

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - SUNDAY, 30TH MAY 2021



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

ANNUAL APPEAL

We have deferred SPUC's White Flower appeal from earlier in the year to **this weekend**. In March 2020, the government

introduced 'home abortion' under cover of emergency coronavirus regulations. This allows women to take abortion pills at home without medical supervision, and is leading to more innocent babies being killed. There are serious dangers for the mothers too in that the drugs can lead to serious medical complications. Moving abortion from a clinic into the home also makes women much more vulnerable to coercion from abusive partners and family members. Moreover, the home becomes a place of loss. Despite the obstacles put in our way by Covid-19 regulations, we are continuing to spread the truth about abortion, and about the wonder of human life. You can help us in our current campaign by signing a postcard which asks the Prime Minister not to make home abortion permanent. The postcards are available on the exit table in church, to take away and fill in. You can return them to the collection basket, duly signed, when you next come to church, or stamp and post them. **The annual collection for SPUC will take place after Masses this weekend. Donations can also be made online at www.spuc.org.uk/donate. Please be as generous as you can.**

I will not be making the appeal in person this year, and we'll have to make do without the white flower stickers. But please pray for SPUC's work and that of all pro-life groups, and for all expectant mothers and their babies.

Christine Wall.

ACT NOW AND STOP DISABILITY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Earlier this year, the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill, and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right to Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

You may remember us announcing the launch of our new digital news platform, Right To Life News, in December last year. Right to Life News was launched so that we can reach a far wider audience of people with the latest pro-life news that will keep people informed and help change even more hearts and minds on life issues. Our website is already the most viewed pro-life website in Europe and the fourth most viewed pro-life website in the world - and this digital news platform has been built to enable us to reach even more people: www.righttolife.org.uk/news Daniel Turner - Right To Life UK - 0173 246 0911 - daniel@righttolife.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 30TH MAY – SUNDAY, 6TH JUNE 2021

Sunday, 30 th May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY , solemnity	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Josie Martin RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Ged & Maureen Murphy RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Breda Williams RIP
Monday, 31 st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 1 st June St Justin , Martyr	12 noon + Live-streamed	Stephen O'Brian RIP
Wednesday, 2 nd June	12 noon + Live-streamed	Ged Murphy RIP
Thursday, 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions , Martyrs	Private	Desmond MacMahon's intentions
	1.30 pm	Funeral: Joy O'Connell RIP
Friday, 4 th June	Private	Krystyna Jones & her daughter's intentions
Saturday, 5 th June St Boniface , Religious, Bishop & Martyr	Private	
Sunday, 6 th June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Gerald MacMahon & Julie Glancy's intentions
	11 am + Live-streamed	Ged Murphy RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>



JOY O'CONNELL RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Joy O'Connell, who died recently. Joy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 3rd June at 1.30 pm, followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be a private family funeral. However, people are welcome to follow the service via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ?> The family ask that you please do not send Mass cards or cards of condolences to Michael. His Alzheimer's Disease is worsening, and each time he receives a card or messages of sympathy, he is re-living the sad news of Joy's death again and again. Thank you for your understanding. *Please pray for the repose of Joy's soul.*

IMPORTANT DATES

*	Monday, 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – feast
*	Sunday, 6 th June	Transferred Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus – Corpus Christi
*	Friday, 11 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, solemnity
*	Saturday, 26 th June	First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30 am & 1 pm
*	Tuesday, 29 th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul
*	Sunday, 11 th July	Annual Sea Sunday Mass – Apostleship of the Sea

GLOBAL ROSARY MARATHON

During the month of May, Pope Francis encourages us to unite and pray the global rosary marathon for the end of the pandemic at Shrines around the world and in the UK. Join the daily live broadcast of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in link-ups with Marian shrines around the world; videos for all international shrines are available from the official channels of the Holy See at 17.00 UK time (Vatican News website and YouTube channel www.vaticannews.va). Here at St Joseph's, the Rosary is recited with Fr Peter online at 10 am on Saturdays. *Further details are available on our web site.*

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Bishop Philip invites us all to participate in celebrating the Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021, to help us realise our diocesan ambition of Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. This will follow on from the Year of the Word, a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole, for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. There is also a booklet, which you can download: <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue320>

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 5th June from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month. We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). You can also donate directly to our bank account; Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. *Many thanks for your generosity.* Key contact: *Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.*

COLLECTION FOR 22ND/23RD MAY 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£134.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,913.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£92.41
Loose Plate	£209.77
World Communications	£32.00
TOTAL	£2,396.18
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,681.33
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£287.06
Easter offerings	£1,933.51
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£135.00

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for all of your generous donations to CAFOD, the Covid Appeal and Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson.

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



BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go. Until 16th July, we will meet in the large hall on **Friday** mornings. We're open between 8.45 am - 11.30 am, during term time.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India. You can donate online here: www.cafod.org.uk/give Please keep praying for the people of India, and all those affected by the pandemic.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Telephone and email contact only - There is no face-to-face contact possible, due to the pandemic. 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 offer a Mass, or for newsletter items.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size. *Alan Goncalves*.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602*.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK:
ST BONIFACE – 5TH JUNE**

Anyone who has spent any time as a member of the University of Exeter's Catholic Society, whose building, just off campus, bears his name, will be very familiar with this week's featured saint, St Boniface. But despite his work, and the relatively rich documentary evidence for his life, his legacy sits somewhat in obscurity in comparison with other Anglo-Saxon saints such as Columba of Iona, Augustine of Canterbury, the Venerable Bede, and Cuthbert and Aidan of Lindisfarne.

Born in the late seventh century in or near the village of Crediton, seven miles north-west of Exeter, Boniface played a fundamental role in the conversion and evangelisation of the Germanic parts of the Frankish Empire (modern day northern-Germany and the Netherlands). Having undertaken extensive missionary work and founded churches, he was consecrated as Archbishop of Mainz by Pope Gregory III. The most famous story attributed to Boniface's missionary work is the so-called felling of the Donar, or Jupiter's, Oak near the town of Fritzlar, in Hesse. As Boniface began to chop down the tree, which was considered holy by the local Pagans, a gust of wind blew over the ancient tree. When the god did not strike Boniface down for this sacrilegious act, in their amazement, the Pagans converted to Christianity. The wood from the oak was used by Boniface to build a chapel to St Peter, which later became part of a monastery.

He was martyred in 742, having been attacked by robbers whilst on the road to meet a number of converts, and his remains were brought to the town of Fulda, also in Hesse, where his shrine remains a place of pilgrimage today. His UK National shrine is housed in the Catholic Church, named after him, in Crediton. He is venerated in the Catholic Church as the patron of Devon and Germany and within the Orthodox church, alongside Augustine and Cuthbert, on 5th June. *St Boniface - pray for us.* Dr Julia Tomas.

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THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE OFFERS:

An opportunity for prayer, Saturday Retreats: 2 - 4.30 pm. The next one is 19th June. Retreats in Daily Life in June and July. Brian Purfield's Introduction to the Bible begins on 21st June. He is offering morning or evening classes. Booking open. We are also delighted to announce that following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the Heythrop Library, one of the largest specialist theology and philosophy libraries in Europe, is now open Mondays - Thursdays. For those engaged in spiritual direction, retreat leading, and pastoral ministry, we offer: Continuing Professional Development for Spiritual Directors – a course for spiritual directors with Dr Kate Stogdon RC, and Ruth Holgate. Booking open. Our new Manresa Days:

- Healthy Spiritual Direction and Understanding Spiritual Abuse with Dr Lisa Oakley on 21st May.
- Psychological Issues in Spiritual Direction with Dr Roger Dawson SJ on 8th June.
- Consolation and desolation with Fr Paul Nicholson SJ on 19th June.
- Scripture passages for use in spiritual direction and retreats with Brian Purfield on 8th July.

You can book online for each event via our website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org. Fr Adrian Porter SJ – Director.



Join the Divine Renovation Team on Wednesday, 2nd June at 11 am Central, 12 pm Eastern, 5 pm British Summer Time: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4900815>

There is a lot of uncertainty swirling around what to expect of the post-pandemic Church. There is one certainty to give us hope and confidence and that is the role of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the Church. From the moment Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the apostles to this exact moment in time, the Spirit desires renewal, and that renewal starts in our own hearts first.

Join Matt Regitz and the DR team as they host Father Mike Schmitz, host of The Bible in A Year, one of the most popular podcasts in the world, for this timely conversation. We'll take some time to pray for the Spirit to move in us so we can be inspired to go out again on mission to renewal.



CAFÉ THEOLOGIQUE
MARS, THEOLOGY AND ASTROBIOLOGY

Interview with the Revd Dr Andrew Davison on Monday, 14th June from 7.30 – 9 pm on Zoom. Shortcut: <http://u.nu/cafetheo> (full details: <https://zoom.us/j/99410788443?pwd=U09sMUJWb0tzYzRpRGxScUk3aVR1QT09> Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541). Dr Davison is the Starbridge Senior Lecturer in Theology and Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, and Canon Philosopher of St Albans Cathedral. He has doctorates in both Natural Science and Theology. His forthcoming monograph will explore the significance of exobiology on Christian faith.

DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP: 25TH – 31ST JULY
- FR MARK HOGAN

We are delighted that the camp will be going ahead this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions, fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost is £210 (part-bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FACE COVERINGS

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 COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

VOCATIONS

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord . . . perhaps as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact *Fr John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

VACANCY
- FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

At Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. Closing Date for applications: 7th June 2021. Nomination Forms are available from the school:

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/schools/governance.php>.

Please e-mail s.cook@hughfaringdon.org.

The School website:

<https://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/governing-body>,

or Catholic and Academies Schools Office, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, St. Swithun Wells House, 22 Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1DH. Or email: governors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

This year has been promulgated by Pope Francis as the Year of St Joseph. For information about the Year of St Joseph, including prayers and indulgences, please go to: www.yearofstjoseph.org

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

MASSES

Weekend Masses are *strictly by invitation only*. Please reply as soon as possible to Mass invitations. Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

SAFE SPACES

Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Telephone No. 0300 303 1056. Web site: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/

A Pastoral Letter about the Environment has been issued jointly by all the Bishops of England and Wales for the feast of Pentecost. Please take a copy from the exit table, as you leave Mass.