

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November <b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Romano Rato RIP
	<b>10am</b> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Tim & Tessie O'Leary
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November <b>ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>	John O'Shea RIP
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Private Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Naughton family RIP
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>11 am</b> <i>followed by Rosary</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	John Lewis Hadland RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Private Mass</b>	Loukas Taraviras, Paraskevas Bastas, Katerina Taravira, Valerie Chiavazzo & Joseph Chiavazzo
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>11.30 am</b> <b>Private Mass</b>	Funeral: Rita Williams RIP
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November <b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>10 am</b> <i>followed by Rosary &amp; Benediction</i> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Rita Williams RIP
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Deceased members of the Rato/Rodrigues families RIP
	<b>10am</b> <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Private intention



### **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, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 am, by invitation only, followed by 1 pm at Reading Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of Rita's soul. *May she rest in peace.*

### **NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS**

It is the custom here at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, throughout 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 remaining Masses will be offered for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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*.

**APF**

Many thanks to all box holders who have emptied their own boxes, and posted a cheque through the presbytery letter box.

There is still time to have your contributions included in the 2020 accounts, if you empty your box and submit a cheque by 10<sup>th</sup> December. Cheques should be made payable to Missio.

Any enquiries to me please - *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary* – 0770 803 2743.

**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.

**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](mailto:admissions@hughfaringdon.org) or 0118 957 4730.

**MASS TIMES - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Following government restrictions, all Masses are celebrated in private, but the following Masses are live-streamed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

- Wednesday - 11 am followed by the Rosary
- Saturday - 10 am followed by the Rosary and Benediction
- Saturday - 5 pm Vigil
- Sunday - 10 am

**PRIVATE PRAYER & SILENT ADORATION**

Private Prayer and silent Adoration is available on Saturdays from 11 am – 12 noon here at St Joseph's - *Please note the church will be locked until 11 am.*

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.

**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](http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

**COLLECTION FOR**  
**7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£130.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£72.00
Bamenda Sunday	£67.00
Mass Stole Fees	£90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£369.00</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
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	£570.73

**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>

**ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL (ADORE)**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](https://bit.ly/ADORENOV20). For more information, go to the ADoRE website [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com).

**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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5TQ. Hours: 20 hours per week (to be arranged). Closing date: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Interviews in week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:pp@douaiabbey.org.uk),  
or telephone: 0118 971 5371.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The next collection will be on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December from 2 - 3 pm in St Joseph's Church car park. Very many thanks to all those who were able to donate to the SVP on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, and to those who continue to donate by envelope to CIRDIC/SVP, and post through the Parish Office letter box.

Your donations of food, clothes and funds have been very well received. CIRDIC was very grateful for the clothing and food.

Your financial support is also enabling us to provide fresh provisions and meat for CIRDIC. We also support needy and vulnerable families in the area. I have detailed below the items most required:

- Food:  
Tinned Goods - Ham, corned beef, chicken, soups & Big Meal soups, tuna, hot dogs, baked beans, spaghetti, ravioli, fruit salads and other tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, packet and vacuumed items, pasta sauces, dried pasta, cereals, sugar, long life milk.

This list is a guide, but those of you who have families are much more aware of what's needed.

- Clothes/Footwear:  
Winter jackets, anoraks, waterproof jackets, jeans, warm winter trousers, trainers, gloves and warm socks, knitted hats.

These items are mainly for men - approx. 60. However, women's warm clothing would be appreciated - approx. 15 women.

Donations to the SVP would also be very much appreciated. We plan to continue the collections on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month into 2021.

Thank you all for your very kind support. Keep safe & well. God Bless. *Jack Ewins, President SVP St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Mobile No. 0773 449 9190.*

**ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON  
- 16TH NOVEMBER**

A local saint this week, namely St Edmund of Abingdon, a Berkshire boy, since the town was in our county until only fairly recent times. He was the eldest of four children, and was born around the year 1175.

A well-educated man, he studied in Oxford and Paris, and returned to Oxford to lecture in various subjects including Mathematics.

In 1233, Pope Gregory 1X appointed him Archbishop of Canterbury. He was a notable and effective bishop who regularly visited his flock. His love of discipline and justice roused opposition, and resulted in him making a journey to Rome to appeal against the King, Henry III. To quote a line from the Collect of the Mass on his feast day, he "was vigilant over integrity in public office and discipline in religious life".

It was on his way to Rome that he died, in Soisy (France), and was buried at nearby Pontigny Abbey [Pontigny is about 160 miles west of Paris]. He died on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1240.

Many miracles were attributed to him after his death and, just six years later, much to the displeasure of Henry III, he was canonised by Pope Innocent IV.

St Edmund, along with Mary Immaculate, is one of the co-patrons of our diocese, and his feast is celebrated as a Solemnity (highest class feast) in our diocese.

In 1980, a new oak carved statue of St Edmund was commissioned to celebrate the centenary of the diocese. The statue can be found near the Lady Chapel in the Cathedral.

One of the meeting rooms in the Cathedral Centre is called the "Abingdon Room", in honour of St Edmund, and there are colleges in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge named in his memory.

*St Edmund of Abingdon - pray for us. Mike.*

**MARY'S MEALS**

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say 'yes'. Mary said 'yes' to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever.

Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say 'yes' to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say 'yes', and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million.

Please consider setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table, or buying a Christmas gift card on our website.

More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you.

**PRAYER TO END THE COVID CRISIS**

We have had some good news this week with the invention of a possible vaccine. However, over the next weeks, we are still in lockdown. Thank God, this time our churches, with safety arrangements, can remain open for private prayer, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration, etc. Apart from funerals, the Sacred Liturgy will now need to be offered in private, with live streaming.

Cardinal Nichols has called for prayers to be said at 6 pm each day and also for a national Day of Prayer on Saturday 21st November. This is the day that Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest has proposed a Holy Hour to be held across Europe for an end to the pandemic, and in preparation for next year's Eucharistic Congress. We will also have our own diocesan Day of Prayer and Fasting for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. This will be on the following Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. It will be an opportunity for us as a Diocese to pray for all our intentions here. We'll run the full programme for the Day here at the Cathedral, and you can join in from home by live-stream.

Let us remember those encouraging words of the Psalmist: "Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart; hope in the Lord!" (Ps. 26). *Bishop Philip.*