

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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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – 15th 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.

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & 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>

PRAYERS PLEASE

Tony Chaplin and family announce with great sadness the death of Margaret Chaplin on Tuesday 10th August, 2021. Please remember her in your prayers. Details of Margaret's funeral 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, 15th AUGUST - SUNDAY 22nd August 2021		
Sunday, 15 th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	5pm (Vigil) *	Babs & Don's intentions
	8.30am *	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	11am *	Breda Rice RIP
Monday, 16 th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 17 th August	12 noon *	Pierce MacMahon & Nicola Perkins' intentions
Wednesday, 18 th August	12 noon *	Mrs Lourdina Pereira RIP
Thursday, 19 th August	Private	
Friday, 20 th August	Private	
	12.30pm	Marriage: Aaron Kerrigan & Chloe Soane
Saturday, 21 st August	Private	Dominic Clark's intentions – Foundation Mass
Sunday, 22 nd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5pm (Vigil) *	Sister Assumpta's intentions
	8.30am *	Veronica and Raymond Brown RIP
	11am *	Hazel and David Collier's intention

* 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

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.

Diocesan Annual Report

Available online. An in-depth document, full of facts and figures about how the diocese is doing, and well worth a read:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/annual-report>

Finance Assistant: St Paul's

St Paul's Catholic school is looking for a finance assistant. 25 hours/week.

Email: sbm@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk or see website: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk.

Closing Date: Friday 20th August : 12pm

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

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saturday is the feast of St Pius X. He was born in 1835 in Riese, a town near Venice and was pope from 1903 to 1914. The town has been renamed Riese Pio X in honour of its most famous son. He was the second of ten children named Guiseppe (Joseph) Sarto and was the son of the village postman. His family were poor but his parents valued education and sent Guiseppe to a school that was almost four miles from home. Guiseppe walked there and back everyday. He is one of the very few popes to have spent a long time working in parishes. His pontificate was noted for its conservative theology and he said that his papacy would undertake "Instaurare omnia in Christo" - to restore all things in Christ. This phrase later became his motto. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and said that "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven" and encouraged frequent reception of the Eucharist. In 1910 he reduced the age at which Holy Communion could be received from twelve to seven. He promoted dignified celebrations of the liturgy and was a devotee of Gregorian chant. Pius sought to modify papal ceremonies which included eliminating occasions for applause. Up until 1978, it was the tradition for popes to be carried high above the crowds on a chair known as a sedia gestatoria (literally a chair for carrying). At his first public consistory for the creation of cardinals he refused the chair and arrived on foot. It was customary for Popes to dine alone. This practice was abandoned by Pius not long after he came into office. He defended Catholic doctrine against modernism (basically reconciling Catholicism with modern culture). He was so concerned about this practice that he wrote an encyclical against it calling it the "synthesis of all heresies". We at St Joseph's are very fortunate to have a relic of St Pius in our altar. It was placed there when the church was dedicated in 2003. St Pius X pray for us, Mike

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

10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

CAFOD Harvest Family fast day on Fri 1st October

