

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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Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 17TH NOVEMBER 2019

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Throughout the month of November, we commemorate all the faithful departed. It is the custom here at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive the petitions. Place in this basket the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during this month. ***Please do not place any offerings in the basket.*** Any such offerings should be referred to *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. The remaining designated Masses will be offered for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Thursday, 21st	9.30 am
Tuesday, 26th	12 noon
Friday, 29th	7 pm

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 30th November, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. *Everyone is welcome.* **Fr Peter.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17 TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY, 24 TH NOVEMBER 2019		
Sunday, 17 th November <i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Charles McLoughlin RIP
	10.30 am	Deceased members of the Evans family RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 18 th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19 th November	12 noon	John Lewis Hadland RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	2 pm	Mass of the Sacramental Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday, 20 th November	12 noon	John O'Shea RIP
Thursday, 21 st November <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30 am	Deceased members of the parish
Friday, 22 nd November <i>St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	7 pm	Matt Newman RIP
Saturday, 23 rd November	10 am	Laska family's intentions
Sunday, 24 th November <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	8.30 am	Lucy McSharry RIP
	10.30 am	Sheila 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: "The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness."		

COLLECTION FOR 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£316.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£48.00
Loose Plate	£315.33
Bamenda Sunday	£29.00
World Mission Sunday	£2.00
Candle Money	£62.02
Mass Stole Fees	£90.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TOTAL	£867.85
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£321.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£916.52
Bamenda Sunday	£1,080.35

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?

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 JOURNAL

The next edition will be out at Christmas and we would like to have more items. Do you have a favourite quote or joke? (It doesn't have to be religious). Maybe there's a place you've visited or a book or a film that you can recommend to fellow parishioners. The deadline is Friday, 29th November. *Thank you.*

SVP NOTICE

Mass of the Sacramental Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday, 19th November at 2 pm followed by Tea, Biscuits & Cake.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 20th November at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*



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

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER

- **Counters:**
T & P McKeown and H Glover.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – J O'Connell.
2nd Reading – H Glover.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Parkes.
2nd Reading – C Balanza-Davis.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
D Cathrew, T Millichap & M Ogbuagu.
10.30 am
E Hopkins, M Fernandes & D Fernandes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
E Wooller.

****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**.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowka, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek & 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*.



GRAHAM WARD RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Graham Ward who died recently. Graham's Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, 26th November at 12.30 pm, followed by Reading Crematorium. *All are 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.*

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact *Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator* via *admissions@hughfaringdon.org* or *0118 957 4730*

POSADA

Our Posada (travelling crib) will start its journey after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please sign the rota which is available in the porch, together with some information about the Posada.

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*

"I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking." Are you considering a call to proclaim the gospel as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *0132 931 8869*.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As required by the Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School is conducting a consultation on its proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2021-22. The consultation period runs from 8th November 2019 to 3rd January 2020.

A copy of the consultation on removing the 'irregular' practice category is available on the school website along with the proposed Admissions Policy 2021-22. Please can you send any comments you may have about the proposed arrangements to: Clerk to the Governors, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ or by email to: *rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk* no later than 3rd January 2020.

**QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT
- READING IRISH CENTRE**

On Friday, 22nd November at 8 pm – please come with your friends and family to support the Reading Irish Centre - £7 per head. For further details, please contact *Ann Morris* on *0788 899 7293*.

**CARITAS EVENT "WORLD DAY OF THE POOR"
- SUNDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER**

"The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever" (Psalm 9:18). On the World Day of the Poor, TODAY, between 1 – 5.30 pm, Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St Peter's, Winchester, where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. For further information, contact *Kevin Gallagher* from Caritas at *caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *0738 899 4057*.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

'The air is getting colder, the holidays are near; it's time to celebrate, with friends we hold so dear'. Please join us for our annual SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7th, 1 - 4.30 pm - St Joseph's parish hall. Delicious food | Fantastic Entertainment | Wonderful Atmosphere | Raffle Prizes and much more! Come alone, bring a friend, make some friends – all welcome! If you would like to spend a relaxing afternoon amongst friends, please put your name down on the list which can be found at the back of the church; please also let us know whether you will be requiring a lift and of any dietary requirements. If you would like more information, please contact *Jack Ewins* on *0773 449 9190*.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Required for January 2020 - Teaching Assistant (Minimum qualification Level 2 and ideally SEND Experience) - 17.5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary B-D depending upon experience. Closing Date: Friday, 6th December Midday. Interviews: w/c 9th December. *For further details, please see notice board in church porch.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 20th November will be a fundraiser, so bring along something to include in a bring & buy sale. We are particularly keen to have your homemade jams and preserves. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, *and all ladies are welcome to join us.*

TEA/COFFEE

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

CAFOD - WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE

Please take a copy of the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue – the true spirit of Christmas giving - available in the church porch.