

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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9 am – 12.30 pm*

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B) – 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday, 21 st November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	5 pm (Vigil)	Theresa Glas RIP
	8.30 am	Hilary Cameron RIP
	10.30 am*	Deceased members of the UCM RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 22 nd November (St Cecilia , Virgin, Martyr)	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 23 rd November	12 noon	Pierce MacMahon's intentions
Wednesday, 24 th November St Andrew Dung-Lac , Priest, & Companions , Martyrs	12 noon	John O'Shea RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday, 25 th November	9.30 am	Deceased members of the parish (7)
Friday, 26 th November	7 pm	SVP Deceased members of the SVP RIP and Re-commissioning
Saturday, 27 th November Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
Sunday, 28 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)	5 pm (Vigil)	Peter Collier RIP
	8.30 am	David Dye RIP (Foundation Mass)
	10.30 am*	Gosia & Krystyna's intentions

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Christine Wall writes: Before the closure of the parish UCM foundation, it was arranged that the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 21st November would be offered for the repose of the souls of its deceased members. Always our friends and in or prayers; those whose dying is known to us are:



Sheila Roberts	(1999)	Terry Hadland	(2017)
Annie Beale	(2000)	Colleen Collins	(2019)
Angela Macbeth	(2001)	Rita Williams	(2020)
Pat Toner	(2012)	Maureen Hanson	(2020)
Therese Labrosse	(2014)	Maureen Murphy	(2021)
Audrey Pearson	(2015)	Margaret Chaplin	(2021)
Peggy Winship	(2016)		

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

The final designated Mass will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends on Thursday, 25th at 9.30 am.

ADVENT begins next Sunday, 28th November, with the start of a new liturgical year and the re-instatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

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

COLLECTION FOR 13TH/14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£219.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,438.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£152.41
Loose Plate	£185.50
World Mission Sunday	£5.00
Bamenda Sunday	£82.00
Candle Money	£27.00
Mass Stole Fees	£180.00
TOTAL	£2,298.91
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,091.07
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Home Mission Sunday	£212.75
World Mission Sunday	£333.70
Bamenda Sunday	£390.50

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

REPOSITORY

Please complete the sign-up sheet in the church porch, if you would like to volunteer to help run the Repository around specific Mass times.

The Repository is now fully stocked. Please see our Christmas cards and Advent calendars for sale. It is open after the following Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8.30 am & 10.30 am.

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, plus other Christmas items will be on sale in the small hall after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, 20th November and Sunday, 21st November after the 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses. Please come along.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence after Christmas with the Confirmation ceremony taking place the following year: Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the *Parish Office*.

VOCATIONS

"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's 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. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602*.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has 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: Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. *All welcome.*

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH READERS

On Saturdays 4th & 11th December from 10 am – 1 pm, led by Dominican Sisters and Lay team. To find out more and to register: [https:// www.pffm.org.uk/readers](https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers)

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr Peter, Fr Michael, Fr Richard and Fr Anthony will be available to hear confessions here at St Joseph's, following the 7 pm Mass on Friday, 17th December. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. *All are welcome.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 4th December from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. ***These collections 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 wish to 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.* Key contact: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume at 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 21st November, the feast of Christ the King. The sessions are held in the main hall and are for children aged 3 - 11 years, but younger children are also very welcome, if accompanied by an adult. One of the Leaders will be in the porch before Mass starts; please register your child with them as you arrive if you and/or your child would like to attend. The children will leave the church at the beginning of Mass and return in time for the Offertory.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

On the second Thursday of every month (9th December, 13th January, 10th February, 10th March) - Country & Irish Music by FINBARR & PAUL. Admission £5 from 1 pm. Music from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. FREE tea & coffee. Light refreshments at a nominal charge. For more information, call Paul on 0777 301 6589. Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Main Hall (Thomas Lane Hall) Reading RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB).

CHAPLAINCY CENTRE ADMINISTRATOR

The University of Reading Chaplaincy Centre is looking for a new Administrator for its drop-in centre at the heart of Whiteknights campus. The role is for ten hours a week during Reading University term-time, facilitating the work of the Chaplains through administrative and management tasks. A full job description and person specification is available. Please email chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk to request this before you apply. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please call Mark Laynesmith on 0796 313 4623. To apply: Please send a C.V. with a covering letter stating how you fulfil the criteria outlined on the person specification. Closing date: Monday, 29th November at 5 pm. Interview date: Tuesday, 7th December 2021.

PASSING ON LOVE FOR THE EUCHARIST TO OUR CHILDREN

Sr Hyacinthe OP, Leader of our Formation for Mission Team shares news of an exciting new online course to support our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist beginning next month on Monday evenings

In this Year of the Eucharist, our Formation for Mission Team is delighted to offer an opportunity to share advice and ideas on how to foster love for the Eucharist in our families. We are offering 4 online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children, led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood, with practical advice, discussions, testimonies and prayer, finishing each session with Adoration. The sessions will run on Mondays evenings from 22nd November - 13th December at 7 pm. The sessions will be:

1. Why the Eucharist is Important and how to pass on love of the Eucharist.
2. Going to Mass as a Family.
3. Making the Home a Place of Communion.
4. Taking and Making Opportunities to foster love for the Eucharist.

You can register for 'Passing on love for the Eucharist to our children' [here](#).

Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP - Formation for Mission Team Leader - Department for Evangelisation. Telephone No. 0159 068 1874

APF NEWS

APF collection money is now due. If you are able to empty your own box, please write a cheque for the appropriate amount, place it in an envelope marked APF, and hand it in to the *Parish Office*. Cheques should be made payable to Missio APF. If you are unable to do this, please contact me on 0770 803 2743. The autumn magazines and the 2022 calendars are available at the back of the church. Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.

CARITAS - NEW WEBSITE

CARITAS Portsmouth has developed a new website and this has now gone live. There is a lot of information about CARITAS projects, news and events and information about how people can get involved; <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/>

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections>, or pick up a catalogue from the back of church.

**ST CECILIA,
PATRON OF SINGERS AND MUSICIANS**

Next Monday, 22nd November is the Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr (second or third century). Cecilia is said to have come from of wealthy Roman family, who gave her in marriage to a young nobleman called Valerian. She, however, wished to remain a virgin and on their wedding night she persuaded her husband to respect her vow of virginity, and later he converted to Christianity. During a period of persecution, Cecilia was arrested for having buried the bodies of the Christian dead, and for this was given the choice of sacrificing to the heathen gods or being put to death. She affirmed her faith and chose to die rather than renounce it. She was executed by beheading, but due to a loss of courage at having to kill such a young and beautiful woman, he failed to sever her head with the three blows required by law. Cecilia lay on the ground, still alive, lying on her right side, her hands crossed in prayer. She turned her face to the floor and prayed, with three fingers extended on her right hand and one on the left – a final and silent profession of faith in the Holy Trinity. The early Christians clothed her body in rich robes of silk and gold and placed it in a coffin in the same position in which she had expired. She was laid to rest in the Catacomb of St Callixtus, where her tomb can still be visited today. In the year 822, Pope Pascal I transferred her remains to a new church built in her honour in Trastevere. The Basilica of St Cecilia is believed to have been built on the site of St. Cecilia's family mansion. The sculpture on her tomb in the catacombs was fashioned by Stefano Maderno, and is one of the most celebrated and best-known Italian works of art. Her status as patron of music and musicians, dates from the 16th century, and is based on the account of her wedding day, when instead of listening to the festive music, Cecilia sat apart and "sang in her heart to the Lord." So, next Monday, let us say a prayer for all our musicians, choirs, instrumentalists and organists, grateful to them for all they do to enhance the beauty of the Church's Liturgy.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING

We will again be joining the Salvation Army Band in Broad Street to sing carols. This will be outside Marks and Spencer on Saturday, 11th December. The band plays from 11 am – 3 pm, with a break on the hour when the New Hope Gospel Choir will sing carols. As for the community carols, we shall sing with the band for 15 minutes each hour, from about 11.30 - 11.45 am, 12.30 - 12.45 pm, 1.30 - 1.45 pm, 2.30 - 2.45 pm. Please join us for one of these singing sessions. There will also be a nativity scene where people can bring their children and have their photo taken with Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus. For further information please phone 0149 167 1357. Let's make this a great Christmas. Every blessing in Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Michael Penny, Chair, Churches Together in Reading and Berkshire.*

ADVENT IS COMING!

Next Sunday, 28th November, is the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church enters into a short but magical season that prepares us for the Coming of Christ. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us in Bethlehem is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of hope, of devout and joyful expectation. At Sunday Mass, the Gospel readings each have a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Isaiah. On weekdays, there are two series of readings: one to be used from the beginning of Advent until 16th December, the other from 17th – 24th December. In the first part of Advent, there are readings from Isaiah, distributed in accord with the sequence of the book itself, and including those texts that are also read on the Sundays. In "late Advent," the last week before Christmas, the events that immediately prepared for the Lord's birth are presented from Matthew and Luke.

Advent is a busy period, not least with writing cards and preparing for Christmas. The challenge is to find time for prayer and reflection. Why not start planning now so as to find time to keep a sense of true perspective during the holy season and thus be able to find from the Lord much joy and happiness.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST BERKSHIRE,
TILEHURST & SOUTHCOTE**

In December:

- Carols in the Square, Coronation Square, Southcote on Saturday, 11th December at 5 pm.
- Carols at Tilehurst Triangle with the Rotary Club, Thursday, 23rd December at 12 noon & 4 pm.

In January:

- Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, at St Matthew's Church, Southcote, Sunday, 23rd January at 6 pm. The service will draw on material from Christians in the Lebanon, and the preacher will be the Rev Dr. Andreas Andreopoulos, Reader in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester and Visiting Professor of Theology at the Agora University Alexandria.

Rev Robert Barthram - Churches Together in West Berkshire, Tilehurst & Southcote