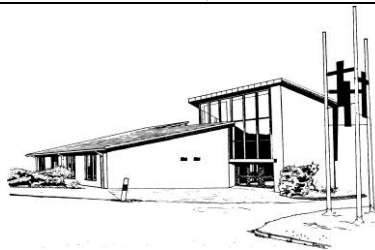


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

12TH MARCH 2017

My dear friends,

Next Monday, 20th March, we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Joseph, with Mass at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

Temporarily, until the CCTV camera is installed within our church, it will be remained locked outside of service times. The reason for this decision is because we now have a very expensive sound system and equipment installed and we do not wish to have it damaged or stolen. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 12TH MARCH – 18TH MARCH		
Sunday, 12th March	8.30 am	Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Monday, 13th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 14th March	12 noon	Angela Macbeth RIP
Wednesday, 15th March	12 noon	Catherine Gallagher RIP
Thursday, 16th March	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 17th March	7 pm	Pauline Howat
ST PATRICK, Bishop	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 18th March	10 am	John & Bridget O'Driscoll RIP
St Cyril of Jerusalem		
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:		Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:		Following 10 am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you."		

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS		
19 th March	8.30 am	Bridget Murphy RIP
	10.30 am	Lonergan family RIP

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH

For the first time in our parish of St Joseph, we are participating in the day devoted to Our Lord. Beginning with Mass at 10 am followed by confession, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6 pm. There is a Watching List available for you to sign up to at the back of the church.

COLLECTIONS FOR 5TH MARCH 2017

Gift Aid:	£376.75
Planned Giving:	£58.62
Loose Plate	£350.72
Catholic Education Service	£5.00
Candles	£34.67
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£48.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£20.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Mass Stole fees	£40.00
TOTAL	£938.76
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£30.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£20.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£88.00
Catholic Education Service	£319.48

SECOND COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a second collection today in support of CAFOD Lent Fast Day. Envelopes are still available at the back of the Church.

TEA & COFFEE

Tea & coffee is served every Sunday after 10.30 am Mass in the large hall. *All are welcome.*

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 19th March will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 19th March will be Anthea Carroll.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 15th March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

The remaining Lent Discussion Groups will be held at St Catherine's Church from 7 – 8 pm on the following Sundays: March 12th, 19th & 26th. *All are welcome.*

CHRISTIAN AID

We currently have no Christian Aid representatives in our parish. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help, please call *Richard Canning* on 0118 942 8238 email: rcanning@meadowsweet.eu.

CLASS TEACHER – ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Full-time from 1st September 2017. NQTs are welcome to apply. Closing date; Tuesday 21st March midday. Interviews: Monday, 27th March. *Further details available in the church porch.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Patricia Kusta, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names** will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Paul's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass at St Joseph's Church, on Thursday, 16th March. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

"LECTIO DIVINA" - THE LIVING WORD

Are you interested in praying with Scripture? If so, Ian and Carmen would like to hear from you. Please talk to us after Sunday 10.30 am Mass or phone 0783 771 1876 (Ian). Please call us if you would like any further details or information. We're relatively new to the parish, but I'm sure you've seen us with our children, 11 year old Cristina and 8 year old Matthew, little boy with Down syndrome. Kind regards, *Ian and Carmen Balanza-Davis.*

READING BEREAVEMENT GROUP to meet Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30 pm at St William of York Church.

SPRING FAYRE

Saturday, 18th March from 1 – 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church. Admission free. *Further details are available in the church porch.*

FREE WOOD CHIP

Makes great garden mulch. Help yourself from pile in far corner of car park. *Bring your own bags.*

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you to everyone for your most generous donations to the Drop in centre and parish SVP March Collection. Your donations were very gratefully received. The next collection will be as usual on the first Sunday of the month which will be Sunday, 2nd April. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. The April collection, just for one month, will be for the Churches in Reading Woman's Centre and the Parish SVP, and will return to the Drop in Centre and Parish SVP for the May collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesdays BEFORE Mass at 11.30 am and on Fridays AFTER the 7 pm Mass. Fr Peter will lead the Friday Stations. The Stations on Tuesdays are to be laity led. If you would like to lead them, either as an individual or as a pair, then please let me know. There are no set prayers to accompany each Station, so the format adopted will be the choice of the leader on the day. If you have never led the Stations and would like some guidance then please let me know. *Mike Tomas.*

BREAKING BARRIERS. HEALING EVENING

On Friday, 7th April from 7.30 - 9.30 pm at St James. Lively Praise and Worship. Prayer for: sickness, financial & relationship problems, fear ... *All are welcome!*

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' is the theme for our next session on FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm in the parish hall. Why not join us for an evening of bush tucker trials - we promise the trials will be fun, but that's not to say there may be one or two hidden surprises How many stars will you find? Will you succeed in the Dingo Dollar Challenge? Come along and test your skills. Be brave! New members welcomed. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell, Youth Group Co-ordinator* on 0774 054 7922 or email *igniteyouth16@outlook.com.*

CAFOD - CONNECT 2 PROGRAMME

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our friends in Ethiopia over the last few months - the sum of £338.75. Abba Solomon recorded a special message thanking all the parishes in England and Wales for their Christmas cards, this included us here at St Joseph's, as I sent a card to him in Sebeya from all of us. Again, many thanks - *Margaret Chaplin.*

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*

CHURCHES IN READING WOMENS CENTRE

We are looking for volunteers to lead activities, talk with the women who come and support cooking and friendship. We would also like contact with women who might benefit from the centre and its activities. If you would like to join our Trustee body, we would also be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at *enquiries@cirwc.org.uk.* *Further details are available in the church porch.*

DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES?

The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We are also planning events and creating a list of people who would like to be kept informed. For Working Group members, we are looking for people who are passionate about helping refugees and have specific skills to offer, from various specialists to administration and organisation skills. If you would like to help or find out more, please contact *Fr Peter Hollins* on 0173 026 2290, email: *pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*, see our webpage at *www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg/* or take home one of the leaflets on display at the back of the church and learn how you can help Syrian refugees coming to this country.

HANDMADE GREETINGS CARDS

Jenny Gouk has organised the sale of handmade greetings cards after both Masses on Sunday, 19th March in the small hall - proceeds towards the CAFOD Lenten Appeal.

MATHEMATICS TUTOR

We are seeking to appoint a Mathematics Tutor to work alongside a forward thinking and supportive team. For further details and an application form contact *Karyn Stiles, HR Officer* on 0118 918 3806 or *k.stiles@hughfaringdon.org.* Alternatively an application form can be downloaded from our website *www.hughfaringdon.org.* Closing date - Monday, 20th March. *Further details also available in the church porch.*

ENGAGED AND PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE?

An Engaged Encounter Weekend gives you the perfect opportunity. We recommend that couples attend a Weekend well in advance, ideally at least six months before their wedding day. A weekend is to be held at Park Place, near Fareham between 31st March & 2nd April. For further details please look on our website *www.wwme.org.uk.*

