

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of the Year, is 'Bible Sunday'. Pope Francis instituted this day in 2019 saying that it "is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God." This "Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word" (*Aperuit Illis 3*).

## **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Maria, Mihal Abramowicz RIP
	8.30 am	Brian, Bridget Ellen & their son Barney Clarke RIP, and John & Nellie Donoghue RIP
	10.30 am*	John Reilly RIP
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Francis de Sales,</b> Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b>	12 noon	In conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Timothy,</b> Bishop, Martyr <b>&amp; St Titus,</b> Bishop	12 noon	Helena, Wlodzimierz Opalko RIP
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Thomas Aquinas,</b> Religious, Doctor of the Church	7 pm	
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	10 am	
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	John Reilly RIP
	8.30 am	Kathleen Urban RIP
	10.30 am*	Doreen & Patrick Flattery RIP

\* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

## 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, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Pat Knowles, Norah Phipps & 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.***

# St Joseph's Tilehurst



## Volunteers Needed!

We rely on so many volunteers in many different ways to help run OUR church. Can you help?

Below is a list of areas where we are looking for new helpers. FULL support/training will be available. If you would like to know more, please contact a member of the Co-ordinating Team (see noticeboard), or send a message to the Parish Office.

*God bless you!*



If you would like to help in some other way, then please let us know.

Some activities haven't resumed yet, so there will be more ways to help in the future!

## COLLECTION FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£187.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£214.81
Christmas Collection	£20.00
Pocket diaries	£78.81
Mass Stole Fees	£20.00
First Holy Communion fees	£50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£575.62</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Bamenda Sunday	£808.00
Christmas Collection	£2,099.21
Crib Offerings	£140.47

### 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, donations and Mass offerings. 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>

### CATHEDRAL FUND - SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

**This weekend**, we have the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses, for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. A 'Give as you Live' page has been created to enable you to donate online at:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### JESUIT RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Following the success of the online retreat during lockdown last year, the Jesuit Institute is offering another opportunity for a retreat in daily life in 2022. This online retreat involves individual spiritual direction and some optional group meetings using Zoom. It will begin late on the Sunday afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> March and close on the Friday evening of 1<sup>st</sup> April. For this retreat, an experienced team of Ignatian Spiritual Directors have offered their time. Donations are invited - suggested donation £150-200. For more information, please contact Sarah Young: [syoung@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:syoung@jesuit.org.uk) (0754 822 4362).

## SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join us at 6 pm on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at St Matthew's Church, 205 Southcote Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3AX. Guest preacher: The Rev Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Reader in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester. This service is organised by Churches Together in West Reading, Tilehurst & Southcote

### UNITY IN CHRIST

This is the title of an afternoon of three seminars on Zoom organised by the Open Bible Trust. Join for one, two or all three seminars - they will be available on YouTube afterwards.

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2 - 2.45 pm:

What does 'Unity' mean - Michael Penny

The Oneness of all believers - W M Henry

To join the Zoom seminar at 2 pm, please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82174016695?pwd=MytXWkR6Q0dNZEtEWG1QcEVrTWVKUT09>

3 - 3.45 pm:

Pictures of Unity - W M Henry

The Unity of the Spirit - Michael Penny

To join the Zoom seminar at 3.00 p.m. please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86421899832?pwd=N2RIMDdwUzVxNmV5THdjbj0gxWEowZz09>

4 - 4.45 pm:

The Unity of Faith - Michael Penny

Practical implications of Unity - Andrew Marple

To join the Zoom seminar at 4 pm please click this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84290255508?pwd=OEIPVY94YTZ4SmpvWTZwM2F3TnV1QT09>

Every blessing for 2022 and earnestly praying it will be a healthier and happier year. Yours in Christ Jesus our Saviour. *Michael Penny, Chair, Churches Together in Reading and Berkshire.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence in March, with the Confirmation ceremony taking place the following year: Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the Parish Office by Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> July. You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La Solitude. Email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for further details.

### 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.*



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> February** 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.*

Key contacts: *SVP President: Rita Boyce - Mobile: 0798 464 3250 Email: [ritaur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk) SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

### APF NEWS

The total collected via the red boxes for 2021 was £178.50. Many thanks for your contributions. There are some calendars at the back of the church; please feel free to take one, even if you are not a boxholder. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.*

### VOCATIONS

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact *Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.*



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Finance Assistant - Required as soon as possible. 20 hours per week-term time only. Grade/Salary D. (Hours can be flexible for the right candidate, applications welcome from candidates seeking apprenticeship in Finance).

We are looking to recruit an Assistant for our Finance Office to carry out a range of financial administrative tasks to maintain our funds to a high standard. The ideal candidate will have excellent numeracy skills, be able to communicate effectively and enjoy working as part of a small, busy office environment. We welcome applications to join our dedicated and enthusiastic team.

Please visit our website for our virtual tour and give us a ring if you would like to have a chat or if you need any further information.

**Closing Date: Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Midday. Interviews: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 (pm).**

For an application pack please contact the school on the above email. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

### ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, the only Catholic independent school in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: Finance, Safeguarding, IT, Health, HR or Estates. The full governing body meets six times a year and all governors sit on one of its committees which meet between three and six times a year. For more information or to express an interest please contact *David Hallé, Chair of Governors* on [chair@sjcr.org.uk](mailto:chair@sjcr.org.uk) or on 07484 318174. For more information about the College, do visit the College web site at <https://sjcr.org.uk>

### QUIZ - MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Reading Fund Raising Group - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm here at St Joseph's. Tickets £5 per person, maximum of 6 in a team. For further information, please call 0780 921 4015.

### THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Next Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, is the feast day of the Conversion of St Paul, and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. St Paul, after Jesus, is probably the most influential figure in the history of Christian thought, doctrine and mission. This feast reminds us that the best way to hasten the unity of all Christians is to foster our own daily personal conversion to Christ.