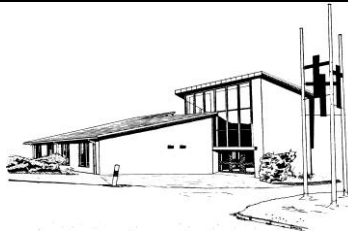


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2020

TODAY - WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal today. On 21st October 2019, the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government of Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Mimi Furnell, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, Ged & Maureen Murphy. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. **Fr Peter.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 16th FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday, 16 th February	8.30 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Monday, 17 th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 18 th February	12 noon	Steven McCreight RIP
Wednesday, 19 th February	12 noon	Wendy Kelly RIP
Thursday, 20 th February	9.30 am	Graham Ward RIP
Friday, 21 st February	7 pm	Graham Ward RIP
Saturday, 22 nd February	10 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
The Chair of St Peter		
Sunday, 23 rd February	8.30 am	Tessie Joyce RIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Margaret and Charles Tinsley RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "They are happy who follow God's law".		

COLLECTION FOR 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£228.58
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£26.00
Loose Plate	£215.92
Candles	£52.09
TOTAL	£522.59
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3874.77
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Cathedral Fund	£392.09

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY

- **Counters:**
Peter & Crystal Chesworth
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am.
1st Reading – P Jellason.
2nd Reading – J Horton
10.30 am
1st Reading – M Keep.
2nd Reading – A Goncalves.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
Carmen, T Millichap & J Fernandes.
10.30 am
M Forestiero, M Nevin & M Keep.
Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:
E Kerrigan.

****Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you**.**

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 19th February at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome*

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you know in advance that you are going into hospital, please inform Fr Peter.

In case of emergency, inform hospital staff and they will take the necessary action of contacting a priest for you.

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm in the Royal Berkshire Hospital chapel. *Patients, staff & visitors are all welcome.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next programme starts on the 1st March 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. Registration forms available from Parish Office. **Registration date has been extended to Fri 21st Feb.**

SVP NOTICES

The SVP will be hosting a **light lunch** (soup, sandwiches, cake) on Wednesday, 19th February after Mass at 12 noon. Would you please confirm your attendance by completing the list in the church porch? Our Youth SVP members will be helping on the day.

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A Mass for the Sacrament of the Sick will be held on Thursday 12th March at 2pm. Refreshments Tea, Coffee, Cake etc. will be available in the Hall after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Should you require transport please contact Jack or other members of the SVP.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - 50TH CELEBRATION

There will be an open afternoon on Sunday, 15th March to commemorate the opening of St Paul's School from 12 - 2 pm. *More details to follow!*

VACANCY

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Thame are looking to appoint a new Principle for the school from September 2020. See the noticeboard for more details.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY

On Saturday, 18th April from 10 am – 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church: 'BREAKTHROUGH'.

For more information.

www.smartloving.org/breakthrough



Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are currently in need of a stair lift for a straight staircase. Should anyone know of the availability of a stair lift, please let us know. Arrangements can be made for the stair lift to be removed. *Thank you. Jack Ewins – 0773 449 9190.*

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS

Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. This will take place on Sunday, 23rd February at 3 pm at St John's Cathedral. Refreshments will be provided after Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and their friends are all welcome.

If you are attending, or wish to make further enquiries, please contact Fr Daniel Agber at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or call him on 0742 442 6845.

A coach will be going from English Martyrs Church to this event. Details and booking available via English Martyrs Parish office (T: 01189 572149,

E: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 4pm Friday 21st February.

WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY

From Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James Church, Reading RG1 3FD. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year. Please email the St James parish office on stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. See poster for full list of dates.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

This Lent CAFOD's family fast day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Please consider eating a simple meal and put what you save in the CAFOD collection envelope. Through CAFOD's global Church family your support can help those living in poverty overseas so many thanks for your donation.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

If you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below:

16th - 25th September 2020 - 9 nights.
Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person.
Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje.

Flight details:

Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 – 16th September 2020.

Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25th September 2020.

Are you ready for "a living encounter with the Lord in his people?" Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Fr John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Discernment and Vocation

Dates: 28th Feb - 1 March 2020

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org