

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 22ND MAY 2022

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation which is now restored to its traditional position, forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord. Fr Peter will celebrate Mass at 7 pm.

“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, 22ND MAY – SUNDAY, 29TH MAY 2022

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| Sunday, 22 nd May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 5 pm (Vigil) | Lukasz Michalak's intentions (For reconciliation) |
| | 8.30 am | Special intention |
| | 10.30 am * | Gosia & her mother Krystyna's intentions (For good health & God's protection) |
| | 5.30 pm | Syro Malabar |
| Monday, 23 rd May | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, 24 th May | 12 noon | Mary O'Carroll's intentions |
| Wednesday, 25 th May St Bede the Venerable , Religious, Doctor of the Church | 12 noon | Kevin Donovan RIP |
| Thursday, 26 th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD , solemnity | 7 pm * | People of the Parish |
| Friday, 27 th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY , Bishop | 7 pm | Lukasz Michalak's intentions (For reconciliation) |
| Saturday, 28 th May | 10 am | Tom Lyons RIP |
| 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> |

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



Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!

A big **THANK YOU** to the children, to their parents and the team of catechists who prepared the children, and to all involved in preparing the Church and the Liturgy for our beautiful celebration this weekend:

Nicholas Adamo
Arabel Akuneme
Aurelia Armstrong
Jaslynn Awuah
Mattias Bisoffi
Emma Buck
Ted Bone

Declan Carlyle
Man Ho Ian Chiu
Man Kei Sherwin Chiu
Tessa-Belle Clifford
Rita Di Pasquale
Anya England
Matteo Holmes

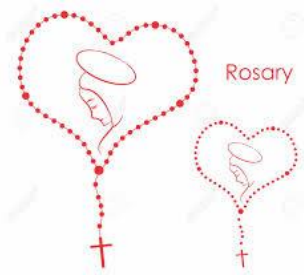
Oscar Jaskolski
Jowita Kubala
Jude Lambden
Jacob Lane
Cheuk Kiu Lau
Olivier Lisowski
Amelia Magdziarek

Diego Marques De Sousa
William Melo
Kitty Newbury
India Plant
Sophie Robinson
Jack Sharp
Theodore Thomas

We pray that the Lord will keep them faithful to Him in the years ahead and that the children will receive Him frequently in the Blessed Sacrament. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

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*.

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/>



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>

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The next Second Collection is in support of the Catholic Communications Network, to be taken 28th/29th May, 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.



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.*

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*).

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



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.*

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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: ritauro@yahoo.co.uk. SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Jude's class will be attending our 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 26th May. *Parents and families are welcome to join them.*

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.*



CLASSROOM TEACHER REQUIRED

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff from September 2022. We welcome applications from people of any faith and ECT's. Part time/Job share may be considered for the right candidate. The successful candidate will:

- Be fully supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Love working with young children
- Be enthusiastic, imaginative, open and reflective
- Have high expectations
- Enjoy working in partnership with parents.

Please come and visit us to see our lovely school and children. Closing Date: Friday, 20th May Midday. Interviews: Thursday, 26th May. For an application pack, please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>. An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate.

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

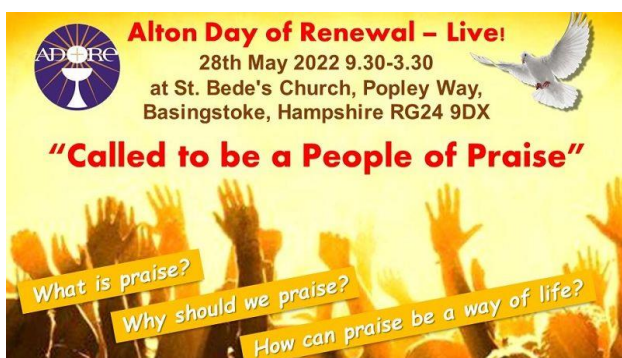
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP



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.*

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.



Live, all-day session 9.30 am - 3.30 pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please bring picnic lunch. No need to book. Full details at http://www.altonrenewal.com/adore_live. Morning session livestream online 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live No need to register. N.B. Praise song lyrics will not be shown on screen – please download from http://www.altonrenewal.com/adore_live



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](#).

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE: AUTISM AND THEOLOGY: WHAT CAN AUTISTIC THINKING OFFER TO THE CHURCH?

Monday, 23rd May, 7.30 – 9 pm, Zerodegrees Bar, Bridge Street. Presentation by Stewart Rapley, autistic theologian and author of 'Autistic Thinking in the Life of the Church' (SCM, 2021). The impact of autism in the life of the Church is often discussed in terms of sensory and social issues. In this talk, Stewart explores the experience, value and challenges of autistic thinking in theology. Stewart is on the Board of Trustees for The National Autistic Society, an Advisory Panel Member to the University of Aberdeen's Centre for Autism and Theology, and Community Lead on Autism for Church for Everyone. Café Théologique is hosted by the University of Reading Chaplaincy and is a space to explore contemporary issues from a theological perspective. All are welcome. Events are free to attend without booking. This event will be in-person and on-line. Zoom joining details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99410788443> Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541.