

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 15TH APRIL 2018

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC)

Christine Wall will be speaking on behalf of the SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) at both Masses today. SPUC is organizing a petition asking the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to decriminalizing abortion. *Please see Christine after both Masses today to sign the petition.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, David Dye & 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.*

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.

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

- April 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.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL - SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL

Sunday, 15th April	8.30am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Bridget Sweeney RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 16th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 17th April	12 noon	McDonagh & O'Reilly Bloodlines
Wednesday, 18th April	12 noon	Danuta Blakey's Intentions
Thursday, 19th April	9.30 am	Edwiges Figueira RIP
Friday, 20th April	7 pm	Kate Madlock RIP
Saturday, 21st April <i>St Anselm, Religious, Bishop, Doctor</i>	10 am	Kathleen & Michael Conroy RIP
Sunday, 22nd April	8.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 8TH APRIL 2018

Gift Aid	£427.92
Planned Giving	£19.50
Loose Plate	£275.64
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
Easter Offerings	£120.63
Candles	£40.63
CAFOD Lent Fast Day	£10.00
Holy Places	£40.00
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
CAFOD (TF3)	£5.00
Funeral Fees	£215.00
TOTAL	£1,214.32
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£215.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,794.36
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£2,009.64
Clergy Assistance Fund	£336.51
Easter Offerings	£2,240.43
Holy Places	£403.10

MASS BOOKINGS - 2019

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2019 will not be open until 1st September 2018. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

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.**

Next weekend: Collection for Clergy Training Fund.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL

- The counters will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Anne MacDonald. *(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).*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 18th April at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN
SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL AT 7 PM

Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood?

We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

We need to bring to your attention that the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which replace the current Data Protection Act, takes effect from 25th May 2018. This is about raising awareness of GDPR and includes compulsory training sessions for those who handle personal data and ensuring that we document what data we hold. This training is for everyone and anyone handling personal data, but please ensure you attend as leader with at least one other member from each group. **Remaining GDPR Training Days in April 2018:**

- Monday, 16th April 10.30 am:
Our Lady and St Edmund, ABINGDON
- Thursday, 26th April 2.30 pm:
Christ the King, READING
- Thursday, 26th April 7 pm: Christ the King,
READING

To book online please go to the web site below:
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

A WITNESS TO LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

A nine-day novena of prayer and witness outside the abortion centre at 108 Whitfield St, London, W1T 5BE (nearest station - Warren street). We beg you to come in a loving, prayerful attitude to bear a peaceful witness to life, 8 am – 4 pm each day from Wednesday, 18th – Thursday, 26th April (only 12 noon until 1 pm on Sunday, 22nd April) www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church Basingstoke on Saturday, 30th June 2018. Please email to: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A new rota has been emailed to you this week (or hard copies left for you in the porch). Please check that you are available for the dates you have been given, arrange to swap if necessary and amend the rota kept in the file in the church porch. Many thanks. *Ann Epps*.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

- A CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT – ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST

Saturday, 28th April at 7 pm in St Michael's Church Hall - £7.50 or £20 for family of 4 - Fish and Chip Supper. Payment is on the door, but for catering purposes/numbers, please contact *Douglas Aspinall* – 0118 941 2848 before 26th April.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 26th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fr John. Cost £15. Information and forms via the Parish Office with payment. See the poster. Please return booking form by Sunday, 13th May 2018. **BOOK NOW!!!**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! If you haven't already made a donation, please place your offering in the collection at any Mass.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols' new book, Faith Finding a Voice has just been published in paperback and e-book and is available from all major bookshops and online booksellers.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/faith-finding-a-voice-9781472950444/>

The book encourages all the faithful to reflect on God's presence in our lives and to explore more deeply the mystery of the Trinity by discussing Pietro Orioli's beautiful Nativity with Saints altar piece. The overall aim of the book is to deepen its readers' faith, with the hope of supporting a more informed and compassionate Church to grow in love of God, of one another, and of all creation.



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The first meeting of the new term will be on Wednesday, 18th April at 7.30 pm in the small hall. *All ladies are welcome to join us.*

OLOP Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 12th to 19th September 2018. Staying 7 nights half-board in Carolina's Pansion and tour with one of the top guides in Medjugorje, there will be a fantastic full program and tour! Return transfer from Split airport is included in the price. See posters for further details. To book please call *Nancy Challinor-Johnson* on 07745 434888 or email nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com.