# **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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(Mobile)

### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

#### **!! FIRE DRILL IN AUGUST !!**

A Fire Drill will be carried out during both Masses on a Sunday in August. No specific date will be given, in accordance with Fire Drill evacuation guidelines. Take a moment *now* to note the location of the *two* Fire Exits in the church: (1) The door beside the organ/choir, (2) The front door of the church. When the alarm sounds please leave the church immediately. Parishioners leaving by the organ Fire Exit door will be directed to assemble at the Fire Assembly Point on the patio area behind the Presbytery. Parishioners leaving by the front church door will be directed to assemble at the top of the car park. Separate arrangements will apply to wheel chair users – guidance will be given on the day. It is a requirement that we carry out Fire Drills on a yearly basis for the safety of all parishioners and your co-operation is very much appreciated.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2019/2020

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September in the large hall here at St Joseph's, from 10 am – 12 noon. Your child should either be attending St Paul's School in Year 3 or above, or should be registered as a parishioner in St Joseph's parish. *You will need to bring your child's Baptism Certificate in addition to the fee of £25. Fr Peter.* 

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 28 <sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUNDAY, 4 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST			
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July	8.30 am	Jeanette Jones RIP	
17 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Theresa Kerrigan RIP	
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July	NO MASS		
St Martha			
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July	12 noon	Canon John O'Shea's Intentions	
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July	12 noon	Jeanette Jones RIP	
St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder			
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August	9.30 am	Anastasia Madden RIP	
St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder			
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	7 pm	Mr & Mrs M V George RIP	
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	10 am	Richard O'Connor's Intentions	
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	8.30 am	Jeanette Jones RIP	
18 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Imelda & Jim Ward RIP	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass			
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass			
Responsorial Psalm: "On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord."			

#### **COLLECTION FOR 21ST JULY 2019**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£240.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,046.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£44.60
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
Loose Plate	£300.06
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Donation	£200.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
Hall Hire	£1,260.00
Candle Money	£33.23
Funeral Expenses	£298.00
TOTAL	£3,588.89
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£142.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97
Day for Life	£550.10
Peter's Pence	£342.67
Apostleship of the Sea	£505.36

#### **REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

- Counters:. Donal Lineham & Kate Copus. Mass readers\*\*: 8.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – P Jellason. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M Tomas. 10.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M Jones. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M Keep. Eucharistic Ministers\*\*: 8.30 am Joseph, Jenny & Eileen W. 10.30 am Muriel, John & Christine.
- Eucharistic Minister Oakwood Ward: E Tett.

\*\*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\*\*.

#### **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.

#### **TEA/COFFEE**

Tea/Coffee will resume on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. parishioners joining us on Sunday mornings.

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

#### 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.* 

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK <u>& HOUSEBOUND</u>

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Natasha & Bridget.

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

The Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 31<sup>st</sup> July at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *There will be no meetings in August. The prayer group will recommence on Wednesday, 4th September at St Joseph's. All are welcome.* 

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday 8th September.

#### ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Paul's School during the next academic year.

Were you there when we first opened our doors in 1969? We want to hear from anybody who knows details of the school's early days. If you remember anything about the origins/beginnings of St Paul's, we would love you to share your memories with us. Please email Rosie Chambers at *rchambers@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk* or telephone the school on *0118 942 2003*.

We would be delighted to welcome visitors to our school to talk to our current pupils about the history of St Paul's. If you would be willing to do this, please get in touch. Are you a former pupil/ member of St Paul's staff? If so, please send me your favourite memory of St Paul's (in no more than 50 words) stating the decade of your attendance. These memories will be put together in a commemorative compilation. We are hoping to organise an open evening in the spring term for past pupils/staff to visit the school. *Further details to follow!* 

#### FR MAREK

Fr Marek says that he is sorry that he missed his trip, but he is slowly recovering, and has offered several Masses for St Joseph's parishioners. Please continue to keep him in our prayers.



#### **LARGE HALL - SCAFFOLDING**

Please note that there will be building works being carried out during the first week of August, which will involve scaffolding being erected at the front of the large hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you require access to either the large or small hall, which will be via the side door during this period.

## RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL $15^{TH} - 18^{TH}$ AUGUST - JUST £65

Up to 10 bursaries are available for young Catholics aged 12 - 18 from the Reading parishes to attend RISE Theatre's Summer School at St Cassian's in Kintbury. Normally £265 (incl. accommodation & meals) the bursaries will enable young people to attend for just £65. For an application form, please email *Michele* at *admin@risetheatre.co.uk* - to qualify, applicants will need to briefly outline why they would benefit from a bursary and obtain a supporting signature from their Parish Priest or Headteacher. See

*www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school* about how the summer school is a great opportunity for young people with a passion for drama, music & art to explore their faith in a creative way.



CAFOD UPDATE MEETING - 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September from 7.15 pm – 9 pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE. Nikki Evans CAFOD's Programme Officer for Bolivia will be speaking about our work there and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing *portsmouth@cafod.org.uk* or phone *0125 232 9385*.

#### **SVP SENIOR CITIZENS LIGHT LUNCH**

Senior citizens are invited to a Light lunch of soup, sandwiches and cakes after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. This will replace our usual afternoon tea. The event will finish at 3 pm. Provision will be made for those with food allergies, and anyone who requires transport, please contact *Jack on 0773* 449 9190 or one of the SVP members.

#### **BAPTISM COURSE**

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 25<sup>th</sup> September & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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* email: *mephilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.* 

#### VOLUNTEER RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLORS NEEDED

Are you a Qualified Counsellor with a minimum Level 4 Diploma in Counselling? Would you like to train in Relationship Counselling and help Marriage Care reach more couples with our life-changing service? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and professional relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. Our local centre is recruiting qualified counsellors to train in our Certificate in Relationship Counselling and provide just 2 sessions of counselling per week. We are also recruiting qualified relationship counsellors who already hold a certification in couples counselling. If you are interested in further developing your skills in this truly rewarding role and becoming part of a friendly local team making a real difference in your community please enquire. Please note that CRC Training costs are in the region of £1,800. For more information please visit us at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

#### **REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP**

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- Tinned cold meats, tinned stew & casserole meats
- Tinned vegetarian meals, tinned tuna
- Tinned soup, tinned hot dogs
- Pasta sauces, tinned vegetables
- Family cereal, porridge, tinned fruit
- Men's boxer shorts
- Shower gel, soap, towels in good condition

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the Church porch next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on *941 1483*.

#### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Safeguarding training will take place at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT:

- Child Protection Training Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am 12.30 pm (Trainer Val Croughan)
- Child Protection Training Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am – 12.30 pm (Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)
- Vulnerable Adult Training Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 pm – 4 pm (Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)

Will those involved in Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Youth Groups and Vulnerable Adults please note that this training is compulsory for all, and you should register your name and choice of attendance dates with *soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*