

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

**11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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. We are also collecting bingo prizes for the Easter Luncheon Party. There is a box in the porch for donations. Suggested items are biscuits or small (187ml) bottles of wine. For more information, please contact: *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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.

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

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

**Fr Peter**

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Karin Cronin RIP
	10.30 am	Stephanie & Emma's Intentions
<b>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	All deceased new born babies RIP
<b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12 noon	Angela Macbeth RIP
	6 pm	Eileen Drake RIP received into church
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>	
	<b>2.30 pm</b>	Funeral: Eileen Drake RIP
<b>Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7 pm	Peter McCullagh RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>ST PATRICK, Bishop</i>	10 am	John & Bridget O'Driscoll RIP
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30 am	Mrs Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Joseph Doherty 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>"O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!"</b>		

**COLLECTIONS FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

Gift Aid	£421.11
Planned Giving	£27.00
Loose Plate	£289.99
CAFOD Lent Family Fast	£171.40
Candles	£37.34
CAFOD (TF3)	£15.00
Donation	£50.00
Mass Stole Fees	£36.00
Funeral Expenses	£253.00
Inter-parish transfer	£1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,800.84</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£205.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,006.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£1,129.64
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

**SECOND COLLECTION**

As advised last week, there will be a second collection in support of the Clergy Assistance Fund **TODAY**.

**REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

- The counters will be Eileen & Richard Hopkins.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Harry McSoley. *(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).*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Tony Flint will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Happy Birthday Tony!

**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.



**EILEEN DRAKE RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Eileen Drake who died recently. Eileen's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm followed by burial at Pangbourne Hill Cemetery. Eileen will be received into the church on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm. *All are welcome.* **THERE WILL BE NO 9.30 AM MASS ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 14<sup>th</sup> March 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, 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.*



**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - RECYCLE CLOTHING BIN**

There is now a recycle clothing bin situated just outside the car park gate at St Paul's School for adults' and childrens' clothing including underwear, linen, handbags, shoes in pairs. Recycle it. Don't bin it. *Help raise funds for St Paul's School.*

**FIRST AID BOXES**

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

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

**IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

Get you swim bags ready as we are heading down to CORAL REEF WATERWORLD on SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH for a splashtastic time! We will be meeting at 3 pm inside the foyer and aiming to finish at approximately 5 pm, if we can prise everyone out of the pool! Entry fee for all members is £2 – friends and family members welcome to join the pool party! Postcode for Sat Nav is – RG12 7JQ. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*

**'LAUDATO SI' - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME STUDY/ACTION EVENINGS**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at St James' Church at 7.30 pm. Each session will have video clips on Laudato Si, discussion in small groups, agreed action. ACTION: Take stock of your plastics and see if you can reduce the amount you use.

**WALKING THE CAMINO** from Reading, 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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: 24<sup>th</sup> March. BOOK NOW via St James' Parish Office: *stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*. Initial enquiries to *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858.

**APF**

National Novena to St Joseph, 10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March. Each year the Mill Hill community prepares for the feast of St Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. You can join in at home by praying the daily Novena. A free booklet can be obtained by emailing *novenamhm@gmail.com*. The society would be happy to receive any petitions. A petition slip is available to download from *millhillmissionaries.co.uk*. The springtime magazines are now available. *Mike Tomas* – APF Secretary.

**KS1 & KS2 TEACHERS**

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School, Reading, RG30 4BE. Web: *www.englishmartyrs.reading.sch.uk* MPS/UPS • Full time/part time • Permanent. Required for September 2018. (NQT contracts available to start from July 2018). *Please see further details in the church porch.*

**DATA PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR**

The new general protection regulations (GDPR) will take effect from 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

A wonderful summer camp for 10 - 25 years old at New Forest, Hampshire. For bookings and further information visit website *http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/* Flyers are available at Church entrance. A group will be going from English Martyrs Parish. Contact *Sr Theodora* on 0743 829 8642 if interested.

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> March via *Rachel Andrew*, Clerk to the Governors *randrew@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk*. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Parish Office.