

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17TH JULY 2022 (YEAR C)

MARTHA WORKS, MARY LISTENS

This Sunday, 17th July is the 16th Sunday of the Year. In the Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) we hear how Martha works whilst Mary listens teaching us an important lesson to take time out of the busyness of life to make time to listen to the Lord.

"Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me. But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'"

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17TH JULY – SUNDAY, 24TH JULY 2022

Sunday, 17 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Guy & Anabel Hudson's intentions
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am *	Alan Wright RIP
Monday, 18 th July	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19 th July <i>St Paul's School Leaver's Mass at school</i>	11 am	Thomas & Michelle Collier <i>who celebrated their wedding yesterday</i>
Wednesday, 20 th July	12 noon	<i>Intention available</i>
Thursday, 21 st July	<u>12 noon</u>	Zofia & Alex's intentions
Friday, 22 nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE , feast	7 pm	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Saturday, 23 rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN , Foundress, Patron of Europe	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 24 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
	8.30 am	<i>Intention available</i>
	10.30 am *	<i>Intention available</i>
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

**** 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*.

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 – 10TH JULY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£179.50
Planned Giving	£49.00
Loose Plate	£251.15
TOTAL	£479.65
Running Totals	
Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)	£193.00

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>

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Tuesday, 19th July but will be open on Thursday and Friday, 21st & 22nd.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

Our last tea/coffee session before the summer break will be on Sunday, 17th July; we will resume on Sunday, 4th 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

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

Our last official session before the summer break will be on Sunday, 17th July and we will resume on Sunday, 11th 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 – 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 3rd – 30th 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 8th September and on the morning of 9th 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

“Mary has chosen the better part.” Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

To keep up to date with the news of the Diocese and the Bishop please follow us on:

Facebook: @PortsmouthRC

LinkedIn: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Twitter: @PortsmouthRC

The Diocese website:

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

Aged 16 - 30? You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon from 1st – 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

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, 4th March 2023 with the theme ‘Rise Up!’ For further questions, ring 0778 022 1686 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading,
RG30 3EP. Tel. 01189 574 730
www.hughfaringdon.org

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)

7TH – 9TH OCTOBER 2022

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND

Theme: “The Communion of Saints’ prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics”. During the weekend of the 7th – 9th 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>



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.*

KNITWITS

Thank you to the kind person who left a bag of wool for us in the church porch a few weeks ago. We have made good use of it. We still welcome donations of wool, especially Double Knitting, which can be left in the box marked WOOL under the bench in the porch. We continue to knit blankets for needy people. The next Knitwits’ meeting will be at the home of Christine Wall on Tuesday, 19th July from 2 - 4 pm.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday, 8th 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



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

**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, 27th 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, 6th 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 rita@yahoo.co.uk. SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 jackewins9@gmail.com.*

HEAD OF ESTATES (DIOCESAN SURVEYOR)

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Head of Estates (Diocesan Surveyor) to have responsibility for the development and delivery of all estates and facilities services across the Diocese. This includes Churches, School Estate, Presbyteries and other investment property. If you would like to receive a full job description for this role with details on how to apply, please recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Closing date for applications: 9 am on Monday, 18th July 2022.

SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

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

Tickets on sale from September.

**MEMBER OF INVESTMENT COMMITTEE -
VOLUNTEER**

Property Investment Specialist

We have recently incorporated the Investment Committee of the Diocese which has been tasked by the Trustees to oversee the investments of the diocese of both £12 million of quoted investments and some £15 million of residential property. The committee is chaired by a Trustee, Deacon Gerard Dailly, and the membership also includes three experts in quoted investments, and two priests. It is also attended by the Director of Finance, Clive Field. We need a person who would be able to attend committee meetings once every quarter via Microsoft Teams and have experience in helping to develop an investment policy and oversee property investment portfolio. If you would like further details of what is entailed, please contact: Hereward Drummond, Secretary to the Trustees. Email: hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SENIOR ESTATES MANAGER

A vacancy has arisen in the Diocese for a Senior Estates Manager to join the team. This role carries senior and professional responsibility for the delivery of all schools' estates and facilities services across the Diocese. The postholder will provide building and construction expertise to support the development of the school's estate and be the principal advisor on all land, property, and facilities matters to the Parishes and Diocesan Trustees through the Head of Estates. If you would like to receive a full job description for this role with details on how to apply, please contact Mailbox recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 9 am on Monday, 18th July 2022.

ST JAMES' WAY

Help develop a UK Camino, the St James' Way, that 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.

**READING INTERFAITH GROUP
- PICNIC ON SUNDAY, 24TH JULY**



Sarah Griffin-Chair Reading
Interfaith Group writes:

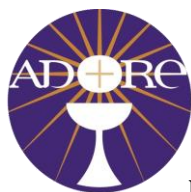
Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of the Reading Interfaith Group inviting you to come to our Community Picnic. I am also asking for your

help: Our community has been through a challenging time lately. Among the many unsettling effects of coronavirus, a considerable number of people are still lonely or depressed. Many situations, including financial pressure, can make families feel less confident, secure or able to go away on holiday. In response to this need and the opportunity, Reading Interfaith Group is organising a free fully inclusive community picnic, to relax, socialise, make new friends and for everyone involved to feel valued. We are looking for offers of entertainment, games and activities you would feel able to bring and share. (Please bear in mind that as we are a fully inclusive organisation, so everything we provide at our events has to be free.)

Our Mission:

- *To enable members of different faiths to learn about and experience each other's beliefs, practices, and traditions.*
- *To acknowledge each other's differing spiritual paths.*
- *To challenge misinformation and prejudice.*
- *To promote friendship through interfaith dialogue and hospitality locally and nationally.*
- *To support interfaith initiatives organised in the Reading area by faith and community leaders. Website: <http://www.rifg.uk/>*



ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning on 23rd July 10 am – 1 pm "Forgive us as we forgive – we are called to love as we are loved." Our special guest speaker is Peter Hobbs, leader of Confirmation and Adult Faith Formation courses in his Parish. Starts with Mass at 10 am and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84421111111>

ADoRE is offering confidential prayer ministry by telephone - please phone (NOT text) 0757 982 4523 Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems; and for Baptism in the Spirit and renewal of faith.

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.

**SHE CONCEIVED IN HER SOUL
THEN IN HER BODY**

For your prayer and meditation, here is a short extract from a sermon by St Leo the Great (d. 461). It appears in the Office of Readings for 16th July, the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

"A royal virgin of the house of David is chosen. She is to bear a holy child, one who is both God and man. She is to conceive him in her soul before she conceives him in her body. In the face of so unheard of an event she is to know no fear through ignorance of the divine plan; the angel tells her what is to be accomplished in her by the Holy Spirit. She believes that there will be no loss of virginity, she who is soon to be the mother of God. Why should she lose heart at this new form of conceiving when she has been promised that it will be affected through the power of the Most High? She believes, and her faith is confirmed by the witness of a previous wonder: against all expectation Elizabeth is made fruitful. God has enabled a barren woman to be with child; he must be believed when he makes the same promise to a virgin . . ."

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.