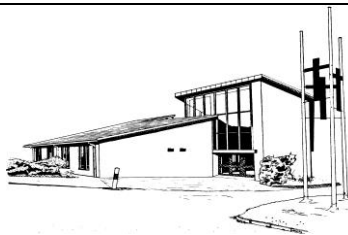


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

**Safeguarding Representative:**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

### PARISH LENTEN APPEAL

As I announced previously, our Lenten Appeal is in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope, and place it into any collection plate over the coming weekends. *Thank you.*

### 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.

### 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.

### 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*.

### 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*.



### **CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY**

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. Anabel Goncalves, our CAFOD parish representative, will give a talk at the end of both Masses **TODAY**. Through CAFOD's global network, your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Fast Day envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be placed in the second collection today. *Thank you.*

**Fr Peter.**

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Glas family's intentions
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</i>	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Pauline Howat – Foundation Mass
<b>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30 am	Private intention
	12 noon	Patrick Kearns' Intentions
<b>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	Trudy Hammond RIP
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Fr Peter's Intentions
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> <i>**No Confessions today**</i>	10 am	John & Bridget O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Exposition after both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Teresa Syron RIP
	10.30 am	People of the parish
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>		
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>		
Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass Saturday: Following 10 am Mass		
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <b>"The Lord is my light and my help."</b>		

**COLLECTION FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2019**

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£562.50
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£33.50
Loose Plate	£419.82
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Candles	£54.85
Donation	£25.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£78.49
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,199.16</b>
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£484.70
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,081.54
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Cathedral Fund	£413.98
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£78.49
TF0 (SPUC White Flower Appeal)	£448.27

**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 & Theresa Kerrigan. **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 meet again on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am at St Catherine'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.



**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, when we will attend the parish Stations of the Cross at 11.30 am.

**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.*

**REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

- Counters: Rita McKenna & Peter Nicholson.
- Mass readers\*\*:  
8.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – N Bricker.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hugh Glover.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M Brandon.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – C Wall.
- Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:  
8.30 am  
M Fernandes, E Wooller & M Ogbuagu.  
10.30 am  
M Keep, M Forestiero & A Goncalves.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward – E Wooller. 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\*\*.*

**ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL**

The deadline for items for the Easter edition is Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. *Thank you to everyone who has already contributed something.*

### 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.

### 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.**

### HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale **TODAY** 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.*

### VOCATIONS

"This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock? To explore further, contact *Fr. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

### VOCATION SEEKER EVENING

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41-43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. (Easy access via road, train & bus). Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: *Fr. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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.

\*\*\*\*\*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.

### LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular in the past, especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. *All are welcome.*

### PRAYER GROUP LENT 2019

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

### 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.

### APF

The APF Spring magazine are now available for collection at the back of the church. You may take one even if you are not a box-holder. Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, or, if you wish to pay by card call 020 7821 9755, during office hours. The recommended offering is £10 or more per Mass and cheques should be made payable to: Missio Mass a/c. Request a receipt if you want one. If you would like to receive a Mass card, please telephone the above number. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary 0770 803 2743.*

### 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>.

### 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 & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Info and booking form from the parish office. *Closing date: 31st March - don't delay.*

### ST JAMES WAY - READING TO SOUTHAMPTON

A group of walkers have arranged to walk the old pilgrim route from Reading - Southampton in 6 stages (10-12 miles each). Starting on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March from Reading - Mortimer (12.5 miles). Meet at St James' Church at 9.15 am. Start 9.30 am sharp. 2nd stage from Mortimer - Worting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Information from *St James'* - 0118 957 4171.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day