

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY will be on 14th February. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon & 7 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses. A day of fasting and abstinence which is mandatory on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Lent calls us to repent, to a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

WANTED

NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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, 10th March from 9.30 am - 12.30 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 Sunday, 4th March 2018. 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, 17th 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.

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FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD's Family fast day is on Friday 23rd February. Please can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope to help those who go hungry every day. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million. Please collect your Fast day envelope from the back of the church. Donations will be collected as a second collection on Sunday, 25th February. *Many thanks for your support.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY		
Sunday, 11th February	8.30am	People of the Parish in Thanksgiving from Carmen
	10.30 am	Julie & Gino Marengi RIP
Monday, 12th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 13th February	12 noon	Steven McCreight RIP
Wednesday, 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	12noon	Fr Padraig McGowan & Fr George Lyons RIP
	7 pm	St Luke's Intentions in Thanksgiving
Thursday, 15th February	9.30 am	Jean Taylor RIP
Friday, 16th February	7 pm	Olive Naughton RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross following Mass
Saturday, 17th February	10 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
Sunday, 18th February	8.30 am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 4TH FEBRUARY 2018

Gift Aid	£383.61
Planned Giving	£45.50
Loose Plate	£406.78
Christmas Collections	£15.00
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£10.00
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
Candles	£43.96
Funeral Fees	£253.00
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
TOTAL	£1,222.85
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£180.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,896.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£40.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 18th February will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 18th February will be Eileen Kerrigan.

If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the RBH Chaplaincy on 0118 322 7105.

FOUND

A small purse was found following the recent On Fire! Prayer & Healing service. *Please see Carmen if it belongs to you.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 14th February at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all 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, and each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin, Rita Boyce & Maria.

If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com. ***Please register by 15th February.***

WANTED

Does anyone have an exercise bike which they no longer need? If you do, please see *Fr Peter*.

HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale on Sunday, 25th February in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Handmade, non-religious birthday, sympathy, etc., cards are available for sale from the repository, courtesy of Jenny Gouk. Priced at £1 each. *Personalised cards are also available on request by contacting Jenny on 0118 941 2597.*

Saturday, 17th March - Healing Ministry and Holy Mass at 12 noon at Our Lady of Peace with Fr Joe (Pastoral Coordinator from Isle of White). If anyone wants to have special deliverance prayer said over them, please put contact details in a sealed envelope and hand them in to the Parish Office at OLOP. *All are most welcome.*

MAUREEN ELLIOTT RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Maureen Elliott who died recently. Maureen's Funeral Mass will be held here on Thursday, 22nd February at 9.30 am. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2018

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be at 11.30 am on Tuesdays, and after 7 pm Mass on Fridays. Fr Peter will lead Stations on Fridays; Tuesdays' Stations will be led by the laity. Please contact me if you would like to lead the Tuesday Stations. There is no set format; the leader decides which one to adopt. Guidance can be given if required. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

This year's Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela will be from 19th - 26th September. For anyone interested in taking part, an information meeting will be held at St James' Church on 23rd February at 7.30 pm. Initial enquiries to *Terry Clarke on 0118 942 7858.*

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Ellis John Swanson and Henry Thomas Luke Duncan who are to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

MINISTRY FAYRE

Thank you everyone! We had 51 people sign up for different activities at the Fayre in November. We have 3 new groups of church cleaners and a flower arranger. We have a new musician, 2 extra people to help with the screen, 4 readers, 5 gardeners, 2 counters and more! The card stall made £95 for the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Did you miss out? Please see list in porch. *Is there a role or group that interests you?*

MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

St Joseph's parish is hosting the MacMillan Cancer Charity Quiz Night on Saturday, 24th February at 7 for 7.30 pm, in the large hall. Entry £7 per person. If anyone would like to enter a team (maximum 6 people), please let *Sheila* in the Parish Office know no later than Tuesday, 20th February.

WANTED - YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Portsmouth Diocese Youth Ministry is currently looking for Youth Ambassadors to help promote events in their own parish. If you have always thought about either joining a ministry group or taking a more active role in the parish, then please think about becoming a Youth Ambassador. No experience necessary, and a minimal commitment is required. This exciting and rewarding role is open to all those aged between 18 - 35. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Thursday, 15th March from 10 am onwards. Please phone through to the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE Youth Group is always looking for new members to join its family. If you have always thought about joining a youth group, invite a friend or two and join us! Sessions are usually held in the large hall on the last Friday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We also run several off-site activities throughout the year too, such as our end of year Red Kangaroo Trampoline Party. IGNITE Youth Group is open to all of secondary school age. If you would like to find out more, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com* or better still, come along to one of our sessions.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the February collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be on Sunday, 4th March. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please could all Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound let Miriam Fernandes have the details of who they visit. Miriam now co-ordinates these visits and needs to compile a master list. I have sent several emails recently regarding this, but there have been few replies - if your email address has changed, please let me know so I can update the Eucharistic Minister records. Please also remember to check your emails regularly as this is my preferred means of communication to the whole group. If you would like to help with taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, please let Miriam know. Many thanks. *Ann Epps (ann.epps@ntlworld.com, 0798 919 2833, 0118 941 1479).*