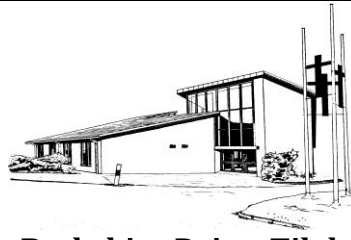


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

25TH 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, 24TH 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.

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.



FAMILY FAST 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. Fast day envelopes are available at the back of the church. Donations will be collected as a second collection **TODAY**. *Many thanks for your support.*

NEWSLETTER

Although we do our best to include *all* items submitted for publication in the newsletter, space is often at a premium, which means omitting/editing particular pieces. *Apologies if this causes disappointment, on occasion.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 4TH MARCH

Sunday, 25th February	8.30am	Donal Dan R. Harrington RIP (Ardgroom, Co. Cork)
	10.30 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
Monday, 26th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 27th February	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Dilys & family's intentions
Wednesday, 28th February	12noon	Frank & Veronica Hannon's Intentions
Thursday, 1st March <i>ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop</i>	9.30 am	Sofia Grazier RIP
Friday, 2nd March	7 pm	For the blessing of the family
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 3rd March	10 am	Annie Kate Walshe RIP & Thomas Walshe RIP
Sunday, 4th March	8.30 am	Dan Cronin & Maureen Cronin RIP
	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
Responsorial Psalm: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 18TH FEBRUARY 2018

Gift Aid	£261.21
Planned Giving	£40.50
Loose Plate	£361.96
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£110.00
Candles	£52.32
Hall Hire	£122.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
TOTAL	£1,042.99
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£190.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,006.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£26.40
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 4th March will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 4th March 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. ***

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.

<p>**SD Memory card found - please see Carmen**</p>
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WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 28th 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.*

HANDMADE CARD SALE

Handmade card sale **TODAY** 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.*

!!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.

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

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*.

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.

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. 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.

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.*

TEA DANCE

TODAY 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.

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 - 0773 449 9190.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

- LIVERPOOL: 7TH - 9TH 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, 9th March. This three-day event is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholics in the UK in many years.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 4th March. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- Tinned cold meats
- Tinned stew and casserole meats
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned tuna
- Tinned soup. Tinned hot dogs
- Pasta sauces. Tinned vegetables
- Pasta and Pesto
- Family cereal. Tinned fruit
- Warm hats and warm coats in good condition

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the Church porch next Sunday, 4th March. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483

SPRING FAYRE

In aid of Life & Samara's Aid - Saturday, 3rd March from 2 - 4.30 pm at the English Martyrs Church hall. Charity & craft stalls, gifts & cards for Mother's Day, Easter & birthdays, cakes, tombola, raffle, and free children's craft table. *Admission - free!*



BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Due to pupils moving out of the area, Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School currently has spaces in Year 9. Please contact the school directly if you would like to register your interest via admissions@hughfaringdon.org.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Barnabas' Class will be attending Mass on Thursday, 1st March at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*