

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 8TH APRIL 2018

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on this Feast Day for those who have recently been to confession and have received Holy Communion today.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Christine Wall will be speaking on behalf of the SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) at both Masses next Sunday, 15th April. SPUC is organizing a petition asking the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to decriminalizing abortion. *Please see Christine after Masses next Sunday to sign the petition.*

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.

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

- April 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, 8TH APRIL - SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL		
Sunday, 8th April	8.30am	Mr Aloysius Fernandes RIP
	10.30 am	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
Monday, 9th April <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 10th April	12 noon	Mary O'Hehir RIP
Wednesday, 11th April <i>St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr</i>	12 noon	Sandra Brewster's Intentions
Thursday, 12th April	9.30 am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
Friday, 13th April	NO MASS	
Saturday, 14th April	10 am	Varkey Vembala RIP
Sunday, 15th April	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Bridget Sweeney RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is Good, for His love has no end".		

COLLECTIONS

The collections on 30th, 31st March and 1st April in respect of Holy Places and the Easter Offering amounted to £2,602.87.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL

- The counters will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eileen Wooller. *(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 Joseph's on 11th April at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Faramadé Amaris Afolayan who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

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, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall & 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.*



NORMAN LEE RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Norman Lee who died on Easter Sunday, 1st April. Norman's funeral and burial will take place in Kent. Many parishioners will remember Norman, and a memorial service will be arranged here at a later date. *May he rest in peace.*

MASS BOOKLETS

As previously announced, with effect from Easter Sunday, 1st April, the number of our Mass booklets has been reduced to 75 because we now have our AV screen. However, if anyone wishes to continue to use these booklets, a small number will be available on the tables at the back of the church.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

We need to bring to your attention that the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which replace the current Data Protection Act, takes effect from 25th May 2018. This is about raising awareness of GDPR and includes compulsory training sessions for those who handle personal data and ensuring that we document what data we hold. This training is for everyone and anyone handling personal data, but please ensure you attend as leader with at least one other member from each group. **GDPR Training Days in April 2018:**

- Thursday, 12th April 10.30 am: St Bede's, BASINGSTOKE
- Saturday, 14th April 10.30 am: Milner Hall, St Peter & The Winchester Martyrs, WINCHESTER
- Saturday, 14th April 2.30 pm: Milner Hall, St Peter & The Winchester Martyrs, WINCHESTER
- Monday, 16th April 10.30 am: Our Lady and St Edmund, ABINGDON
- Thursday, 26th April 2.30 pm: Christ the King, READING
- Thursday, 26th April 7 pm: Christ the King, READING

To book online please go to the web site below:
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your generous donations to the April 2018 collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be Sunday, 6th May. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

A WITNESS TO LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

A nine-day novena of prayer and witness outside the abortion centre at 108 Whitfield St, London, W1T 5BE (nearest station - Warren street). We beg you to come in a loving, prayerful attitude to bear a peaceful witness to life, 8 am – 4 pm each day from Wednesday, 18th – Thursday, 26th April (only 12 noon until 1 pm on Sunday, 22nd April) www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

"THANK YOU!"

A big "Thank you" to all the volunteers – both adults and young people – to the children from St Paul's Catholic Primary School, to the band members and to Fr Peter's support for helping to make the first Senior Citizens' Easter Party such a success! It was wonderful to see so many guests enjoying themselves, with even one or two taking to the dance floor! We are hoping to make this an annual event. Therefore, if you missed out this year, we would love to welcome you next year. And finally, a special "Thank You" to all our lovely guests – without you it would not have been possible. *Patrizia Chessell.*

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.*

SHARE THE JOURNEY - A CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL AT 7 PM

Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood?

We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

