 noon	David Collier RIP
Thursday, 9 th September	Private	
Friday, 10 th September	Private	
Saturday, 11 th September	Private	
Sunday, 12 th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Fr Richard's intentions – 70 th Birthday
	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	11 am	Mary Ralph's intention

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

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 3rd September 2021.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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 Collection: Sat 4th

Food/donations from 2pm-3pm in the church car park. More details on next page

Paint-a-shed?

We have two sheds in the parish garden that will need a coat of wood treatment before the winter.

Any volunteers?? Materials can be supplied.

Please leave your name with the parish office.

Christian Community Action: Support Assistants Required

Two 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
Closing date for applications : 10th Sept 2021.

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

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>

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

Saint of the Week

St Peter Claver - 9th September

I don't know the average number of baptisms a priest performs during his lifetime, however I do know that it is well short of the 300,000 plus that St Peter Claver, whose optional memorial we celebrate on Thursday, conducted during his tireless ministry.

Peter Claver was born in 1580 into a devout Catholic and prosperous family in the village of Verdu (about 55 miles from Barcelona). He entered the Jesuits aged 20 and felt that his calling was to work among the slaves, volunteering to go to Colombia in 1610. During his years preparing for the priesthood he was deeply disturbed by the harsh treatment and living conditions of the slaves who were brought from Africa.

Peter Claver saw the slaves as fellow Christians, encouraging others to do so as well. He would travel the country visiting plantation after plantation to give spiritual consolation to the slaves. When he was solemnly professed in 1622 he signed his final profession document in Latin as : *Petrus Claver, aethiopum semper servus* (Peter Claver servant of the Ethiopians forever).

He died on 8th September 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously considered him a nuisance for his persistent advocacy on behalf of the slaves, ordered a public funeral with pomp and ceremony. He was canonized by Pope Leo X111 in 1888 and in 1896 declared the patron of all missionary work among all African peoples.

His body is preserved and venerated in the Church named after him in Cartagena, Columbia

St Peter Claver - pray for us.

Mike Tomas

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. Mary's Meals has been feeding schoolchildren in Haiti for 15 years. Many communities were already vulnerable because of ongoing political unrest and the long-term damage from previous natural disasters and this latest disaster has left many thousands of people in desperate need of food, safe water and shelter.

Our partners are co-ordinating an emergency response to deliver essential food items to families in the worst affected areas. Please give if you can to help those in desperate hardship. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world. We are working in Haiti and in Afghanistan as well 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.