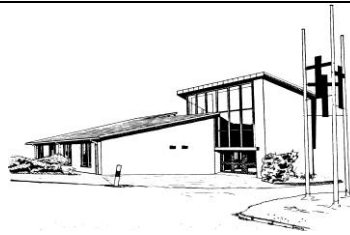


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2020

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, bringing the season of Christmas to an end. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Him and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." From this point onwards, Jesus began his work of teaching, healing, forgiving and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God.



This is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our own baptism and what it means. Baptism is the beginning of our journey as Christians; as followers of Jesus. It marks the beginning of our belonging to the church, which is completed with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our membership of the church involves both privileges and responsibilities which we can demonstrate in a tangible way within our parish community.

Our next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service will be held on Saturday, 25th January from 5 – 7 pm. Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive; instead, park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2020

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| Sunday, 12 th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast <i>Exposition following both Masses</i> | 8.30 am | Domingo Rodrigues RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Lucas Dias RIP |
| Monday, 13 th January BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, 14 th January ** No 12 noon Mass today ** | 10 am | Funeral: Ellen Knox RIP |
| Wednesday, 15 th January | 12 noon | Fr Peter Tierney RIP |
| Thursday, 16 th January | 9.30 am | Joan & Norman Bricker RIP |
| Friday, 17 th January <i>St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot</i> | 7 pm | Tessie Joyce RIP |
| Saturday, 18 th January <i>Today is the beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> | 10 am | Michael Kelly's Intentions |
| Sunday, 19 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8.30 am | Tessie Joyce RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Vera Edwards RIP |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass. | | |
| ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass. | | |
| Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord will bless His people with peace". | | |

COLLECTION FOR 5TH JANUARY 2020

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| Gift Aid (envelopes) | £352.10 |
| Planned Giving (envelopes) | £58.00 |
| Loose Plate | £399.60 |
| Christmas Offerings | £40.00 |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £10.00 |
| Candle Money | £60.31 |
| TOTAL | £920.01 |
| <u>RUNNING TOTALS</u> | |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £116.25 |
| TF9 ("On Fire!") | £2,986.31 |
| Divine Mercy Centre | £288.69 |
| Christmas Offerings | £2,938.85 |

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY

- **Counters:**
H & L McSoley.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am.
1st Reading – J Horton.
2nd Reading – E Cathrew.
10.30 am
1st Reading – G Heenan.
2nd Reading – M Jones.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
T Millichap, M Tomas & M Fernandes.
10.30 am
A Goncalves, C Dias & M Keep.
Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:
H McSoley.

****Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you**.**

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. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors welcome.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next programme starts in Lent 2020. Open to all young people in year 7 or above. *Registration forms available from Parish Office.*



Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Do you feel a calling to follow the son of God and become a priest, deacon or consecrated religious? Contact *Fr John Cooke*.
vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

ELLEN KNOX RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Ellen Knox who died recently. Ellen's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 14th January at 10 am here at St Joseph's followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

READERS' ROTA

I will shortly be compiling a new rota. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass, please let me know. Training and guidance can be given, if required. Young and new parishioners are especially welcome to join us. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowa, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Ged & Maureen Murphy.

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

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 15th & 22nd January from 8 - 9.30 pm in the large Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – Helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Philip* on 961 5905.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 15th January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

New Year Blessings and Greetings to all at St Joseph's. God bless you. Love from Fr Bon.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Many people like to book their holidays well in advance; if you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below:

16th - 25th September 2020 - 9 nights.

Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person. Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje.

Flight details:

Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 - 16th September 2020.

Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25th September 2020.

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

A big thank you to everyone who contributed items for the Christmas edition. If you have anything you would like included in the next one, please email it to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or hand it in to the Parish Office. The deadline is Friday, 15th May (*not 13th March as stated in the latest issue*).

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY LECTURE

Monday, 20th January, 7.30 pm - Neil MacGregor, "A Church for Shepherds or for Kings?" Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights Campus. Former Director of the British Museum, writer and BBC broadcaster, Neil MacGregor explores through art the story of the shepherds and the wise men to pose the question of power and poverty in the life of the Christian Church: Is this a church for the shepherds, or for the kings? Admission is free. To book your place visit www.reading.ac.uk/events.



CAFOD UPDATE MEETING 1ST FEB

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on **Saturday, 1st February** at St Luke's Church, Theale, RG7 4AG, from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. At the meeting, Gisele Henriques, CAFOD's Sustainability & Technical lead, will be speaking about our livelihood's projects, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people's lives. Everyone is welcome, so please let me know if you are coming, by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 0125 232 9385. Jo Lewry - CPC - CAFOD Portsmouth.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE READING PREP

Wanted Head of the Prep School (ages 3-11) Independent Catholic school for boys and girls. For further details and how to apply, go to <https://www.sjcr.org.uk/417/community/work-with-us>. Closing date: Monday, 20th January 2020 (12 noon).

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS

Bishop Philip and the Nigerian Catholic Priests, Religious and Laity in Portsmouth Diocese invite everyone to a Thanksgiving Eucharistic Liturgy. This will take place on Sunday, 23rd February at 3 pm at St John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow immediately after the Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and their friends are all invited and encouraged to attend. If you are attending, or you wish to make further enquiries, please contact the main event organiser, Fr Daniel Agber who can be contacted at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or call him on his mobile no: 0742 442 6845.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 0126 876 2278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

DROP-IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the January Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP collection. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month - Sunday, 2nd February. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We are currently in need of a stair lift for a straight staircase. Should anyone know of the availability of a stair lift, please let us know. Arrangements can be made for the stair lift to be removed. *Thank you.* Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS



Our first meeting of the new year will be the AGM on Wednesday, 15th January. Please note the new time as we will be meeting at 2 pm in the small hall. A reminder that this year's annual subs are now due.