

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



**St Joseph's Presbytery, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ**

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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY** will be on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am (St Paul's School Mass here at St Joseph's), 12 noon & 7 pm with ashes being blessed and distributed. A day of fasting and abstinence which is mandatory on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Lent calls us to repent, to a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

#### - FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Anabel Goncalves, our CAFOD parish representative, will give a talk at the end of both Masses on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth, so please collect your Fast Day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>. Thank you.

**Fr Peter.**

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	8.30 am	John & Mary English RIP
	10.30 am	Francisca Pinto RIP
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12 noon	People of the Parish
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	St Paul's School Mass here at St Joseph's
	12 noon	Margaret Clancy RIP
	7 pm	Margaret Humphreys RIP
<b>Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	Norman Bricker's Intentions
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7 pm	Dennis Kearns RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10 am	Glynis Fordham RIP
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>		
<b>"It is good to give you thanks, O Lord."</b>		

## COLLECTION FOR 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£282.21
Gift Aid (via bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£40.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£55.00
Loose Plate	£313.77
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£339.59
Candles	£52.04
Hall Hire	£92.00
Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda	£153.00
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,152.61</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£451.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,081.54
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Cathedral Fund	£413.98
Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda	£490.10

### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- Counters: Harry & Liz McSoley.
- Mass readers\*\*:  
8.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – E Cathrew.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – C Hurst.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M Jones.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – R Hopkins.
- Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:  
8.30 am  
Jenny Scarpa, Joseph Fernandes & Ted Millichap.  
10.30 am  
Sue Collier, Bryan Dent & Christine Fernandes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward – Eden Tett. 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.*

\*\*Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass, and make yourself known to the welcomers, if it is your turn on the rota. PLEASE READ YOUR ROTA AND NOTE YOUR OWN DATES. *Thank you\*\*.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell & Carmela Garzia. **If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.**

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will not meet on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, but will meet again on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*



*Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area situated beside the choir.*

2019 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS are now available from the Repository £4 each.

## 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 Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105.* Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

### ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the large hall on Thursday mornings. We're open between 9.15 – 11.30 am during term time. Even if you don't need a toddler group yourself, can you spare an hour or two every few weeks to help with serving the refreshments? *Pop in and visit us to find out more.*

### 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.*



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March from 7.15 – 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, Newbury, RG14 1JP. Kezia Harrow, our Step into the Gap Volunteer, will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome, so please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 0125 232 9385.

### HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Handmade, non-religious birthday, sympathy, etc., cards are available for sale, courtesy of Jenny Gouk. *Personalised cards are also available on request by contacting Jenny on 0118 941 2597.*

### ST PATRICK'S SUPPER

At Reading Irish Centre - Food & lively Irish music on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March from 8 pm – 11 pm. Entrance by ticket only - £20 each from Anne Morris (Telephone No. 0788 899 7293).

### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

### PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration, including some singing/music. Ticket prices are: Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Stephen Newbury, Wendy Earley, Ann Epps, Sue Collier or Carmen Ybanez-Mate.*

### THANK YOU

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who give generously of your time to cleaning the church. New rotas are now in the folder at the back of church. Special thanks to Jenny too.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

**SATURDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

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 in Basingstoke on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 11 am. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. *Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.*

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend a spiritual/guidance/practical talk given by Fr Peter following the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is mandatory. If anyone wishes to become a Eucharistic Minister, *especially at 8.30 am Sunday Mass*, please see Fr Peter. Commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Maundy Thursday Mass, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8 pm.

### **VOCATIONS**

"Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord". Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### **VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND**

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March from 9 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

### **CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE**

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago). Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit and prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Information and booking form from the Parish Office. Closing date: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March - *don't delay!*

\*\*\*\*\*LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE\*\*\*\*\*

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. Departing from Heathrow Airport. Half board accommodation in three-star hotel close to the sanctuary. Cost approximately £460 (max). We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from *English Martyrs Parish Office* – Telephone No. 0118 957 2149. Max 30 persons.

### **KNITWITS**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday and will be held at the home of Maureen English at 2 pm.

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30 pm, a special Mass will be celebrated for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by refreshments in the small hall. If you require transport, please contact an SVP member or call *Jack* on 0773 449 9190.

### **PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH**

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick-up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.

### **PRAYER GROUP LENT 2019**

Journey through the Lord's Prayer – Six interactive sessions at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst. Thursdays (2.45 for 3 pm) beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March; repeated on Sundays (6.45 for 7 pm). Each session lasts for one hour. Open to everyone.

### **DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140)**

English Martyrs Parish requires a volunteer DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140), in particular, for the Easter Vigil where the light in the church and the scriptures walk hand in hand. Contact *English Martyrs Parish Office* on Telephone No. 0118 957 2149

### **LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. Unfortunately, in the past, there have been very few people willing to lead them. There are no set prayers to accompany the journey around the Stations, so it is up to the leader to decide – maybe you have a favourite format you would like to share? Guidance and a little training can be given if required. *Mike Tomas* – 0770 803 2743.

### **HEALING SEMINARS**

FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey has run healing seminars for the past 30 years. He will do a series of four seminars here at St Joseph's on the following Saturdays in the large hall, from 10 am – 5 pm.

Seminar 1	Healing of Memories	February 16 <sup>th</sup>
Seminar 2	Deliverance	March 9 <sup>th</sup>
Seminar 3	Gift & Gifts of the Spirit	March 30 <sup>th</sup>
Seminar 4	Healing Families	April 6 <sup>th</sup>

*Anyone wishing to attend a seminar must send Fr Nicholas an email that they wish to attend, as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance.* Please contact Fr Nicholas: [nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk). Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable. Many people report a tangible experience of God's peace from attending the day, and healing can occur in many ways. Some people repeat the seminars and find they learn more each time.

### **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: IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. The full governing body meets six times a year and all Governors sit on one of the sub-committees which meet between three and six times a year. For more information, 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>.