

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2020



WANTED

NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held next Saturday, 8th February from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at St James' Church led by Fr John O'Shea and Ann Hogg. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

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, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Mimi Furnell, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, 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*.
Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday, 2 nd February	8.30 am	Fr Mikie McCarthy CSSp RIP
<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, feast</i>	10.30 am	Christine Fisher RIP
Monday, 3 rd February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 4 th February	12 noon	Felicity Morrison RIP
Wednesday, 5 th February <i>St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	12 noon	Maria George RIP
Thursday, 6 th February <i>St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>	9.30 am	Sheila Ward RIP
Friday, 7 th February	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 8 th February <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10 am	Paddy Urban RIP
Sunday, 9 th February	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
<i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10.30 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord".		

COLLECTION FOR 26TH JANUARY 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£535.53
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£33.00
Loose Plate	£303.63
Gift Aid (via bank)	£745.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Cathedral Fund	£27.15
Christmas Offering	£35.00
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
Repository	£14.28
Candle Money	£53.78
TOTAL	£1,832.37
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,986.31
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Christmas Offerings	£2,982.60
Cathedral Fund	£350.09

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY

- **Counters:**
D Lineham & K Copus.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am.
1st Reading – H Glover.
2nd Reading – M Fernandes.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Wall.
2nd Reading – B Davis.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
D Cathrew, T Millichap & T Parnell.
10.30 am
A Epps, C Dias & M Fernandes.
Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:
C Fearn.

****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**.**

TODDLER GROUP

Every Thursday: 9 am – 11.30 am in the large hall. Term time only. 0 – 5 years. *All welcome.*

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?

If you know in advance that you are going into hospital, please inform Fr Peter.

In case of emergency, inform hospital staff and they will take the necessary action of contacting a priest for you.

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm in the Royal Berkshire Hospital chapel. *Patients, staff & visitors are all 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.*

SVP NOTICE

The SVP will be hosting a light lunch (soup, sandwiches, cake) on Wednesday, 19th February after Mass at 12 noon. Would you please confirm your attendance by completing the list in the church porch? Our Youth SVP members will be helping on the day. *Jack Ewins - SVP President.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 5th February at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St Patrick - 17th 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.

MONDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY

"God, the British, and Europe: Learning Lessons from the Reformation" - Philip Hobday, Vicar of Earley St Peter's Church at Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street, Reading, 7.30 – 9 pm.

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



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - 50TH CELEBRATION

There will be an open afternoon on Sunday, 15th March to commemorate the opening of St Paul's School from 12 - 2 pm. *More details to follow!*



WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on Sunday, 16th February. On 21st October 2019, the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government of Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. *Thank you.*

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.*



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 be provided after Mass in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Members of the Nigerian Community and their friends are all welcome.

If you are attending, or wish to make further enquiries, please contact Fr Daniel Agber at nigeriansinportsmouthdiocese@gmail.com or call him on 0742 442 6845.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

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.

Are you ready for "a living encounter with the Lord in his people?" Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Fr John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Margaret Chaplin on Tuesday, 4th February at 2 pm.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY

On Saturday, 18th April from 10 am - 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church: 'BREAKTHROUGH'. A practical, solution-focused course for all stages of marriage. Drawing on contemporary research and Catholic theology, this course will arm you with the skills and insights to transform your relationship into the thriving, joy-filled encounter it is meant to be. Differences of opinion or 'gridlock' in communication? - this workshop can be helpful. Come alone or with your spouse. To register: contact English Martyrs Parish Office on 0118 957 2149, or email mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. For more information: www.smartloving.org/breakthrough

TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*