NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



St Joseph's Presbytery, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

© 0118 942 8632 [™] sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk **¶** St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading Registered Charity No. 246871

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas

Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones

Parish Office: 0118 942 8632 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm Safeguarding Representative: Miriam da Cruz Fernandes

© 0118 943 3524.

☐ miriam@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:

Fr John Paul Lyttle © 0118 322 7105 (RBH) © 0118 957 2149 (Parish) © 0739 189 6559 (Mobile)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 24TH NOVEMBER 2019



GRAHAM WARD RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Graham Ward who died recently. Graham's Funeral Mass will be held here at St Joseph's on Tuesday, 26th November at 12.30 pm, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. *All are welcome*.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

The final designated Mass will be offered for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends on Friday, 29th November at 7 pm.

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 30th November, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. *Everyone is welcome. Fr Peter.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24 TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY, 1 ST DECEMBER 2019			
Sunday, 24th November	8.30 am	Lucy McSharry RIP	
CHRIST THE KING	10.30 am	Sheila Ward RIP	
Exposition following both Masses			
Monday, 25 th November	NO MASS		
Tuesday, 26 th November	12.30 pm	Funeral: Graham Ward RIP	
Wednesday, 27 th November	12 noon	Chris O'Malley RIP	
Thursday, 28th November	9.30 am	David Dye RIP – Foundation Mass	
Friday, 29 th November	7 pm	Deceased members of the parish	
Saturday, 30 th November	10 am	Recently deceased & bereaved	
ST ANDREW, Apostle			
Sunday, 1st December	8.30 am	Bernadette Patterson	
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.30 am	In Thanksgiving - The Keep family	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass			
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass			

Responsorial Psalm: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'."

COLLECTION FOR 17TH NOVEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£265.74
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,211.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£56.50
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
Loose Plate	£315.31
Bamenda Sunday	£15.00
World Mission Sunday	£1.00
Candle Money	£78.83
Hall Hire	£260.00
Syro Malabar	£60.00
Pocket Diaries 2020	£81.85
Mass Stole Fees	£290.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TOTAL	£2,692.23
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£336.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£916.52
Bamenda Sunday	£1,095.35

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. *PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE ROX*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: Fr JP Lyttle. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENT

On Wednesday, 4th December from 6 – 8 pm, St Paul's PTA invites you to a Christmas Wreath Making Event - £20.00 pp. Tickets are available from the St Paul's School Office. Ticket includes your beautifully made wreath, plus mince pies, tea, coffee & hot chocolate. All materials and accessories will be provided for you to get creative and make something beautiful this festive season.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 27th November at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. All *are welcome*.



Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER

• Counters:

R McKenna & P Nicholson.

• Mass readers**:

8.30 am.

1st Reading – P Jellason.

2nd Reading – M Fernandes.

10.30 am

1st Reading – B Davis.

2nd Reading – M Keep.

Eucharistic Ministers**:

8.30 am

Carmen, J Fernandes & M Tomas.

10.30 am

C Dias, S Collier & C Parkes.

• Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward: H McSoley.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowa, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek & Bridget.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

ST JOSEPH'S RECIPE BOOK

The recipe book will be available from next weekend. There are over 100 recipes and the cost will be £2 per copy. We are raising money to purchase a new paten to be used at Mass. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed a recipe.

POSADA

Our Posada (travelling crib) will start its journey after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please sign the rota which is available in the porch, together with some information about the Posada.

CAFOD - WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE

Please take a copy of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue – the true spirit of Christmas giving - available in the church porch.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next programme starts in Lent 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. *Registration forms available from Parish Office*

"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom". Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke*.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Admissions Consultation - As required by the Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School is conducting a consultation its proposed admission on arrangements for the school year 2021-22. The consultation period runs from 15th November 2019 to 3rd January 2020. A copy of the Consultation Proposal, Admissions Policv 2021-22 and SIF 2021-22 is available on the school website.

Please can you send any comments you may have about the proposed arrangements to: Clerk to the Governors, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ, or by email to: rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk no later than 3rd January 2020.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

'The air is getting colder, the holidays are near; it's time to celebrate, with friends we hold so dear'. Please join us for our annual SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7th, 1 - 4.30 pm - St Joseph's parish hall. Please put your name down on the list at the back of the church; please also let us know whether you need a lift or have any dietary requirements. For more information, please contact *Jack Ewins* on *0773* 449 9190.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Required for January 2020 - Teaching Assistant (Minimum qualification Level 2 and ideally SEND Experience) - 17.5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary B-D depending upon experience. Closing Date: Friday, 6th December Midday. Interviews: w/c 9th December. For further details, please see notice board in church porch.

TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, TILEHURST CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Required ASAP. Approx. 4.5 hours per week. SCP 11 – 17 (£10.97 to £12.35 per hour). For further information and an application pack, please see poster in church porch, school website www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk, or contact the school on 0118 937 5466. Alternatively, email: businessmanager@englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL

As part of our Drop-in Centre and parish SVP collection, there is a need for *unwrapped* Christmas presents for a small number of children. We would be most grateful if you would be willing to contribute a present for a child. The ages that the presents are required for are listed below:

Girls - age 1. Girls - age 2.
Girls - age 3. Girls - age 9. Girls - age 10.
Boys - age 3. Boys - age 4. Boys - age 5.
Boys - age 8. Boys - age 10.

Please leave the *unwrapped* presents in the porch on Sunday, 1st December. *Thank you*.

REMINDER: DROP-IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 1st December. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- Tinned cold meats.
- Tinned stew & casserole meats
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned tuna
- Tinned soup. Tinned hot dogs
- Pasta sauces. Tinned vegetables
- Family cereal. Porridge. Tinned fruit
- Biscuits. Warm socks
- Warm coats (in good condition).
- Shower gel. Soap. Towels (in good condition).

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the Church porch next Sunday, 1st December. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on *941 1483*.

YOUTH SVP GROUP

Just a quick reminder of our next session on Friday, 29^{th} November, 7.30 - 9 pm in the large hall. We will be introducing the young people to Mary's Meals, a wonderful charity we are proud to be supporting which helps feed some of the poorest children in the world whilst also providing them with an education. We will be focusing mainly on The Backpack Project preparing and filling backpacks with lots of goodies ready for distribution to Malawi; this will be followed by games & refreshments - a fun and interactive session for all! We look forward to welcoming all your children and their friends. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on *0774 054 7922*.