

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**  
Parish Office hours: 9 am – 12.30 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 (YEAR C)

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUNDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022**

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| Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>         | 5 pm (Vigil)          | Charles & Julia Newman RIP  |
|   | 8.30 am               | Mike, Della & Kevin Keep's intentions <i>and that Kevin will be restored to good health</i> |
|   | 10.30 am *            | Josephine & Joseph RIP  |
|   | 5.30 pm               | Syro Malabar  |
| Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>ST JAMES, Apostle, feast</b>                        | <b>NO MASS</b>        |   |
| Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne,<br/>Parents of Our Lady</b> | 12 noon               | Lukasz Michalak's intentions  |
| Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July  | 12 noon               | Margaret & Denis Froud RIP  |
| Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b><u>12 noon</u></b> | <i>Intention available</i>  |
| Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</b>                   | 7 pm                  | Babs O'Sullivan's intentions  |
| Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July   | 10 am                 | Lukasz Michalak's intentions  |
| Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July<br><b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>          | 5 pm (Vigil)          | <i>Intention available</i>  |
|   | 8.30 am               | <i>Intention available</i>  |
|   | 10.30 am *            | Thomas & Michelle Collier for blessing & health   |

\* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vGWdDKQ>

**PLEASE NOTE: MASS ON THURSDAYS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 12 NOON WHILST FR PETER IS AWAY**

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

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

### **CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL**

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr Pat Madden (0751 018 2722) and the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). Fr Pat covers every Monday from 12 noon until Thursday 12 noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 noon until Monday 12 noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are *patient-led*.

### **PATRICIA MARY KNOWLES RIP**



The parish offers condolences to the family of Patricia (Pat) Knowles who died recently. Pat's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at 1 pm here at St Joseph's, followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard at 2.15 pm. Please pray for the repose of Pat's soul. *All are welcome.*

## PRAYER FOR RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. *Amen.*

## SUNDAY COLLECTION – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid (envelopes)                | £161.50        |
| Planned Giving                      | £20.00         |
| Loose Plate                         | £261.03        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>£442.53</b> |
| <b><u>Running Totals</u></b>        |                |
| Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday) | £577.00        |
| Day for Life                        | £125.00        |
| Peter's Pence                       | £31.25         |

## NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS



You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It can be used for regular Sunday offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

## “UNSURE AS TO HOW MUCH TO PUT INTO THE OFFERTORY?”

Please consider calculating and donating your first hour's salary each week, in support of the mission and ministry of our parish. Your first hour can help sustain our first hour, by ensuring Sunday Mass continues to equip Christians for service for generations to come. Please think about offering what's right, not what's left: the average Offertory across our Diocese is less than £3 per person per week – whereas the national minimum hourly wage (national living wage) is £9.50 ...”

## OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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>

## TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We will resume on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to join our rota and take a turn at running a session, please do let me know. *Ann Epps* – 0798 919 2833 [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com)

## AMAZON SMILE

There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will resume on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. However, depending on the availability of the Leaders, there *may* be some ad hoc sessions over the holidays. If you would like to be part of our team, please come along to one of our sessions on a Sunday morning and speak to the catechists. *Ann Epps* - [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com) - 0118 941 1479.

## 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.*

## RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT DIOCESE

The relics of St Bernadette are coming to visit the Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed. The relics of St Bernadette will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8<sup>th</sup> September and on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. More details will be available in the coming weeks. This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of St Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion.

## VOCATIONS

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

Aged 16 - 30? You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6th August 2023, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost £1,200 which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! To apply and for more details: [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## FLAME NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2023

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 with the theme 'Rise Up!' For further questions, ring 0778 022 1686 or email [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



## **BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE - OPEN DAY - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022**

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading,  
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[www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org)

[admin@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.org) 'Outstanding School - Section 48 Inspection' @bhfcs bhfcs. Morning 9 am - 12 noon. Evening 5 - 7.30 pm. Serving the Community in Reading since 1958. (10.15 am, 5.45 pm & 6.30 pm Headmaster's Address).

## **7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

### **YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND**

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics". During the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, there will be two talks - Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). It's possible to stay the whole weekend (full board) or to come for the day (bring a packed lunch). Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022). For More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>  
To book go to: <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>



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## **CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS, THE ELDERLY (AND THE NOT-SO-ELDERLY)!**

The SVP is inviting you to a yummy light lunch and delicious cakes with tea or coffee following Mass on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon. This is to celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted last year by Pope Francis, to be held close to the feast day of Jesus' Grandparents, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

*"Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."*

If you need to be picked up for Mass, please call Helen on 0118 930 4959 to arrange a lift.

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The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August** 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.*

## **SVP DONATIONS**

If you wish to donate to the SVP by Standing Order, please take a donation form, *available in the church porch.* The completed form should be returned to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Key contacts: *SVP President: Rita Boyce - 0798 464 3250 [ritaur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk). SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

## **SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October: 6 pm - late:  
70s/80s Music Night  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November: 6 pm - late:  
Quiz + Supper night.

*Tickets on sale from September.*

### ST JAMES' WAY

Help develop a UK Camino, the St James' Way: It starts in Reading and passes through the full length of our Diocese on a pilgrim's way to Santiago de Compostela. David Sinclair, and his friend Adrian Croft, need your support to add a stone distance marker (called a "mouteira" in Galician) and a St James Cross monument to further mark the Way. They intend to walk the 110km to Southampton over 3 days in August for this cause. Please join the open invitation to a pre-walk BBQ at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi small hall on Sunday, 31st July, any time between 12 - 4 pm to find out more and enjoy a pilgrim gathering.

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - 6TH AUGUST

Bishop Philip writes: "On Saturday, 6th August, Margaret and Christopher Langley, the organisers, have asked me to lead the annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. Many brother bishops have led this pilgrimage over the last years and so this year I especially wish to encourage as many of you as possible to join me. A good number of pilgrims managed to attend last year's event, when restrictions were still in place, and many joined online. They hope that now with greater freedoms in place, people will take the opportunity to join - and those unable to attend in person will join online. The cause for life is continually under attack in our society, with so-called DIY abortions, attempts to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide and plans to restrict further the freedom to speak and witness to life. So, this is a good intention to put before the Blessed Mother in Walsingham.



### Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

One of SPUC's current campaigns is to highlight the issue of coerced abortion by partners, family members, medical professionals and others. We are launching a petition calling on the Health Secretary to urgently commission research into the area of abortion coercion, and in so doing recognise coerced abortion as a priority for health and social policy. Petition sheets will be available to sign in the church porch during this month of July and, to make as big an impact as possible, we need to collect as many names as possible. The petition can also be signed online at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/coercion>. *Christine Wall.*

### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Peter's Church in Winchester. An opportunity for prayer, reflection, discussion and exploring the guidelines and principles of Children's Liturgy of the Word and Catechesis, sharing ideas, good practice, and resources. Please book here [www.pffm.org.uk/catechists](http://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists)



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops. Please contact Jo at [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) for more information.

### FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

The report for England and Wales is now available. Please read the report here:

[For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

### YOUTH GROUP

Age 11+ starting in September. The first activity will be on Saturday, September 17th from 1 pm. *Save the date!*

### SCHOOL SPACES

We will have spaces available in our Reception Classes from September. If you know of any children who would be interested in joining our school, please let them know. We also increase our intake from 45 to 48 from Year 3, so will also have some spaces available in our junior classes. Telephone No. 0118 942 2003.



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The Diocese website:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

### PRAYER BEFORE A HOLIDAY

*Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me whatever is weary or broken, and revive my drooping spirit. Let this holiday be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving. May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration, a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.*