

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 29TH MAY 2022

In the Gospel, John 17:20-26, we hear the moving prayer from Jesus to His Father

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:
‘Holy Father,
I pray not only for these,
but for those also
who through their words will believe in me.
May they all be one.
Father, may they be one in us,
as you are in me and I am in you,
so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.
I have given them the glory you gave to me,
that they may be one as we are one.
With me in them and you in me,
may they be so completely one
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me
and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.
Father, I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the glory you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
Father, Righteous One,
the world has not known you,
but I have known you,
and these have known that you have sent me.
I have made your name known to them
and will continue to make it known,
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them,
and so that I may be in them.’

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE ON SATURDAY, 28TH MAY: 1 PM



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome! The next Prayer & Healing Service will take place in several months-time.*

Please Park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. *Thank you.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 29TH MAY – SUNDAY, 5TH JUNE 2022

Sunday, 29 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil)	Eamon & Maura McNeill's intentions
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	Dominic Clark's intentions – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Monday, 30 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 31 st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 1 st June St Justin, Martyr	12 noon	Denis Flattery RIP
Thursday, 2 nd June Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	NO MASS	
Friday, 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	7 pm	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
Saturday, 4 th June	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 5 th June PENTECOST SUNDAY	5 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	For Gosia & her mother Krystyna's intentions – For good health & God's protection

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

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Next week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday only, due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays on Thursday & Friday.

The Parish Office will be closed week from commencing 6th June until week commencing 27th June. Fr Peter will do his best to answer any urgent queries. Telephone messages and emails will be monitored, but please expect delays. Any non-urgent matters may be left until the Parish Office is open again. *Thank you.*

THE HOLY ROSARY

Please join us to recite the Rosary every Saturday after 10 am Mass. You may wish to erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Our Lady, as a reminder of Mary's month, in your homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – *our domestic churches* – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. The main point is that it is a place designated for spending time in prayer. Just as you need a proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need a proper atmosphere to pray. For the month of May, give Mary a special place in your home - a prayer corner; perhaps a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. ***Ave Maria!***



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, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Pat Knowles, Mary O'Carroll & 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.***

CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr Pat Madden (0751 018 2722) and the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). Fr Pat covers every Monday from 12 noon until Thursday 12 noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 noon until Monday 12 noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are *patient-led*.

COLLECTION FOR 15TH & 22ND MAY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£406.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£60.00
Loose Plate	£594.97
Repository	£110.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£70.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£1,270.97
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
CAFOD Ukraine	£291.25
Clergy Assistance Fund	£283.00
Easter Collection	£2,520.13
Holy Places	£237.50
Clergy Training Fund	£303.38



NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It can be used for regular Sunday offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

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 and donations. 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>

AMAZON SMILE

There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

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.*

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The Second Collection this weekend is in support of the Catholic Communications Network, as the Church marks the 56th World Communications Day. We recommend that you drop your second collection offering into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, or by bank transfer. Alternatively, The online giving page for this appeal:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network>

Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from Monday, 23rd May until Friday, 3rd June.

Thank you for your support for this appeal over the course of the last year, which raised £10,718.96 across the Diocese in 2020/21!

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

If you would like to join the rota for this, please let me know or speak to whoever is in charge of the teas on any Sunday. We look forward to once again having an opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners. *Ann Epps - ann.epps@ntlworld.com - 0118 941 1479.*

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, I would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 2nd July 2022 at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please send an email to *Liz Murphy* at

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you know a couple who qualify and do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at *St Bede's* on 0125 646 5214, and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph. You can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address.

Those without access to the internet you can post a copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

CATHOLIC HOME CARE VACANCY

The Catholic Home Care is expanding! Due to increased demand, we need more home care assistants to join our team. If you, or someone you know, likes elderly people and would like a part-time job, is this something that would suit? Good rate of pay (£9.80 ph), paid holidays and flexible working through Monday - Friday daytime. Core business domestic support (cleaning & shopping) to help elderly people to stay in their own homes for longer. Car driver an advantage, but not essential. For more details and application pack, call *Anne Monaghan* or *Marina Joyce* on 0238 017 0498. Closing date: Friday, 3rd June 2022.



ARCHIBALD JAHANS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Archibald Jahans who died recently. Archibald's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 16th June at 11 am here at St Joseph's, followed by committal at Henley Road Cemetery at 12.15 pm. *All are welcome.*



MARK SWALLOW RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Mark Swallow who died recently. Mark's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 7th June at 11 am at the English Martyrs Church, followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery at 12.45 pm. *Please pray for the repose of Mark's soul.*



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP are helping out a refugee family who moved into Reading 2 weeks ago. We have list of items that we are hoping to supply to them (used or new). The items they require are as follows:



- Hoover
- 2-seater buggy
- Adult bike
- Sewing Machine
- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if

possible

- Shoe rack
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Large pots (so they can cook rice, etc)
- Pressure washer
- Tea cups x 6
- Laptop for the 16-year-old, as he will be going to college in September
- Microwave oven

Please contact *Rita Boyce* on 0798 464 3250, if think you can help. Many thanks in advance.

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The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 4th June** 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.*

SVP DONATIONS

If you wish to donate to the SVP by Standing Order, please take a donation form, *available in the church porch.* The completed form should be returned to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. 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.*



SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL - WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE

A Holy Day of Obligation: Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 am at St Paul's School, weather-permitting, in the open field. *Parents and families are welcome – please bring your own chairs/blankets.* In the case of adverse weather conditions, Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 12 noon in church – TO BE CONFIRMED.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The CEO of SPUC has asked if I would be willing to take on the role of the Society's official Parish Representative, a role I have gladly accepted. This will mean more frequent bulletins in our newsletter about pro-life issues, signing petitions, encouraging contact with MPs, etc. There are ongoing demands for abortion up to birth with no restrictions, as well as for assisted suicide to be legalised, and we must be ready to face these threats.

Our current local campaign, organised by the Reading SPUC branch, is door to door leafleting along the Oxford Road and its many side roads. This is done in 2s or 3s, never alone. We are delivering two different leaflets, one explaining how a baby grows in the womb from the moment of conception, and the other about the dangers of self-administered abortion by swallowing pills at home. The government has announced that this policy is to continue in spite of SPUC's postcard campaign to stop it. New leaflets are produced regularly. We would very much welcome help with the leafleting. Please contact me if you can give a couple of hours any day of the week, even just once or twice, so that we can continue this campaign. I will leave a few leaflets in the church porch for perusal and to take away. *Christine Wall - Tel. 0118 941 1605.*



A warm welcome to Nina Kamila Taczyniec who is to be baptised here this weekend.

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are currently looking to recruit volunteers, couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. Our presenters usually present courses on a Saturday two or three times in a year. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org or 0793 949 5774. For further information about Marriage Care visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

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.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Her Majesty the Queen will soon become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service, and various celebrations are planned across the land to celebrate Her Majesty's historic reign:

Almighty God,
we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen,
who, by your providence has received the
governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and
evil
and, being blessed with your favour
may, with the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



NEXT TUESDAY – FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Next Tuesday, 31st May, is the Feast of the Visitation, the day when the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth at Ein Kerem in the hills just outside Jerusalem, and the child, John the Baptist, leapt in her womb. All of this, which we recall in the Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, is recounted in the Gospel of Luke (1: 39-56). It's a great day to go to Mass. With the incarnate Word now present in her womb, Mary rushed to visit Elizabeth, pregnant with the one who would later baptise Jesus. "When she reached Elizabeth's house, an event took place that no artist could ever portray with the beauty and the intensity with which it took place. The interior light of the Holy Spirit enfolded their persons and Elizabeth, enlightened from on high, exclaimed Blessed are you among women" (Pope Benedict XVI). The visitation of the Blessed Virgin reveals that we two are the recipients of the active, eager and tender love of Jesus and Mary. On this day especially, let us pray for all expectant mothers, and for ourselves, that like Mary, through our words and deeds, we may bring to others the presence and love of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



Loving God: We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Check the diocesan website regularly for updates about the situation, how to help, refugees, etc: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

PAULINE MARIE JARICOT BEATIFIED

Last Sunday, 22nd May, was a day of prayer and celebration for our overseas mission organisation 'Missio', and indeed for the whole Church. One of its founders, Pauline Marie Jaricot, was beatified in Lyon. Beatification requires a miracle through the candidate's intercession to be recognised by the Church. In Pauline's case this happened in May 2012. A three-and-a-half-year-old girl named Mayline, also from Lyon, choked on food and suffocated. Unable to resuscitate her, doctors explained that she was brain dead and that she would die in the next few weeks. Upon hearing the news, pupils and parents of Mayline's school decided to ask for Pauline Jaricot's intercession by praying a novena for Mayline's recovery. At the same time, as Mayline lay in a coma hooked up to a feeding tube and respiratory machines, her parents began looking for a child-sized coffin. Soon afterwards the doctors were surprised to confirm that Mayline's condition had changed. Remarkably, she was released from the hospital that December – fully healed. Doctors have been unable to explain the change in her health. Mayline's parents are convinced of the intervention of Pauline Jaricot. A diocesan enquiry occurred in 2019, where a medical board validated the miracle of healing, and the theological commission certified the intervention of Pauline Jaricot in the full recovery of little Mayline. Mayline's miracle has led to Pauline Jaricot's Beatification. For the final step, Canonisation, a second miracle will need to be recognised.

A Diocesan Mass to celebrate the Beatification and Legacy of Pauline Jaricot will be celebrated at St Edmund Campion, Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PY on Tuesday, 7th June at 6 pm and St Colman's, St Colman's Ave, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 2JJ on Sunday, 12th June at 3 pm.

If your red box has not been opened in the last six months, please contact me. *Mike Tomas, Parish APF Secretary – 0770 803 2743.*

ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL

29 - 31 JULY 2022 | 5 PM - 2 PM

Experience the Carmelite Tradition of Self Awakening, Self-Giving and being Transformed - For ages 25-35.

- DO YOU CONSIDER GOD A TRUSTED FRIEND?
- DO YOU WANT A DEEP EXPERIENCE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER YOUNG ADULTS?
- DO YOU WANT TO NURTURE AND GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

THIS ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER GOD AS A TRUSTED FRIEND AND DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE AS WELL AS FIND OTHERS TO WALK ALONGSIDE YOU ON THE JOURNEY.

"Prayer for me is an intimate sharing between friends." – *St Teresa Avila.*

More information available in the church porch, or please contact kate.preston@carmelite.org.uk - 0793 376 5367.



FANNING THE FLAME 2022

Sr Veronica OP invites young people aged 11-21 to this year's Fanning the Flame camp which will take place again at the Priory in Sway from Monday, 15th – Friday, 19th August. At this year's camp, we will be looking at some of the incredible miracles performed by Jesus Christ, what they reveal to us of Himself, the Word Incarnate, and how we may have new life in Him through the celebration of the Sacraments. This Catholic camp is a gathering of about 100 young people, who come together to re-connect with old friends and make new ones, to learn more about our loving God and deepen their relationship with Him. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and be renewed in your life and faith! The camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running FTF events for over 20 years. This year, the camp is back at the home of the sisters, The Priory. Find out more [here](#).

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC AT ST JOSEPH'S

Save the date! Sunday, 10th July from 11.30 am. With music and games. Bring a picnic and a blanket. Volunteers please to help on the day. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

Saturday, 8th October: 6 pm to late:

70s/80s Music Night

Saturday, 12th November: 6 pm to late:

Quiz + Supper night.

Tickets on sale from September



