NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) - 18TH AUGUST 2019

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Are you a Baptised/Christened Christian? Or maybe you are unbaptised. Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian Catholic faith? Fr Peter is hoping to start a series of meetings from October for anyone wishing to become a Catholic at Easter. If you are interested, or maybe a member of your family is, please speak to him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2019/2020

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday, $7^{\rm th}$ & $14^{\rm th}$ 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, 18 TH AUGUST – SUNDAY, 25 TH AUGUST			
Sunday, 18th August	8.30 am	Francisco & Elva Flores RIP	
20™ SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	In Thanksgiving for St Paul's School Staff	
Monday, 19th August	NO MASS		
Tuesday, 20 th August	12 noon	Michael O'Donnell RIP	
St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church			
Wednesday, 21st August	12 noon	Dominic Clark's intentions	
Pope Pius X, Pope			
Thursday, 22 nd August	9.30am	Colleen Collins RIP	
The Queenship of Mary			
Friday, 23 rd August	7 pm	Sydney Scarpa RIP	
Saturday, 24 th August	10 am	Colleen Collins RIP	
St Bartholomew, Apostle			
Sunday, 25 th August	8.30 am	George Joseph RIP	
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP	
		Foundation Mass	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass			
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass			
Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, come to my aid!"			

COLLECTION FOR 11TH AUGUST 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£313.70
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£48.00
Loose Plate	£261.76
Candle Money	£43.34
TOTAL	£666.80
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£142.50
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97
Apostleship of the Sea	£853.21

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST

• Counters:.

Terry Clarke & Jenny Horton

Mass readers**:

8.30 am

1st Reading – H Glover

2nd Reading - M Fernandes

10.30 am

1st Reading - M O'Brien

2nd Reading - B Davis

Eucharistic Ministers**:

8.30 am

Eileen, Jenny & Carmen

10.30 am

Mary, John & Colin

 Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward: H McSoley

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, 1st September. parishioners joining us on Sunday mornings.

MATTHEW BALANZA-DAVIS

Matthew will be celebrating his First Holy Communion during the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 31st August. *All are welcome.*



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 & 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, 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

There will be no meetings in August. The prayer group will re-commence on Wednesday, 4th September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. All *are welcome*.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 8^{th} September.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the $50^{\rm th}$ 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.w-berks.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!

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 25th September & 2nd 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.



CAFOD UPDATE MEETING - 4TH SEPTEMBER

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday, 4th September from 7.15 pm - 9 pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BEPlease 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.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Prayer and Evangelisation on Saturday, 31st August att Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. Led by Fr Mark Hogan, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Starts at 11am with the Rosary and concludes at 4pm. All Welcome. See poster in the porch.

OPPORTUNITY

TGS Eurogroup, a Catholic Salesian association from Venice, Italy, has been organising Summer courses of English language in Great Britain for the last 50 years and is now exploring the possibility of opening a new centre in Reading. Are you interested in a part-time job to become TGS Local Organiser in charge of home stay accommodation in Reading? The candidate is expected to recruit host families to accommodate the students and to provide assistance to the group while they are in England. Anyone interested will be asked to send their CV to TGS office in Italy: they will be given a full job description and an interview may be arranged in early November. Are you interested in this project but not available as a local organiser? You'll be always welcome to join the project as a prospective TGS host family! Please ask Fr. Michael Dennehy (via English Martyrs Parish Office on *Telephone* 01189572149 Email: No: or englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details or contact TGS Eurogroup directly by sending an email to *info@tgseurogroup.it*. Further information: www.tgseurogroup.it/en

Advance notice - #DivineMercy Day of Prayer - Saturday, September 28th from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm in #WestminsterCathedral -- Healing the Wounded Body of Christ: Prayer & Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse in the Church. *Please see poster in church porch for further details.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

- Child Protection Training Saturday, 28th September from 10 am – 12.30 pm (Trainer – Maureen Wiltshire)
- Vulnerable Adult Training Saturday, 28th 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 *Miriam Fernandes* - 0118 943 3524.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* on 01268 762 278 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.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the August 2019 collection for the Drop in centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which is Sunday the 1st September 2019.

Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. Margaret Bailie

IULIAN MEETINGS

St Mary Magdalen's Church, Kentwood Hill, Tilehurst. Fridays at 10.30am. For more information and dates call Eric Anderson on 942 3811 or Mrs Clayton on 943 1002.