

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

## YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN

'Love in Action' is going to be our Lenten theme this year and, in the spirit of almsgiving, we are launching a Youth Lenten Campaign to treat the elderly members of our parish to a lovely EASTER LUNCHEON on SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH in the large hall from 1 – 4 pm. Please add your details to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to attend. To facilitate this wonderful initiative, we are looking for volunteers, both young people and adults, to help with the following: Hall arrangements/decorations, preparing & serving the lunch/drinks and clearing away and tidying up afterwards! This is a wonderful opportunity to put "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" into practice and there is no better time to introduce this than during Lent. For more information, please contact: *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

## 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD's Family fast day is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and Anabel Goncalves, our new volunteer CAFOD representative will speak at both Masses today.

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, 25<sup>th</sup> February. *Many thanks for your support.*

**Fr Peter**

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	8.30am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Elizabeth Burrows RIP
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	12noon	For family: Karolina, Miroslaw
<b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	9.30 am	Funeral: Maureen Elliott RIP
<b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	7 pm	Norman Bricker's Intentions
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	10 am	Paddy Urban RIP
<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	8.30 am	Donal Dan R Harrington RIP (Ardgroom, Co. Cork)
	10.30 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>		
<b>"Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant".</b>		

**COLLECTIONS FOR 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

Gift Aid	£1,096.08
Planned Giving	£62.41
Loose Plate	£269.88
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£16.40
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
Candles	£42.98
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,542.75</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£185.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,896.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£26.40
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

**REMINDER**

The counters next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February will be *Tom & Pat McKeown* and *Hugh Glover*.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February will be *Eileen Wooller*.

*\*\*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.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Alayna Fernandes & 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.*



**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

**HANDMADE CARD SALE**

Handmade card sale on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*



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

#### **MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

St Joseph's parish is hosting the MacMillan Cancer Charity Quiz Night on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> February.

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

#### **WANTED - YOUTH AMBASSADORS**

Portsmouth Diocese Youth Ministry is currently looking for Youth Ambassadors to help promote events in their own parish. If you have ever thought about 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](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

#### **THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY**

Based at Reading Irish Centre, there is a tri-weekly Lunch Club providing hot meals on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. If you would like to join the Lunch Club, please contact *Anne Morris* on 0788 899 7293 or [nansheen@btinternet.com](mailto:nansheen@btinternet.com) Further details are available in the church porch.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S - REPOSITORY**

We urgently need volunteers to staff the Repository after 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses. If you would like to help, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office as soon as possible.

#### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

Our next session will be full of exciting games to keep you all on your toes! To refuel your energy levels, your choice of pizza and refreshments will be delivered for you all to enjoy! We will end the session with a lovely Lenten themed activity which you will be able to bring home and use throughout the Lenten period. We will also be having some special guests joining us so please don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to have some fun and make new friends. All those of secondary school age welcome! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

#### **HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

As previously requested, will all Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound please let *Miriam Fernandes* have the details of who they visit as soon as possible on 0118 943 3524. *Many thanks.*

#### **VISIT MY MOSQUE OPEN DAY**

At Abu Bakr Islamic Centre, 330 Oxford Rd, RG30 1AF on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1 – 5.30 pm. Prayer demonstrations, guided tours & refreshments. If you have never been to a Mosque, this is an opportunity to learn about Islam and the role of the Mosque. *All are welcome.*

#### **!!PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!**

*The new date is **Saturday, 17th March** for the Healing Ministry and Holy Mass at 12 noon at Our Lady of Peace, with Fr Joe.*

**Tea dance** on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February from 2 – 4.30 pm in English Martyrs Church Hall. If you would like more details, please be in touch with *Anne Morris* on 0118 942 6932/07888 997293.

#### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Next meeting on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February when we will share our memories and experiences of belonging to the UCM. We will meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

#### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Storage facility desperately needed for larger household items. Thank you all for your continued support to the St Joseph's SVP Conference. Jack Ewins President SVP, St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

##### **- LIVERPOOL: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

If you would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, booking forms are now available from *Sheila* in *St Joseph's Parish Office*, with a closing date of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. This three-day event is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholics in the UK in many years.

#### **KNITWITS**

15,015 or fifteen thousand and fifteen – not a mathematical puzzle, but the running total of items which Knitwits have made since we started 17 years ago. Premature baby clothes, baby and toddlers' clothes, blankets – some for life, school jumpers for Bamenda, hats for fishermen and the homeless. We are particularly pleased at the moment because we have found an outlet in Uganda where they have an orphanage, a baby clinic and somewhere high in the mountains where it's very cold. This aid will get there at no cost to us. We have also got a contact for knitting for refugees. Thank you all very much for your help with wool and interest in what we are doing. *Margaret Chaplin & the rest of the Knitwits.*