

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) - 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018



### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal, *via the second collection, this weekend*. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalizing of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalization.

### “ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 27th January from 5 – 7 pm. *All are welcome!*

**Fr Peter**

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

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| <b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | 8.30am         | Bridget Jones RIP                           |
|  | 10.30 am       | Bridie Naughton RIP                         |
| <b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>NO MASS</b> |   |
| <b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | 12 noon        | Norman & Joan Bricker RIP                   |
| <b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><i>St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot</i> | 12noon         | Joanna Kalicka-Stepien's Intentions         |
| <b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                       | 9.30 am        | Edyta Grzadziel's Intentions                |
| <b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | 7 pm           | Violet Wickens RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i> |
| <b>Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                       | 10 am          | Charles & Edith Boase RIP                   |
| <b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>   | 8.30 am        | Bridget Sweeney RIP                         |
|  | 10.30 am       | Alan Jebson's Intentions                    |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  |                | Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass     |
| ROSARY & CONFESSIONS   |                | Saturday: Following 10am Mass               |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm: “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will”.</b>          |                |   |

## COLLECTIONS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Gift Aid                       | £206.84          |
| Planned Giving                 | £41.10           |
| Loose Plate                    | £351.48          |
| TF3 CAFOD                      | £10.00           |
| Candles                        | £87.67           |
| Crib Offering                  | £234.23          |
| Christmas Offering             | £30.00           |
| Easter Offering                | £40.00           |
| Mass Stole Fees                | £60.00           |
| Christmas Flowers              | £6.00            |
| Pocket Diaries 2018            | £57.50           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>£1,124.82</b> |
| <b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>   |                  |
| TF3 (CAFOD)                    | £150.00          |
| TF9 ("On Fire!")               | £1,089.43        |
| Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)       | £30.00           |
| First Holy Communion Programme | £775.00          |
| Christmas Offering             | £2,937.04        |

### REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January will be Carmen.

*\*\*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.\*\**

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 17th January at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

### APF NEWS

£483 was emptied from the red boxes during 2017. Many thanks to all box holders and promoters. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

There is now 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.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin & Rita Boyce.

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.*

### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to *Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com.* Sessions will start after Christmas.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Organised by St Ethelbert's Catholic Church, Slough. Cost £1,490 pp - single room supplement £270. Last few places remaining. To book your place, contact *Fr Ray: 0793 998 7872* or *Nabs: 0743 215 2833* asap.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

On Sunday, 21st January, there will be an ecumenical service to pray for Christian Unity at 6 pm at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Reading. *All are most welcome.*

A BED FOR THE NIGHT (B4N) is in urgent need of some extra help during the four Tuesday nights in February at CIRDIC. If you can help please contact *Sharn: admin@abedforthenight.org.uk* or *Tel: 0774 983 3476*

### **A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP!**

At Christmas, to help with the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bishop Philip gave a gift to everyone - a copy of the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly. May it help all of us in our efforts at "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church." *If you were away over Christmas please take your copy today!*

### **CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE**

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February – Revd Graeme Fancourt: All together Different: Ministry after Brexit.  
Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March – Prof Steve Mithen: Prehistory of Religion: Neanderthals and Homo sapiens. Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge St. *No charge, no booking.*

### **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL**

Due to families re-locating, unusually, St Paul's Catholic Primary School has space in their current Year 2 Class. Please contact the school if you would like to register your interest - [office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk).

### **HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR BISHOP PHILIP'S WEEKLY E-NEWS?**

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - THE CATHOLIC ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS OFFICE (CASO)**

The Catholic Academies & Schools Office (CASO) in Portsmouth are looking to appoint a part time Administrative Assistant to support their work with the schools in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> January – see [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies) for full details.



### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The first UCM meeting of the year will be the AGM on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, *and all ladies are welcome to join us.*

### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your generous donations to the January collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were as usual very gratefully received.

The next collection will be on the first Sunday of the month, which will be on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS**

St Simon's Class will be attending Mass here at St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, celebrating the feast of St Patrick. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* anytime on 01268 762 278 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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

#### **- LIVERPOOL: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

If you would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, application for tickets is now open by contacting *Canon John O'Shea, Co-ordinating Pastor* at St James' Church on 0118 957 4171 email:

[stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Further details are available in the church porch.

### **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**

#### **- VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY**

The Alzheimer's Society of the UK is seeking volunteers for the befriending scheme for people who live with Alzheimer's disease. Further details can be obtained from *Hayley King, Befriending Manager*, on 0118 959 6482.