

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) – 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017



### **ADVENT: PREPARING, WAITING, LONGING, PRAYING**

The season of Advent continues today and we are in a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. We sing the haunting Advent hymns. We light the second purple candle. Our liturgical colour changes from green to purple, and the Gloria is omitted in Advent. We adopt the attitude of the Jewish people who longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah – the Saviour of the world. A well lived Advent is the perfect preparation for Christmas. Let us make every effort to give this season our best effort as we begin Advent.

*Fr Peter*

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b>		
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Robert Deady RIP
<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	12 noon	Lilian Woolgar RIP
<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>	12noon	John Murray RIP
<b>Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9.30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	7 pm	Mairin Hayes RIP Foundation Mass
<b>Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	10 am	Sister Mary O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30 am	The Bricker Family Intentions
	10.30 am	Mr & Mrs Leszek Wlasak's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us you saving help."</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£279.59
Planned Giving	£61.35
Loose Plate	£328.17
TF3 CAFOD	£15.00
Candles	£49.93
Day for Life	£5.00
TF7 Youth Group	£180.00
Hall Hire	£69.00
Donation	£10.00
Repository	£103.07
Donation Syro Malabar	£40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,141.11</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£70.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass/Card Sale (Divine Mercy)	£610.03
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
Cathedral Fund	£20.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00
Day for Life	£5.00

### **REMINDER**

The Counters next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December will be C. 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.\*\**

### **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.

### **SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL**

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

### **ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP**

Advent Discussion Group at St Catherine's at 7 pm TODAY. *All are welcome.*

### **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.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, 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 and Margaret Chaplin.

*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.*

### **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.

### **MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK PROJECT UPDATE**

There is now be a small box in the church porch on top of the Repository counter where donations will be collected periodically. Thank you for your support. *Patrizia Chessell Youth Group Co-ordinator*  
☎ 0774 054 7922 ✉ igniteyouth16@outlook.com.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is now a Prayer Request box in the church porch in 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.**

### **REPOSITORY**

Please note that we have a number of Christmas items for sale in the Repository including cards, Advent calendars, 2018 calendars and Advent candles. As the Repository unit is now much larger, we will not be having a separate stall in the small hall as in previous years - all Christmas items now fit into the Repository unit, and you may purchase items, with immediate effect. Please do have a look as the items are very reasonably priced. *Thank you.*

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 13th December at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES**

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 11th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
<b>Tue 12th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
Wed 13th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 14th	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 15th	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 16th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 18th	7.30pm	St James



### **NEW: ST JOSEPH'S WALKING GROUP.**

Exercise, fresh air and lots of lovely people to talk to! Give it a try! Our first walk will be on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. It will be a fairly short, flat walk along the river, possibly muddy. Meet 1 pm in Purley at the Junction of New Hill/Mapledurham Drive/St Mary's Avenue. Allow 90 mins. Bring: Sensible shoes, rainwear, drink. For more information/and to check if still going ahead in bad weather, please *contact Sue Collier: 0776 892 4129 / 0118 941 2458 sue\_collier@mentor.com or Ewa Farmer: 0118 941 3320 / 0793 262 7552.*

### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN**

A special Christmas church clean will be held on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.45am. Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Our next meeting will be the Christmas social on Wednesday 13th December. 7pm at Marian's, 29 Wardle Avenue.

### **CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**

Carols by Candlelight at English Martyrs Church on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. Bring your family and friends to sing the Christmas Story. Followed by festive refreshments for all tastes. *Everybody welcome.*

During Advent, English Martyrs Parish are supporting Aid to the Church in Need helping Iraqi Christians to return home now that ISIS have been driven out of their towns and villages. Please come and join our prayer vigil of light in support of all persecuted Christians, on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

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

Thank you very much to everyone for your extremely generous donations to the December 2017 collection for the Drop in centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were as usual very gratefully received. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which is Sunday the **7<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. Margaret Bailie.

### **APF NEWS**

It is time to empty the Red Boxes once again. Could I have all contributions by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December please? Any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2017 accounts. Thank you  
Mike Tomas. APF Secretary

### **CAROL SINGING**

Churches Together in Tilehurst will be carol singing at Tilehurst Triangle from 2pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, please join us.

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

"The greatest Christmas gift of all was never placed beneath a tree, but lay within a manger beneath a star for all to see". With Christmas is just around the corner, IGNITE Youth Group would like to invite all its members to its annual CHRISTMAS PARTY on FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the parish hall. There will be games, music, festive food, refreshments, surprises and maybe a gift from Santa! Please do join us and bring your friends – all those of secondary school age welcome! For more information, please contact Patrizia Chessell on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com). More details can also be found on the website, [www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk](http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk)

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

A generous donor has provided our Bishop with 40,000 copies of Matthew Kelly's bestselling book 'Rediscover Jesus.' There are enough books for each person in the parish to receive one. Please take your copy from the back of the church.

**RISE** Theatre present their 'Rise & Shine Christmas Show' here at St Joseph's parish hall on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. An evening of fun and drama suitable for the whole family. Watch Gerry MacIntyre and Tina Graham as they work their way through a packed line up on their daily magazine show and go in search of the true spirit of Christmas. Come ready to laugh, cry and join in the fun! Tickets are £10 (adults), £5 (children & conc) and can be purchased online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre).