

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

18TH MARCH 2018

Tomorrow: Monday, 19th March, we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Joseph, with Mass at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

Lenten Penitential Services:

I encourage you all to attend one of the local Penitential Services detailed in the table below. Individual confession and absolution are included in these services and they are wonderful community celebrations of the forgiveness of God. This time of Lent is a time of repentance when we turn to God with all our hearts. There is a no more powerful way to conclude the season of Lent than to attend a Penitential Service with the gathered community, to go to confession and to receive the healing balm of God's forgiveness in absolution. Let us make these services joyful celebrations of God's mercy.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 19 th March	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 20 th March	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 21 st March	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 22 nd March	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 23 rd March	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 24 th March	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 26 th March	7.30 pm	St James'

Easter Triduum:

We are fast approaching Easter, so I encourage you to put the dates and times in your diaries of the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Fr Peter

Maundy Thursday	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers and the commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers) followed by Watching until Midnight</i>	8 pm
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am 3 pm
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 pm
Easter Sunday	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH

Sunday, 18th March	8.30am	Mrs Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Joseph Doherty RIP
Monday, 19th March <i>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</i>	7 pm	People of the parish
Tuesday, 20th March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Mrs Pauline Howat RIP – Foundation Mass
	7.30 pm	Lenten Penitential Service
Wednesday, 21st March	12 noon	Norman Bricker's Intentions
Thursday, 22nd March	9.30 am	Fr Peter's Intentions
Friday, 23rd March	7 pm	Magdalena Studzinska's Intentions
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 24th March	10 am	Mrs Sebastiana Rato RIP
Sunday, 25th March <i>PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8.30 am	Peggy Kennedy RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen McMahon's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass
ROSARY		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "A pure heart create for me, O God".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 11TH MARCH 2018

Gift Aid	£390.80
Planned Giving	£46.00
Loose Plate	£351.45
CAFOD Lent Family Fast	£15.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£316.51
Candles	£43.73
Mass Stole Fees	£180.00
TOTAL	£1,343.49
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£205.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,006.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£1,144.64
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£316.51

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH

- The counters will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Claude Fearn. *(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).*



**REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS
– CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND!**

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 21st March at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

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.

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, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly & 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.*

FIRST AID BOXES

In the event of a minor accident, please note the various locations of the *new* First Aid boxes:

- Sacristy
- Church (in bookcase at back of church)
- Crying Room (kitchen)
- Small hall (kitchen)
- Large hall (kitchen)
- Parish Office

WALKING THE CAMINO from Reading, 19th – 26th September. Flight: Stanstead – Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25 km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year. Closing date: 24th March. BOOK NOW via St James' Parish Office: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Initial enquiries to *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858.

DATA PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR

The new general protection regulations (GDPR) will take effect from 25th May 2018, and the diocese, like any other charity or organisation, must comply with these new regulations. The diocese has provided guidance to each parish on how to apply GDPR. This includes the appointment of a parish data co-ordinator. If you would like to volunteer for this important role, would you please contact the Parish Office, as a matter of urgency.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

At our next meeting, a representative of Age UK will be sharing information about the services they offer. The meeting will be in the small hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 21st March. This may be of interest to parishioners, so *all are welcome*.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

The Church will be cleaned for Easter on Wednesday, 28th March at 10 am. Any help from parishioners would be most welcome. "Many hands make light work!".

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

St Paul's Catholic Primary School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you have time and a passion for supporting our children's education, please get in touch. The three core functions of the governing body are:

- Ensuring clarity of the Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance and Catholic character of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Closing date for Nominations will be on Friday, 30th March via *Rachel Andrew*, Clerk to the Governors randrew@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Parish Office.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the March 2018 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, 1st April. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection.
Margaret Bailie.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The goal of the Life in the Spirit Seminars is very limited. They are designed to help people find a new, fuller and better life as Christians by the power of the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS TRY:

1. To help those who come to the seminars establish or re-establish or deepen a **personal relationship with Christ**;
2. To help those who come to the seminars to yield to **the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives** so that they can begin to experience his presence and can begin to experience him working in them and through them;
3. To help them begin to make use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These seminars will be held in the large hall of St Joseph's parish, on the following Saturdays:

- April 7th, 11 – 1 pm, 14th, 11 am – 1 pm, 21st, 1 – 3 pm, and 28th. 11 am – 1 pm.
- May 19th, 1 – 3 pm
- June 2nd, 11 am – 4 pm – BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Booking not necessary - Just turn up for the first session!

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

The SPUC has launched a petition calling on the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to moves to decriminalise abortion. Decriminalising abortion will strip from unborn children any remaining effective legal protection from abortion. So please support this petition. Christine Wall will speak today and there will be petition forms next week, or you can sign online at: www.spuc.org.uk. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

There will be a practice after the 10 am Mass on Saturday for those who wish to serve the Holy Week Ceremonies. If you want to play an active part, it is imperative that you attend.

The session will last about 1½ hours, though for the younger servers, who will not be attending the Vigil Mass, the session will finish at about 11.30 am. If you cannot attend the practice but would like to serve and play an active part please contact me.
Mike Tomas – 0770 803 2743.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Matthew's Class will attend 9.30 am Mass here at St Joseph's on Thursday, 22nd March. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*