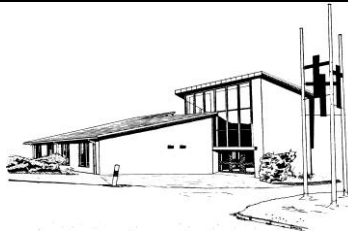


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



**St Joseph's Presbytery, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ**

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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

*Parish Office: 0118 942 8632*

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

**Safeguarding Representative:**

**Miriam da Cruz Fernandes**

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowa, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Mimi Furnell, Ged & Maureen Murphy.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

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Our next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service will be held on Saturday, 25th January from 5 – 7 pm. Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

*Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive; instead, park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly.*

**Fr Peter.**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020</b>		
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
	10.30 am	Vera Edwards RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January <i>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	12 noon	Christine Fisher RIP
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	12 noon	Tessie Joyce RIP
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30 am	Full St Paul's School attendance for the Feast of Conversion of St Paul
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	7 pm	Tessie Joyce RIP
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, feast</i>	10 am	Christine Fisher RIP
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
	10.30 am	Arthur & Francisca Pinto RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will".</b>		

## COLLECTION FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£301.40
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£49.50
Loose Plate	£377.63
Cathedral Fund	£5.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
St Joseph's Journal	£82.02
Crib Collection	£277.69
Hall Hire	£120.00
Candle Money	£41.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,285.08</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,986.31
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Christmas Offerings	£2,938.85
Cathedral Fund	£5.00

### CATHEDRAL FUND

The second collection is the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

- **Counters:**  
T & P McKeown and H Glover.
- **Mass readers\*\*:**  
8.30 am.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M Tomas.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – C Ogbuagu.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – A Goncalves.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – R Hopkins.  
**Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
D Cathrew, Carmen & T Parnell.  
10.30 am  
D Fernandes, J Macbeth & S Collier.  
**Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**  
Carmen.

**\*\*Eucharistic Ministers & Readers:** *Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you\*\*.*

### 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. 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 note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.



### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors welcome.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next programme starts in Lent 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. *Registration forms available from Parish Office.*

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact *Fr John Cooke* - [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### READERS' ROTA

I will shortly be compiling a new rota. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass, please let me know. Training and guidance can be given, if required. Young and new parishioners are especially welcome to join us. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

### ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

A big thank you to everyone who contributed items for the Christmas edition. If you have anything you would like included in the next one, please email it to [sjmagazine@yahoo.com](mailto:sjmagazine@yahoo.com) or hand it in to the Parish Office. The deadline is Friday, 15th May (*not 13th March as stated in the latest issue*).

### ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY LECTURE

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm - Neil MacGregor, "A Church for Shepherds or for Kings?" Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights Campus. Former Director of the British Museum, writer and BBC broadcaster, Neil MacGregor explores through art the story of the shepherds and the wise men to pose the question of power and poverty in the life of the Christian Church: Is this a church for the shepherds, or for the kings? Admission is free. To book your place visit [www.reading.ac.uk/events](http://www.reading.ac.uk/events).

### TODDLER GROUP

Every Thursday: 9 am – 11.30 am in the large hall. Term time only. 0 – 5 years. *All welcome.*

**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB**

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February** at St Luke's' Church, Theale, RG7 4AG, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. At the meeting, Gisele Henriques, CAFOD's Sustainability & Technical lead, will be speaking about our livelihood's projects, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome, so please let me know if you are coming, by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 0125 232 9385. Jo Lewry - CPC - CAFOD Portsmouth.

**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE READING PREP**

Wanted Head of the Prep School (ages 3-11) Independent Catholic school for boys and girls. For further details and how to apply, go to <https://www.sjcr.org.uk/417/community/work-with-us>. Closing date: Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (12 noon).

**INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS  
FOR NIGERIANS**

Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. This will take place on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3 pm at St John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and their friends are all invited and encouraged to attend. If you are attending, or you wish to make further enquiries, please contact the main event organiser, Fr Daniel Agber who can be contacted at [nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com](mailto:nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com) or call him on his mobile no: 0742 442 6845.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact *Patricia* on 0126 876 2278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

We are currently in need of a stair lift for a straight staircase. Should anyone know of the availability of a stair lift, please let us know. Arrangements can be made for the stair lift to be removed. *Thank you. Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190.*

**CARD SALE**

Handmade card sale after both Masses next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January in the small hall. All proceeds to SVP. *Jenny Gouk.*

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY**

For Reading parishes on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am - 12 noon at St James' Church, led by Fr John and Ann Hogg. Any new volunteers from St Joseph's for this ministry - please speak to Fr Peter.

**THE TWO POPES**

South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, is showing THE TWO POPES (12A). Nominated for three Oscars - well worth going to see. Show times as follows: Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3 pm & 7.30 pm, and Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 pm.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE**

If you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below:

16th - 25th September 2020 - 9 nights.  
Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person. Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje.  
Flight details:  
Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 - 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.  
Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25th September 2020.

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Required as soon as possible: Teaching Assistant (Minimum qualification Level 2 and ideally SEND Experience). Closing Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Midday. Interviews: w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020. *See post in church porch for more details.*

**SVP YOUTH GROUP**

We would like to wish all our Young Vincentians and their families a very happy & blessed New Year 2020! With our next session just around the corner, we would like to invite all our members to a Film Night on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January in the small hall. The session will start at the slightly earlier time of 7 pm and finish at the slightly later time of 9.30 pm. We will be showcasing the film, 'Bumblebee' and you are invited to come in your PJs or onesies; you may also wish to bring with you your favourite beanbags or duvets and even a friend or two! Snacks and drinks will be available throughout. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or a member of the team.