

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 7TH/8TH NOVEMBER 2020

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday, 8 th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday	5 pm (Vigil) <i>Live-streamed only</i>	P T Anthony RIP
	8.30 am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Deceased members of the parish (2 of 7)
	11 am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Catherine Hopes RIP
Monday, 9 th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 10 th November St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	12 noon <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Graham Ward RIP
Wednesday, 11 th November St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop	11 am <i>followed by Rosary</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Deceased members of the parish (3 of 7)
Thursday, 12 th November St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	Private Mass	Mick McSoley RIP
Friday, 13 th November	Private Mass	Deceased members of the parish (4 of 7)
Saturday, 14 th November Our Lady on Saturday	10 am <i>followed by Rosary & Benediction</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Deceased and recently bereaved of the parish
Sunday, 15 th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Romano Rato RIP
	10am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Tim & Tessie O'Leary
Monday, 16 th November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop	Private Mass	John O'Shea RIP



RITA WILLIAMS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Rita Williams who died recently. Rita's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 19th November at 11.30 am, followed by 1 pm at Reading Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of Rita's soul. *May she rest in peace.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Helen, Maureen Hanson, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst and Kevin Keep.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION

There is no need to register, but please only come to church if you live locally, in Tilehurst, in order to adhere to government restrictions concerning travel.

There will be a queuing system in place, and stewards will direct people to their seats ensuring social distancing is maintained at all times. Only *silent* prayer is permitted, and time will be limited to ten minutes, if there is a large number of people waiting.

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from YOUR germs, even if you do not feel ill.

If you become unwell with any COVID19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

**MASS FOR DECEASED
& RECENTLY BEREAVED**

On Saturday, 14th November, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved.

**** CANCELLED ****

**Blessing of the Graves at Henley Road Cemetery
on Sunday, 8th November**

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021**

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 0118 957 4730.

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, any petitions or offerings should be posted through the letterbox of the *Parish Office*. Your petitions will be placed in the prayer basket for you.

The following Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Sunday, 8 th November
Wednesday, 11 th November
Friday, 13 th November
Friday, 20 th November
Sunday, 22 nd November
Tuesday, 24 th November

MASSES THIS WEEKEND ONLY

- Saturday, 7th November – 10 am - Private Mass and Rosary (Live-streamed only).
- 5 pm Vigil - Private Mass (Live-streamed only).
- Sunday, 8th November - 8.30 am - Private Mass (Live-streamed only).
- 11 am - Private Mass (Live-streamed only).

**FROM NEXT WEEK
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Live-streamed private Masses:

- Tuesday - 12 noon
- Wednesday - 11 am, followed by Rosary
- Saturday - 10 am, followed by Rosary and Benediction
- Saturday - 5 pm Vigil
- Sunday - 10 am (*NOTE TIME CHANGE*)

Private Prayer and Silent Adoration in church:

- Saturday 11 am – 12 noon
(church will be locked until 11 am)

The YouTube link for live Mass from St Joseph's Tilehurst is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

To make any donation to St Joseph's, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

TEMPORARY OPENING HOURS

St Joseph's Parish Office is open for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact, *until further notice*. Temporary office hours are Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 12.30 pm. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to say a Mass, or if you would like anything to be included in the newsletter.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADORE)

Saturday 28th November from 10 am - 12.45 pm mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Do whatever He tells you" - from Catholic evangelist Ros Powell. Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: bit.ly/ADORENOV20. For more information, go to the *ADoRE* website www.altonrenewal.com.

ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child, or you know of a child who will be starting school in September 2021, then they should be filling out their Council Application form and a new 2021 Supplementary Information Form for St Paul's. These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by 15th January 2021. We are unable to offer any school tours, at this time. A short video tour of our reception classes can be found on our website and the school office is happy to answer any other questions www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Sundays at 12 noon - Grab a coffee and have a catch-up with friends from St Joseph's. <https://pepsico.zoom.us/j/65563666322?pwd=ZlpNYlBxbTZSUlJZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

APF

Boxholders are asked to empty their own boxes this year, and write a cheque, payable to Missio. This cheque can be posted through the Presbytery letter box, and I will collect and bank it. Please contact me if you are unable to do this. Many thanks. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary* – 0770 803 2743.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years, and particularly the past 8 months of the pandemic. These have been very tough times for everyone, but for those who are in need, homeless, vulnerable and in poor health, even more so. We have tried to do as much as possible, within the scope of our resources to reach out where we can, to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Visits have continued within the current rules and help with transport, visits to hospital appointments, shops and supermarkets and other activities. Our main focus during the pandemic has been the provision of food and clothing to CIRCDIC (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre), and needy families. Our work with CIRCDIC is to provide fresh food and other provisions every 2 weeks, plus fresh meat in the form of bacon and sausages monthly. In addition, long dated food and clothing collections have been made by yourselves and passed on to CIRCDIC. Our aim is to continue this work at current levels, until further notice.

In the past, you have all contributed to the monthly food collection, which we are now planning to re-instate, with the addition of specific clothes collections, and for donations. A number of you are very kindly already making donations, and for this, we are very grateful. We will start a collection on the first Saturday of each month, commencing on the 7th November & 5th December, in the church car park from 2 - 3 pm. Please bring long dated food, mainly tinned food, big meal soups, food suitable for families. In addition, jeans - size 30 - 40" waist, warm coats, anoraks and trainers. Should you be able to make a financial donation, we will be collecting. We accept direct debits and standing orders for regular contributions, or cheques, cash, online and contactless payment. Thank you all for your continued support. God Bless. *Jack Ewins – President SVP, St. Joseph's Conference, Tilehurst. Mobile No. 0773 449 9190. Email jackewins9@gmail.com*

COLLECTION FOR
31ST OCTOBER/1ST NOVEMBER 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£227.00
Loose Plate	£171.25
Bamenda Sunday	£434.73
World Mission Sunday	£20.00
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
TOTAL	£922.98
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
(TF10) CAFOD COVID-19 Appeal	£126.55
Home Mission Sunday	£157.25
World Mission Sunday	£161.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£873.83
Lenten Alms	£463.05
Bamenda Sunday	£494.98

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Hours: 20 hours per week (to be arranged). Closing date: Monday, 16th November. Interviews in week beginning 23rd November. To assist the Parish Priest in the administration of our vibrant parish, which includes 3 Church Communities. For informal enquiries, Job Description and Application Form please contact the Parish Priest, *Fr Peter Bowe*: Email: pp@douaiabbey.org.uk, or telephone: 0118 971 5371.

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER - 7.30 - 9 PM

"The Gospel according to Trump" - Dr Stephen Backhouse. This event is on Zoom. Use the shortcut "u.nu/cafetheo" in your browser, or Zoom meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541. The evening will include group discussion and Q&A.

Stephen is an international speaker and teacher. For over two decades he has been delivering real theology to thousands of Christians around the world in churches, universities, schools, festivals, political party conferences, youth camps, newspapers, magazines, television and podcasts.

Stephen is a guest lecturer for the Institute for Religion, Peace and Justice. He was Dean of Theology in the Local Church at Westminster Theological Centre. He has also been the Director of Graduate Studies and the Lecturer in Social and Political Theology for St Mellitus College, and the Co-Director of the St Paul's School of Theology, both based in London.

Café Théologique is a bi-termly, popular theology event hosted by the University Chaplaincy, and the Office of the Bishop of Reading. It aims to bring contemporary theological thinking into the public realm. *All welcome.*

ST MARTIN OF TOURS - 11TH NOVEMBER

Another Martin this week, this time St Martin of Tours who was a bishop of that city (Tours is in France, about 150 miles south-west of Paris). Martin was born in Savaria in what is modern day Hungary in either 316 or 336. His father was a senior officer in the Roman army, and a few years after Martin's birth, he was given veteran status, and retired to Pavia in Northern Italy. It was there that Martin grew up.

Against the wishes of his parents who were pagan, Martin, when he was ten, went to his local church and was eventually baptised when in his late teens.

When he was fifteen, Martin was required to enlist in the cavalry corps of the Roman military.

As a young soldier, Martin encountered a beggar who was naked and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and cut it in half with his sword and gave half to the beggar. (Martin is depicted in art on horseback brandishing his sword.

When he was about twenty, Martin made it clear to his superiors that he no longer wished to fight; he wanted to follow his Christian conscience. He is the first recorded conscientious objector.

He began studying in Tours under St Hilary of Poitiers. Martin did not want to be a bishop. He was tricked into attending a meeting to be told that he was to be the next bishop, and immediately left the room and hid. He hid in a pen of geese; whose cackling gave him away. Martinmas, as this time of year is called, was the time of the year when animals were slaughtered and preserved in salt.

Ireland, especially rural Ireland, had a great devotion to St Martin, and a goose was eaten on this day to celebrate his feast.

Martin met his death between two wheels, and in Ireland and some other countries, no wheels were turned on his feast day, so for example, millers and spinners did not work. Martin died in 397 on 8th November, and was buried three days later. He is the patron saint of the poor, conscientious objectors, soldiers, tailors and winemakers. *St Martin of Tours, pray for us. Mike.*