

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A) – 21ST /22ND NOVEMBER 2020

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday, 22 nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity	5 pm (Vigil) <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Deceased members of the Rato/Rodrigues families RIP
	10am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Private intention
Monday, 23 rd November	Private Mass	Deceased members of the parish (6 of 7)
Tuesday, 24 th November St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	Private Mass	Deceased members of the parish (7 of 7)
Wednesday, 25 th November	11 am <i>followed by Rosary</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Mary Murray RIP
Thursday, 26 th November	Private Mass	Mick Joyce RIP
Friday, 27 th November	Private Mass	Francis RIP
Saturday, 28 th November	10 am <i>followed by Rosary & Benediction</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Mick Joyce RIP
Sunday, 29 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)	5 pm (Vigil) <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Harry McSoley RIP
	10am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	David Dye RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Monday, 30 th November ST ANDREW, Apostle	Private Mass	Pierce MacMahon & Nicola Perkins' intentions



THOMAS COULING RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Thomas Couling who died on Saturday, 7th November. Thomas' Funeral Service and cremation will take place at West Berkshire Crematorium on Monday, 23rd November at 3 pm, *by invitation only*. Please pray for the repose of Thomas' soul. *May he rest in peace.*



MAUREEN HANSON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Maureen Hanson who died on Wednesday, 18th November. Maureen's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 2nd December at 12.15 pm, followed by 1.45 pm at Reading Crematorium, South Chapel, *by invitation only*. Please pray for the repose of Maureen's soul. *May she rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Helen, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep & Betty Dennehy.

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

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

It is the custom here at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, throughout November, any petitions or offerings should be posted through the letterbox of the *Parish Office*. Your petitions will be placed in the prayer basket for you. The remaining Masses will be offered for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends: Monday, 23rd and Tuesday, 24th.

TEMPORARY OPENING HOURS

St Joseph's Parish Office is open for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact, *until further notice*. *Temporary* office hours are Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 12.30 pm. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to say a Mass, or if you would like anything to be included in the newsletter.

APF

Many thanks to all box holders who have emptied their own boxes, and posted a cheque through the presbytery letter box.

There is still time to have your contributions included in the 2020 accounts, if you empty your box and submit a cheque by 10th December. Cheques should be made payable to Missio.

Any enquiries to me please - *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary – 0770 803 2743*.

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via *admissions@hughfaringdon.org* or 0118 957 4730.

MASS TIMES - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Following government restrictions, all Masses are celebrated in private, but the following Masses are live-streamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvufIvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

- Wednesday - 11 am followed by the Rosary
- Saturday - 10 am followed by the Rosary and Benediction
- Saturday - 5 pm Vigil
- Sunday - 10 am

PRIVATE PRAYER & SILENT ADORATION

Private Prayer and silent Adoration is available on Saturdays from 11 am – 12 noon here at St Joseph's - *Please note the church will be locked until 11 am.*

There is no need to register, but please only come to church if you live locally, in Tilehurst, in order to adhere to government restrictions concerning travel.

There will be a queuing system in place, and stewards will direct people to their seats, ensuring social distancing is maintained at all times. Only *silent* prayer is permitted, and time will be limited to ten minutes, if there is a large number of people waiting.

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from YOUR germs, even if you do not feel ill.

If you become unwell with any COVID19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

**COLLECTION FOR
14TH/15TH NOVEMBER 2020**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£45.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,498.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£172.41
Loose Plate	£52.00
Donation	£30.00
Donation for fogging machine	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,817.41
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
(TF10) CAFOD COVID-19 Appeal	£126.55
Home Mission Sunday	£157.25
World Mission Sunday	£186.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£873.83
Lenten Alms	£463.05
Bamenda Sunday	£695.73

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

To make any donation to St Joseph's, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 2021

Registration is now open for St Joseph's children and St Paul's School children who are in Year 3 and above. Please download a form and session dates, attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter, or from our web site, and post the completed form, copy baptism certificate and your payment of £25.00 through the letterbox of the Parish Office. *Please note due to the pandemic, there will be no face-to-face contact with the Parish Office.* The closing date is 20th December 2020.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Sundays at 12 noon - Grab a coffee and have a catch-up with friends from St Joseph's. <https://pepsico.zoom.us/j/65563666322?pwd=ZlpNYlBxbTZSUlJZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADORE)

Saturday 28th November from 10 am -12.45 pm mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Do whatever He tells you" - from Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: bit.ly/ADORENOV20. For more information, go to the ADoRE website www.altonrenewal.com.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next collection will be on Saturday, 5th December from 2 - 3 pm in St Joseph's Church car park. Very many thanks to all those who were able to donate to the SVP on Saturday, 7th November, and to those who continue to donate by envelope to CIRDIC/SVP, and post through the Parish Office letter box.

Your donations of food, clothes and funds have been very well received. CIRDIC was very grateful for the clothing and food.

Your financial support is also enabling us to provide fresh provisions and meat for CIRDIC. We also support needy and vulnerable families in the area. I have detailed below the items most required:

- Food:
Tinned Goods - Ham, corned beef, chicken, soups & Big Meal soups, tuna, hot dogs, baked beans, spaghetti, ravioli, fruit salads and other tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, packet and vacuumed items, pasta sauces, dried pasta, cereals, sugar, long life milk.

This list is a guide, but those of you who have families are much more aware of what's needed.

- Clothes/Footwear:
Winter jackets, anoraks, waterproof jackets, jeans, warm winter trousers, trainers, gloves and warm socks, knitted hats.

These items are mainly for men - approx. 60. However, women's warm clothing would be appreciated - approx. 15 women.

Donations to the SVP would also be very much appreciated. We plan to continue the collections on the 1st Saturday of each month into 2021.

Thank you all for your very kind support. Keep safe & well. God Bless. *Jack Ewins, President SVP St Joseph's, Tilehurst – Mobile No. 0773 449 9190.*

2 single electric beds, in good condition. One will need a new mattress - for collection in Tilehurst before 7th December. Please contact *Jack Ewins - Mobile 0773 449 9190.*

**ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021**

If your child, or you know of a child who will be starting school in September 2021, then they should be filling out their Council Application form and a new 2021 Supplementary Information Form for St Paul's. These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by 15th January 2021. We are unable to offer any school tours, at this time. A short video tour of our reception classes can be found on our website and the school office is happy to answer any other questions www.stpauls.wberks.sch.uk

**A DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR AN END
TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
– FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2020**

Bishop Philip invites you to join him for 24 HOURS WITH THE LORD. Join in as much of the programme as possible, either in your own parish or at the Cathedral in Portsmouth either in person or by live-stream:

<https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>

Here are some intentions you could bring to the Lord:

- For a speedy end to the pandemic
- For the protection of all, especially our family and friends
- For the health of the sick and those who care for them
- For those suffering financially or in other ways
- For patients in hospitals and the residents of care-homes
- For all medical staff and key workers
- For government leaders, scientists and advisors
- For the discovery of an effective, ethically sourced, vaccine
- For patience, perseverance and mental well-being
- For all who have died and those who mourn them

Let's have great faith in the steadfast love of God who never abandons His people in time of trial. In these days during which our country and our world is gravely stricken by the COVID-19 virus, we implore the Lord to bring a speedy end to this pandemic.

**ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
– 25TH NOVEMBER**

Alexandria is in Egypt and it is where Catherine was born, about the year 287. She was an intelligent, gifted, young woman, possibly of noble birth. She became a Christian at the age of 14.

The Emperor of the area, a man named Maxentius, began persecuting Christians; Catherine visited him to denounce him of his cruelty. Rather than order her execution, Maxentius summoned 50 philosophers to debate with her. Catherine spoke eloquently in defence of her faith, prompting several of the pagans to convert to Christianity. After their conversion, they were immediately executed.

Unable to defeat her rhetorically, or to intimidate her into giving up her faith, Catherine was arrested, scourged and thrown in to prison. She was due to be tortured on a spiked wheel, which would have crushed her bones, but when she touched it, it splintered. Catherine was eventually beheaded.

Her feast day was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969, but was restored by Pope Saint John Paul in 2002.

Before the advent of organized firework displays, garden displays were the norm. In the box was a firework called a Catherine Wheel. The firework was named after the saint.

In Malta, (where they love their fireworks), extremely large Catherine Wheels are a traditional fixture during every village "festa". St Catherine's College in Cambridge was founded on her feast day in 1473. *St Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us.*

MARY'S MEALS

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say 'yes'. Mary said 'yes' to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever.

From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, donations made to our "Double The Love Campaign" will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million.

Please consider setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table, or buying a Christmas gift card on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you.