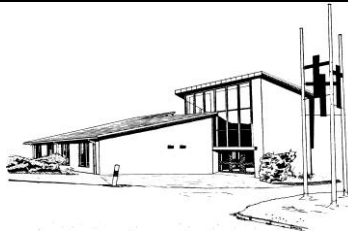


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) – 6TH MAY 2018

The Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at two Masses here at St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 10th May at 9.30 am & 7 pm.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fr Peter would like to present Faculty forms at the Rite of Renewal of Commitment for newly commissioned and re-commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at both Masses on Sunday, 3rd June when we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please try to ensure that you can attend one of these Masses, but if you cannot, please see me privately.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, 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, David Dye, Matthew Balanza-Davis, Jean Trott & 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.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 6TH MAY – SUNDAY, 13TH MAY

Sunday, 6th May	8.30am	Gregory Sakaria & Theresa Mathew RIP
	10.30 am	Mr O J Cherian RIP
Monday, 7th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 8th May	12 noon	Krystyna Sikora
Wednesday, 9th May	12 noon	John O'Hara RIP
Thursday, 10th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	9.30 am	Sheila Curran RIP
	7 pm	People of the Parish
Friday, 11th May	NO MASS	
Saturday, 12th May	NO MASS	
Sunday, 13th May	8.30 am	Euri Kristopher Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm:		
"The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 29TH APRIL 2018

Gift Aid	£380.39
Planned Giving	£23.50
Loose Plate	£333.21
Gift Aid (via bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£55.00
Clergy Training Fund	£16.00
Candles	£33.14
Hall Hire	£69.00
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
CAFOD (TF3)	£55.00
TOTAL	£1,785.24
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£298.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,758.97
Clergy Assistance Fund	£336.51
Holy Places	£403.10
Clergy Training Fund	£311.77

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 13TH MAY

- The counters will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Claude Fearn. (*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.*)
- **SECOND COLLECTION** in support of World Communications.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - *Fr JP Lyttle* - Mobile: 0739 189 6559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm at RBH Old Chapel by London Road entrance. *All are welcome.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 9th May at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

MASS BOOKINGS - 2019

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2019 will not be open until 1st September 2018. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

STAIRLIFT

Nearly new stairlift available. Please contact Jack Ewins on 0773 449 9190.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 26th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fr John. Cost £15. Information and forms via the Parish Office with payment. See the poster. Please return booking form by Sunday, 13th May 2018. **BOOK NOW!!!**

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Due to annual leave, the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 8th May.

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.**

OLOP Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 12th - 19th September 2018. Staying 7 nights half-board in Carolina's Pansion and tour with one of the top guides in Medjugorje, there will be a fantastic full program and tour! Return transfer from Split airport is included in the price. See posters for further details. To book please call *Nancy Challinor-Johnson* on 07745 434888 or email *nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com*.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 Basingstoke on Saturday, 30th June 2018. Please email to: *anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* if you would like to attend.

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*.

SVP - AFTERNOON TEA

SVP would like to invite Senior Citizens to an Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 23rd May in the small hall from 2.30 - 4 pm. Those people who require transport please contact *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

Science Technician - Required asap. 37 hours per week, term time only plus INSET. Scale 2, Points 11 - 13 £14,384 - £14,708. See poster in church porch for further details.

GOODBYE SERVICES

The Mariposa Trust supports and campaigns for people to join together and remember those who have experienced the loss of a baby. A special service called "Saying Goodbye" has been arranged by the Trust which will take place on Saturday, 12th May at 10.30 am in Winchester Cathedral.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher - We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff either in KS1 or KS2 from September 2018. We welcome applications from Newly Qualified Teachers. Closing Date: Tuesday, 8th May 2018 Midday. Interviews: Thursday, 10th May 2018. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

The whole of St Paul's School will be attending Mass at 9.30 am on Thursday, 10th May. *Families are welcome to join them.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 23rd May and 6th June from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the large Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Philip* on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Good with outstanding features". Due to pupils moving out of the area, Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School currently has spaces in Years 8 and Year 9. Please contact the school directly if you would like to register your interest via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 0118 957 4730.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

Altar Servers' practice for new and inexperienced servers will be held on Friday, 11th May at 6.15 pm. Servers are encouraged to attend 7 pm Mass afterwards. *Mike Tomas.*

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Sunday, 13th May 2.30 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. *Everyone welcome.* After this, we will be having the Divine Mercy service at OLOP every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.30 pm.

LIFE – JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 12th May - 1 pm at the English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

FORMATION FOR MISSION

- We are currently running our Essential Training for Catechists around the diocese. The course consists in 5 sessions. These sessions present the essential foundations for all catechesis (and children's Liturgy).
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/essential-training-for-catechists.php>
- On the 12th May, there will be a training day for FHC catechists. The training will take place in St Bede's, Basingstoke from 9.30 am - 3 pm.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzNYAL8sZPY&list=PLAxn1pJuKMKpVNsJaLbMOKnv4zUoy7uVf>. If you are interested in attending the training, please email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- A Diocesan Day for Readers, taking place in St Bede's, Basingstoke on 16th June, from 9.30 am - 3 pm. See poster in church porch or go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers>

PARISH PUBLICITY OFFICER

At its recent meeting on Wednesday, 2nd May, the Liturgy Group agreed that it would be a good idea to have a Publicity Officer in the parish who would promote parish events in Portsmouth E-news, Portsmouth People and possibly set up a parish Facebook page. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact *Ann Epps*, Leader of the Liturgy Group on 0118 941 1479.

SPUC

The Bishop recently stated in a pastoral letter that as people of life we should take steps to defend the unborn children and pregnant mothers. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be speaking on this subject at St William of York Church, Reading, on Friday 11th May, from 8 - 9.30 pm, as part of their campaign against decriminalising abortion. *All are welcome.*

SPUC

"FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & FREEDOM TO PRAY"

Most people are aware that the London Borough of Ealing implemented a buffer zone around the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Mattock Lane, Ealing. SPUC has launched a petition entitled "Freedom of Expression & Freedom to Pray". The petition is calling on the Home Secretary to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizens freedom of expression & freedom to pray outside Abortion Centres. If you would like to sign the petition, please go to: www.spuc.org.uk.

Sherry Weddell, author of *Called and Gifted*, and *Forming Intentional Disciples*, will be in the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel: Friday, 18th May 2 - 7 pm, she will speak about parish renewal, and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Saturday, 19th May from 9.30 am - 4.30pm, Sherry will focus on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email [Clare atcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Clareatcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)