

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18TH JULY 2021

You will be aware that nearly all Covid restrictions in England will be removed from Monday, 19th July. However, there will be no drastic changes to the current Covid procedures in operation here at St Joseph's. We will align initially with the plan announced by English Martyrs last week:

We ask everyone to continue to wear a face-covering. The weekend Mass invitation system, sanitising and social distancing will all continue for the time being. We have a responsibility to keep each other safe, especially the vulnerable.

This weekend you will notice that we have just added a few more pews and we are hopeful this will mean that most people will be offered a place at one of the weekend masses every week, especially as it is holiday time.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales released new guidance this morning and this is being reviewed now. There will be further information to share with you next week.

We are very grateful to everyone for your patience and generosity in complying with the Covid procedures that we have in place. We are particularly grateful to the wonderful Admin Team, Cleaners and Stewards who have been doing such a great job. They have fulfilled a challenging task with kindness and sensitivity. When the time comes to make changes to our procedures, we will do so gradually so that we all have time to adjust. *Fr Peter.*

MASSES

Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Telephone and email contact only. There is still no face-to-face contact possible. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone Sheila in the Parish Office, if you would like Fr Peter or Fr Richard to offer a Mass, or for newsletter items.

ROSARY

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary.
Further details are available on our web site.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18TH JULY - SUNDAY, 25TH JULY 2021

Sunday, 18 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Ralph & Sadie Green RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Charlie Robert Rendell RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Joy O' Connell RIP
Monday, 19 th July	10.30 am	St Paul's School Leaver's Mass (at school)
Tuesday, 20 th July	12 noon + Live-streamed	Thanksgiving for all Confirmation catechists
Wednesday, 21 st July	12 noon + Live-streamed	Julie & Gerald MacMahon's intentions
Thursday, 22 nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast	Private	Julie & Gerald MacMahon's intentions
Friday, 23 rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Foundress, Patron of Europe	Private	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Saturday, 24 th July	Private	
Sunday, 25 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Pierce MacMahon & Nicola Perkins' intentions
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Living members of the MacMahon family
	11 am + Live-streamed	Kevin Spellman RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen and Mike Tomas. *If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 7th August 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 contact: *Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.*

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. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*



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. After the summer break, we will re-commence on Thursday, 2nd September from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. *All welcome.*

COLLECTION FOR 10TH/11TH JULY 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£275.80
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£25.00
Loose Plate	£99.85
Day for Life	£2.00
Peter's Pence	£5.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£221.00
TOTAL	£628.65
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£289.56
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£195.00
Day for Life	£267.50
Peter's Pence	£157.50
Apostleship of the Sea	£228.50

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>

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADoRE)

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. July 24th, 10 am – 1pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Transformation in Christ" - The Holy Spirit is at work in you to change you and make you holier. Our guest speaker is Maria Heath, Chair of English Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2021. ADoRE also offers confidential prayer for healing by telephone on 0757 982 4523 - Monday to Friday 10 am – 4 pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Holy Father has designated 25th July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life have produced a selection of resources for the Day, so as to ensure that "its joyous message reaches every grandparent and elderly person effectively, even the most isolated." You can access the [message of Pope Francis here](#) and also some pastoral guidelines and [ideas for the day here](#). The Vatican suggests that it "would be especially meaningful if, as the Day approaches, the message could be delivered by every grandchild to their own grandparents, and by young people to the lonely elderly members of their communities". To mark the day and to encourage acts of charity, the Holy Father has established a special Plenary Indulgence for those who on that day devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases).

VOCATIONS

"He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the needs of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Cn. *John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.



COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, 25th July from 3 - 6 pm at King's Meadow Park, Napier Road (near Tesco). Do come and join us! Please bring your own food, drink, hand - sanitiser and any games you would like to share. This event is free and for everyone. King's Meadow is a short walk from Reading Station. There's a pay and display car park and plenty of other public car parks close by. The site is reasonably level and easy to access. There is a children's play area. Children will need to be supervised by a responsible adult. Public toilets and hand-washing facilities are available in the pavilion.

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST MARY MAGDALENE - 22ND JULY

Thursday is the feast of St Mary Magdalene. In 2016, Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory from "memorial" to "feast", and also gave her the title: "Apostle of the Apostles". Her surname derives from the fact that her hometown was Magdala in Galilee, and she is most famous, as St Mark and St John recall, as the first person to see Jesus after the Resurrection.

St Mary Magdalene was one of Our Lord's most intimate disciples. She is often associated with the woman from whom he drove out seven demons. After a sinful past, she sought forgiveness and joined a group of people who followed Jesus and supported his ministry work. Mary Magdalene remained with Jesus during his agony on the cross, and she came to the tomb early on that first Easter Sunday to see that the stone had been moved away.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote of her: "The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth. A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has the humility to ask for His help, has been healed by Him and has set out following closely after Him, becoming a witness of the power of His merciful love that is stronger than sin and death".

Tradition relates that she spent her last years as a hermit in Provence in France and died in her early seventies. *St Mary Magdalene - pray for us.*
Mike Tomas.