

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

25TH MARCH 2018

Easter Triduum:

GOOD FRIDAY will be on 30th March - A day of **Fasting and Abstinence**, which is *mandatory* on Good Friday. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is upon us, and I encourage you to join the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection (*details below*).

Maundy Thursday <i>Watching until Midnight</i>	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers and the commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers)</i>	8 pm
Good Friday <i>(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)</i>	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am 3 pm
Easter Vigil <i>in the Holy Night</i>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 pm
Easter Sunday	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

REMAINING LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday, 26 th March	7.30 pm	St James'
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The goal of the Life in the Spirit Seminars is very limited. They are designed to help people find a new, fuller and better life as Christians by the power of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS TRY:

1. To help those who come to the seminars establish or re-establish or deepen a **personal relationship with Christ**;
2. To help those who come to the seminars to yield to **the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives** so that they can begin to experience his presence and can begin to experience him working in them and through them;
3. To help them begin to make use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These seminars will be held in the large hall of St Joseph's parish, on the following Saturdays:

- April 7th, 11 – 1 pm, 14th, 11 am – 1 pm, 21st, 1 – 3 pm, and 28th, 11 am – 1 pm.
 - May 19th, 1 – 3 pm
 - June 2nd, 11 am – 4 pm – BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
- Booking not necessary - Just turn up for the first session!

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 1ST APRIL		
Sunday, 25th March	8.30am	Peggy Kennedy RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen McMahon RIP
Monday, 26th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 27th March	CHRISM MASS AT PORTSMOUTH - 11 AM	
Wednesday, 28th March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Ryszard Grzadziel
MAUNDY THURSDAY, 29th March	8 pm	Thanksgiving for the Priesthood
GOOD FRIDAY, 30th March	11 am	Stations of the Cross, followed by Walk of Witness to the Triangle
	3 pm	Solemn Liturgy
	2 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Mass
HOLY SATURDAY, 31st March	2 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Mass
Easter Vigil	8 pm	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY, 1st April	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Responsorial Psalm: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”		

COLLECTIONS FOR 18TH MARCH 2018

Gift Aid	£950.24
Planned Giving	£41.00
Loose Plate	£147.48
CAFOD Lent Family Fast	£10.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£3.00
Candles	£38.13
Hall Hire	£168.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
Funeral Fees	£292.00
TOTAL	£1,679.85
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£205.00
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£1,794.16
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£1,154.64
First Holy Communion Programme	£675.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£319.51

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 1ST APRIL

- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eden Tett. *(If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you).*

Due to holidays,
there will be no Knitwits meeting in April

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine’s on 4th April at 9.30 am. *All are welcome. No meeting on 28th March.*



COLLECTIONS

Please note that there will be a collection on Good Friday in support of the Holy Places.

There will also be an Easter Collection next Sunday, 1st April. By tradition, your offerings at Easter are for the personal use of the Clergy, and form a significant part of their annual income. *Thank you for your generosity.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be ‘patient led’. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

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, and each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O’Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O’Shea & Maria. If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

DATA PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR

The new general protection regulations (GDPR) will take effect from 25th May 2018, and the diocese, like any other charity or organisation, must comply with these new regulations. The diocese has provided guidance to each parish on how to apply GDPR. This includes the appointment of a parish data co-ordinator. If you would like to volunteer for this important role, would you please contact the Parish Office, as a matter of urgency.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

The Church will be cleaned for Easter on Wednesday, 28th March at 10 am. Any help from parishioners would be most welcome. "Many hands make light work!".

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

St Paul's Catholic Primary School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you have time and a passion for supporting our children's education, please get in touch. The three core functions of the governing body are:

- Ensuring clarity of the Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance and Catholic character of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Closing date for Nominations will be on Friday, 30th March via *Rachel Andrew*, Clerk to the Governors randrew@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Parish Office.

CHRISM MASS

NO MASS or Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, 27th March due to CHRISM MASS. The Mass of the Oils will take place on Tuesday, 27th March at the Cathedral, Portsmouth at 11 am. *All are invited to join the diocesan family with Bishop Philip and priests of the diocese.*

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

There will be a Good Friday Liturgy for children at 3 pm in the large hall. Children should be brought to the hall between 2.45 - 3 pm and will return to their families in the Church during the Solemn Liturgy. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the Church.*

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising the DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE - Preparation for The Feast of Divine Mercy:

Saturday, 7th April from 10 am – 4 pm, The Friars, Aylesford Priory, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX, led by Rt Rev Paul Hendricks and Marian Father. *Further details are available on the poster in the church porch.*

PAUL, APOSTLE OF THE CHRIST MOVIE

Opens on Good Friday. James Faulkner (Downton Abbey) plays Paul; Jim Caviezel plays Luke (Jesus in Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ). *Please check details with your local cinema.*

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 30th June 2018. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact St Joseph's Parish Office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to above email address. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope *Significant Wedding Mass.*

REMINDER

- DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

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

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned stew and casserole meats
- Tinned vegetarian meals, tinned tuna
- Tinned soup, tinned hot dogs
- Pasta sauces, pasta
- Family cereal, tinned vegetables
- Men's boxer shorts
- Warm hats and warm coats 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, the 1st April. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will close on Maundy Thursday at 12.30 pm, and re-open again on Thursday, 5th April at 9 am.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2018/19 are now available for collection at the back of the church. Parishioners who make their donations by way of Direct Debit/Standing Orders still need their numbered box for special collections.