

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

My dear friends,

## **WANTED! NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

As indicated recently, our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30 am - 1.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a *mandatory* parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March following 10 am Mass here at St Joseph's**, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

*Fr Peter*

MASS INTENTIONS: 19 <sup>TH</sup> – 25 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY		
<b>Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	8.30 am	Peggy Winship RIP
	10.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	12 noon	Norman Bricker's Intentions
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	12 noon	Mike & Bridie McAdden RIP
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	9.30 am	People of the parish
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7 pm	Peggy Winship RIP
<b>Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10 am	Breege Cummins RIP ( <i>of Athlone, Ireland</i> )
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>		Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am
<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>		Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love."</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

Gift Aid:	£1,074.27
Planned Giving:	£52.00
Loose Plate	£230.30
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Bamenda	£1.00
Catholic Education Service	£276.99
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
Clergy Training Fund	£10.00
Day for Life	£1.00
Home Mission Sunday	£1.00
Mission Sunday (APF)	£5.00
Peter's Pence	£10.00
World Communications	£1.00
Candles	£47.46
Mass Stole fees	£140.00
Divine Mercy	£627.93
Hall Hire	£135.00
Donation	£200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,832.95</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
Divine Mercy	£850.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Donations for Altar Servers Albs	£25.00

### REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February will be Terry Clarke and Jenny Horton.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Ciara Wooller RIP
February	10.30 am	Mario Miranda RIP

### READING & CENTRAL BERKS

#### MACMILLAN COMMITTEE - QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm here at St Joseph's. Tickets £7 each person. Maximum team 6 per table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For tickets, please call 0780 921 4015.

### SUNDAY TEA DANCE

**TODAY** at English Martyrs Church hall from 2 - 4.30 pm. Tea, sandwiches and yummy cakes. Raffle and lots of good music with Billy Whitley's lively music. Admission £2.50 per person. Why not come along? Bring your friends and catch up with all the latest news. You don't have to dance, just enjoy the music if you wish. For more information, please contact Anne on 0118 942 6932.

### READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

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

### 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 and Gerard Tomas.

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*.

### ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

There will be a training session for all new and inexperienced altar servers on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.45 pm in the church. It will finish no later than 4.30 pm. Please let me know if you are unable to attend so that alternative arrangements can be made. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

### LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

A series of Lent Discussion Groups will be held at St Catherine's Church from 7 - 8 pm on the following Sundays: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. *All are welcome.*

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

Lent Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be placed into any of our Sunday collections. *Thank you.*

### **NEW REPOSITORY**

Please take time to admire our new Repository and let us know if you have suggestions for any particular items that you would like us to stock. Thank you. *Eileen Hopkins.*

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2017 are now available from the Repository priced at £3.50 each.

### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS – 9.30 AM**

St Peter's Class will be attending on Thursday, 23rd February and St Paul's Class on 9th March. Parents are more than welcome to attend. The Early Years department are in need of helpers to walk the children to and from St. Joseph's Church on 23rd February and on 9th March, if you are able to help please contact the school office.

**The Disabled Parking Spaces in the car park are for those who have a Disabled Blue Badge which should be displayed, or for those who are temporarily incapacitated.**

### **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.*

### **24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 will be a Watching List available, nearer the time, for you to sign up at the back of the church.

### **SHARING BOOKS WITH CHILDREN**

Christ the King School/parish, working with Caritas Portsmouth, is planning a scheme to share books with children, and they need your help. If you have any children's books in good condition please leave them in the special box at the back of the church. If you would like to get involved, there is an information evening on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 pm in Christ the King School, Lulworth Road, RG2 8LX.

This project has been well received by the priests in the Pastoral Area who wish to support this initiative to help children develop their reading skills.

### **UCM**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February when Pam Downing from Reading Talking News will come and tell us about this local service. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Joseph's on Friday, 3rd March. This year, it is focusing on the ladies of the Philippines and the theme is 'Am I being Unfair to you?' *All are welcome*

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' is the theme for our next session on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 – 9.30 pm in the large 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 07740 547922 or *igniteyouth16@outlook.com.*

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to *anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.* Please note this email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. Or contact *Liz Murphy* at *St Bede's Parish Office* on 01256 465214.

To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph; you can upload it when you complete the form. Alternatively send via email to above email address or by post to the following address:

St Bede's Parish Office  
Popley Way  
Basingstoke  
RG24 9DX

Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME!**

If you are a new parishioner to St Joseph's, Tilehurst, we hope you feel welcomed into our parish community. Please complete a new parishioner registration form which is available in the church porch. *Thank you.*