

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

12TH 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, 25th 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 20th 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, 4th 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: 12 TH – 18 TH FEBRUARY		
Sunday, 12th February	8.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Monday, 13th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 14th February St Cyril, Religious & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	12 noon	Fr Padraig McGowan RIP
Wednesday, 15th February	12 noon	Kingsley family's Intentions
Thursday, 16th February	9.30 am	Tony McAdden's Intentions
Friday, 17th February	7 pm	Steven McCreight RIP
Saturday, 18th February	10 am	Phil Duggan's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: After Mass at 10.30 am	
Responsorial Psalm: "They are happy who follow God's law!"		

COLLECTIONS FOR 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

Gift Aid:	£348.85
Planned Giving:	£43.35
Loose Plate	£340.23
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£44.10
Mass Stole fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£811.53
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
Divine Mercy	£222.07
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Donations for Altar Servers Albs	£25.00

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 19th February will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 15th February at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS

19 th	8.30 am	Peggy Winship RIP
February	10.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP

READING & CENTRAL BERKS

MACMILLAN COMMITTEE - QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 24th 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 ring 0780 921 4015.

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.***

INTERCOM SYSTEM

There is a new intercom system installed at the front door of the Parish Office. Please use this facility should you wish to visit the Parish Office. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 am - 12.30 pm.

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*.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked-in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups & individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* anytime on 07740 175557 or email *knockpilgrimages@gmail.com*. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING

There will be a training session for all new and inexperienced altar servers on Thursday, 23rd 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.*

NAME BADGE SUNDAY

Today we will be invited to engage in a simple exercise. When we arrive at Mass we will be invited to write our name on a badge. The aim is to learn each other's names without having to ask - it makes it easier to say "Hello" to people we haven't spoken to before. These are people whose faces we know, who we have offered the Sign of Peace and see every Sunday at Mass.

So, all of us are encouraged to give this idea a try. It will be a light hearted moment with a serious purpose. During the Mass we will be invited to stand and turn to our neighbour and introduce ourselves.

SUNDAY TEA DANCE

Sunday, 19th February 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.

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

Our next event will be on Monday, 20th February, 7.30 pm, Zero Degrees Bar: 'Why we need to talk about sin - differently' - Revd Dr Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College Cambridge. His talk will be based on his recent publication 'The Dark Side of the Soul'. www.kings.cam.ac.uk/news/2016/dark-side-soul.html. Café Théologique events are free and open to all. Just turn up!

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th 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!!!

This year Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sunday, 23rd - Saturday, 29th July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and Morning Prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. All are welcome.

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.

LITURGY FORMATION DAY

At Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi on Saturday, 19th February from 11 am (arrive early for coffee!). Led by John Ainslie, former chairman of the Society of St Gregory, and a very experienced liturgist and parish choirmaster. The day will provide an opportunity to learn and reflect on how, as members of the congregation, we participate in the celebration of Mass, the role of ministers such as sacristans, readers, choristers and others, and deepen our understanding of the centrality of the Mass in our lives. Concludes with Mass in the church at 3 pm, finished by 4 pm. Email earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0118 966 3711 to book your place. Lunch will be provided.

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.*

VACANCY FOR CHAPLAIN AT HUNTERCOMBE PRISON

Part-time 18.5 hours per week, £25,520+ pro-rata. To offer pastoral care & religious formation to the prisoners and staff of the Catholic tradition. For job description and application form from Rev. Ian Thacker email: ian.thacker@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk or 01491 643212. Apply ASAP.

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.

INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING OPEN DAY

Are you interested in training to become a Primary School Teacher? Do you have a degree and want to know more? The Catholic Teaching Schools Alliance is holding an open day on 14th February 9.30 - 11.30 am at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Aldershot, GU11 3DD.

Come and find out more about how you can train, in the classroom, at a local school, to become a Qualified Primary School Teacher. Meet our current students who are going through the programme and talk to them about their experience. Find out about financing options available to you, to enable you to take the next step in developing your career. For more information visit our website: <http://www.thectsa.org/initial-teacher-training/teacher-training-open-day/>