

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – SUNDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2022

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 16TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 23RD JANUARY 2022

Sunday, 16 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Mary O'Carroll & family's intentions
	8.30 am	Norman & Joan Bricker RIP
	10.30 am*	Litty Chacko's special intentions
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 17 th January St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 18 th January Beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	12 noon	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday, 19 th January	12 noon	Paul Baillargeon RIP
Thursday, 20 th January	9.30 am	Judith Walker RIP
	4 pm	Catherine Urban's coffin received into church
Friday, 21 st January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	11 am	Funeral: Catherine Urban RIP
	7 pm	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
Saturday, 22 nd January	10 am	People of the parish
Sunday, 23 rd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Maria, Mihal Abramowicz RIP
	8.30 am	Brian, Bridget Ellen & their son Barney Clarke RIP and John & Nellie Donoghue RIP
	10.30 am*	John Reilly RIP

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

CATHERINE URBAN RIP



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Urban who died recently. Catherine's coffin will be received into St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 20th January at 4 pm, followed by Funeral Mass on Friday, 21st January at 11 am with burial at St Michael's Churchyard at 12.30 pm. *All are welcome.*

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, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Pat Knowles, Norah Phipps & 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.*

St Joseph's Tilehurst



Volunteers Needed!

We rely on so many volunteers in many different ways to help run OUR church. Can you help?

Below is a list of areas where we are looking for new helpers. FULL support/training will be available. If you would like to know more, please contact a member of the Co-ordinating Team (see noticeboard), or send a message to the Parish Office.

God bless you!



If you would like to help in some other way, then please let us know.

Some activities haven't resumed yet, so there will be more ways to help in the future!

COLLECTION FOR 9TH JANUARY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£269.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£391.40
Christmas Collection	£50.00
Candles	£66.01
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
Returned payment	£73.80
TOTAL	£925.21
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Bamenda Sunday	£808.00
Christmas Collection	£2,079.21
Crib Offerings	£140.47

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. 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>

CATHEDRAL FUND - SUNDAY, 23RD JANUARY

Next weekend, we have the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses, for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. A 'Give as you Live' page has been created to enable you to donate online at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

JESUIT RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Following the success of the online retreat during lockdown last year, the Jesuit Institute is offering another opportunity for a retreat in daily life in 2022. This online retreat involves individual spiritual direction and some optional group meetings using Zoom. It will begin late on the Sunday afternoon of 27th March and close on the Friday evening of 1st April. For this retreat, an experienced team of Ignatian Spiritual Directors have offered their time. Donations are invited - suggested donation £150-200. For more information, please contact Sarah Young: syoung@jesuit.org.uk (0754 822 4362).

REMINDERS FOR JANUARY 2022

- Peace Sunday – A Day of Prayer for Peace 16th January. Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.
<https://paxchristi.org.uk/%20peace-sunday-2022/>
- Sunday of the Word of God on 23rd January encourages us to focus on the Bible. Pope Francis has also declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (in January each year) is designated as 'Sunday of the Word of God'
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January. This year's theme is the visit of the Magi: "We saw his star in the East and have come to worship him." (Mt. 2:2)

SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join us at 6 pm on Sunday, 23rd January at St Matthew's Church, 205 Southcote Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3AX. Guest preacher: The Rev Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Reader in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester. This service is organised by Churches Together in West Reading, Tilehurst & Southcote

UNITY IN CHRIST

This is the title of an afternoon of three seminars on Zoom organised by the Open Bible Trust. Join for one, two or all three seminars – they will be available on YouTube afterwards.

Saturday, 29th January, 2 - 2.45 pm:

What does 'Unity' mean – Michael Penny

The Oneness of all believers – W M Henry

To join the Zoom seminar at 2 pm, please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82174016695?pwd=MytXWkR6Q0dNZEtEWG1QcEVrTWVKUT09>

3 - 3.45 pm:

Pictures of Unity – W M Henry

The Unity of the Spirit – Michael Penny

To join the Zoom seminar at 3.00 p.m. please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86421899832?pwd=N2RIMDdwJzVxNmV5THdjbj0gxWEowZz09>

4 – 4.45 pm:

The Unity of Faith – Michael Penny

Practical implications of Unity – Andrew Marple

To join the Zoom seminar at 4.00 p.m. please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84290255508?pwd=OEIPVY94YTZ4SmpvWTZwM2F3TnV1QT09>

Every blessing for 2022 and earnestly praying it will be a healthier and happier year. Yours in Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Michael Penny, Chair, Churches Together in Reading and Berkshire.*

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

MEDIEVAL CULTURE AND THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST

Talk by Jasmine Jones at 7 pm on Sunday, 16th January. This talk will be a survey of literature and devotional culture during the medieval period: We will explore how the earliest writings in the English language from the Anglo-Saxon to the late-medieval period reflect the beauty of Christ and lead us closer to him. This will take place at the home of one our Catholic Young Adults group members. For details of the venue, please email englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence soon, with the Confirmation ceremony taking place at Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the *Parish Office*.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

18th – 22nd July. You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for further details.

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.*

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.*

COVID SAFETY IN CHURCH

Given the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, please follow these guidelines:

- Face Masks on even when singing, unless exempt
- Social Distancing where possible
- Household mixing to a minimum
- Hand Sanitiser / Hand Washing
- Get Boosted / Vaccinated
- Lateral Flow Test before Mass is recommended
- Any symptoms of Covid/Flu, *please stay home!*



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 5th February** 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.*

Key contacts: SVP President: Rita Boyce - Mobile: 0798 464 3250 Email: ritaur@yahoo.co.uk SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST AGNES - 21ST JANUARY

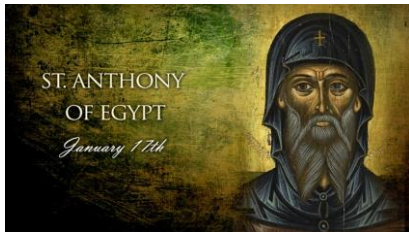
St Agnes was only twelve when she died in 304, and is one of the first women to be venerated by the Catholic Church. She came from a noble Roman family. Agnes was very beautiful and had many admirers who wanted to marry her. There was one young man in particular, the son of a Roman official, who wanted to marry her. Agnes refused declaring herself committed to Christ. This was at a time when Christianity was still an underground religion. Her refusal led to her death; she was stabbed in the throat. She is buried in a catacomb on the Via Nomentana (an ancient Roman road leading north-east out of the city), on land which it is believed her parents owned. Her grave became a great pilgrimage site for many years after her death. In art, she is often depicted carrying a lamb. A lamb is the symbol of purity and also a play on her name, Agnus being the Latin for lamb. The first Eucharistic Prayer, also known as the Roman Canon, includes Agnes's name. *St Agnes - pray for us.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 21st January.

APF NEWS

The total collected via the red boxes for 2021 was £178.50. Many thanks for your contributions. There are some calendars at the back of the church; please feel free to take one, even if you are not a boxholder. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.*



ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT THE FOUNDER OF MONASTICISM

Next Monday, 17th January, is the memorial of St Anthony of Egypt (251-356), the founder of monasticism. He came from wealthy Christian parents in Upper Egypt and upon his parents' death, gave away his inheritance to the needy, placed his sister in a convent, and began to live as a hermit in a nearby cemetery. Here he lived an austere life of prayer, manual labour and penance, whilst undergoing his famous temptations, trials of the flesh, yet overcoming them all. His fame began to spread, and after 15 years, he moved to another site where he lived for 20 years, in complete solitude, eating only what people threw over the wall to him. Inevitably, a group of disciples gathered around, and in 305, he emerged and organised a simple community. Each monk lived in prayer and penance, under the general authority of Anthony, coming together only for worship and communal work. He left for Alexandria in 311, and upon return founded another monastery before retiring again to the seclusion Mount Kolzim, near the Red Sea. This time, he took with him a close disciple, Makarios. He visited Alexandria again in 355 to help in the fight against Arianism, working closely with his friend Athanasius, whose Life is the main source of information about St Anthony. After his return, he remained in the cave at Kolzim until his death in 356. Following his wishes, he was buried secretly and his relics were not discovered until 561, when they were translated to Alexandria and later to Constantinople. Many people visited this remarkable saint during his lifetime, out of veneration or curiosity. He avoided the fanaticism and excess of many of the Desert Fathers and although austere, was known for his sound teaching and personal holiness, a model for monks ever since. Artists have developed the legend of Anthony's temptations, but early pieces often show him receiving St Paul the Hermit as a guest, together with the ravens that used to bring him half a loaf of bread each day.

Next Monday would be a good day for us to pray for all the monks and nuns who live within our Diocese.

VOCATIONS

Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



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Finance Assistant - Required as soon as possible. 20 hours per week-term time only. Grade/Salary D. (Hours can be flexible for the right candidate, applications welcome from candidates seeking apprenticeship in Finance)

We are looking to recruit an Assistant for our Finance Office to carry out a range of financial administrative tasks to maintain our funds to a high standard. The ideal candidate will have excellent numeracy skills, be able to communicate effectively and enjoy working as part of a small, busy office environment. We welcome applications to join our dedicated and enthusiastic team.

Please visit our website for our virtual tour and give us a ring if you would like to have a chat or if you need any further information.

Closing Date: Tuesday, 25th January 2022 Midday. Interviews: Wednesday, 2nd February 2022 (pm).

For an application pack please contact the school on the above email. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

UNIVERSITY OF READING CHAPLAINCY LECTURE

Monday, 17th January, 7pm: 'Spirituality and Mental Health' - the 2022 Online interview with Professor John Swinton, Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. Book for free here:

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/15/about/newsandevents/Events/Event862486.aspx>

John will be interviewed about spirituality and mental health, particularly drawing on his 2020 book 'Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges'.

John is founder of the University of Aberdeen's Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability. He has written on dementia, disability theology and pastoral care. His 2016 book Dementia won the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ramsey Prize for excellence in theological writing. Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/216605010655128/>