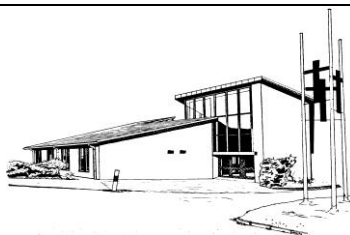


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 13TH OCTOBER 2019

NOVENA WITH NEWMAN

All over the world, people are celebrating the canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman **TODAY**. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon our most recent English Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven. Our parish of St Joseph's will begin nine days of prayer for the canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman on Thursday, 24th October and end on Friday, 1st November, at the end of all Masses.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary - joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous - are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to Him who is our Light. We may remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads" as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

SATURDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER: 5 – 7 PM



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*

Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive at all; instead park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. Thank you.

Fr Peter.

MASS COUNTS FOR PASTORAL STATISTICS

- FOURTH OF FOUR AUTUMN MASS COUNTS THIS WEEKEND

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER

Sunday, 13 th October <i>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> <i>(Exposition following both Masses)</i>	8.30 am	Tom & Pat McKeown's Intentions (<i>60th Wedding Anniversary</i>)
	10.30 am	Ligia Lobo RIP
Monday, 14 th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 15 th October St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church	12 noon	Maureen & Martin Tomas RIP
Wednesday, 16 th October	12 noon	Lucy McSharry RIP
Thursday, 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9.30 am	Colleen Collins RIP
Friday, 18 th October ST LUKE, Evangelist	6 pm	Living Members of the MacMahon family
Saturday, 19 th October	10 am	Nick Mullahey RIP
Sunday, 20 th October <i>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Ray Stone RIP
	10.30 am	John Williams & family's intentions
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
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 has shown His salvation to the nations."		

COLLECTION FOR 6TH OCTOBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£478.70
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£51.20
Loose Plate	£305.62
Candle Money	£44.05
St Joseph's Journal	£5,31
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Home Mission Sunday	£1.00
Mass Stole Fees	£130.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£695.05
First Holy Communion subs	£625.00
TOTAL	£2,340.93
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£286.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Home Mission Sunday	£443.23
First Holy Communion subs	£700.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£741.55

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 be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next prayer group will take place on Wednesday, 16th October at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *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. **Please note that there will be no group on Thursday, 24th October***

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER

- **Collection for Foreign Missions:**
One Sunday each year, the entire global Church supports world mission. **ALL** donations from worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.
- **Counters:**
Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – M Fernandes.
2nd Reading – P Jellason.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Balanza-Davis.
2nd Reading – B Davis.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
D Cathrew, M Ogbuagu & T Parnell.
10.30 am
M Fernandes, M Forestiero & A Goncalves.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
Carmen.

****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, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Aldona Glowka, 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*.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

Organised by the Hibernian Society **TODAY** from 2 - 4.30 pm in English Martyrs parish hall. *Admission free.*

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.*

FR BON

Following the tragic news from Fr Bon about the killing of his relatives by rebels in Cameroon, we will be celebrating the 7 pm Mass for Fr Bon and all his relatives, living & dead on Friday, 25th October here at St Joseph's. Please keep Fr Bon's family, and those loved-ones who are left behind, in your prayers. *All are welcome.*

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A MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, 12th October at 11 am in English Martyrs Church. This is for Fr Bon's brother & family members who were killed recently in Cameroon. The Mass will be a concelebrated Mass by the Reading priests, along with the Cameroon priests serving in our diocese. The music will be led by the Cameroon choir from Reading. This is an opportunity for us to pray for Fr Bon's family and other priests and people who have also been killed in the conflict and to show our support for Fr Bon and our sister Diocese of Bamenda. *All are welcome.*

SVP NOTICES

- *Sudan Crisis Collections* – SVP will be holding a collection to support South Sudan, outside our church on Sundays at both 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses **TODAY** & on 27th October.
- Senior Citizens' Light Lunch on Monday, 28th October in the large hall. A one-off 12 noon Mass will be celebrated prior to the lunch. A list is available at the back of the church for those who wish to attend.
- *Mass of the Sacramental Anointing of the Sick* on Tuesday, 19th November at 2 pm. Followed by Tea, Biscuits & Cake.

Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults training sessions on Saturday, 26th October at St John Bosco, 56 Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH.

Child Protection 10 am – 12.30 pm & Vulnerable Adults 1.30 pm – 4 pm. People who wish to attend will need to register with Miriam da Cruz Fernandes (*details on the front of the newsletter*).

TALK ON JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

By Fr Michael Sharkey at St Anne's, Southview Avenue, Caversham, RG4 5AB, on Monday, 21st October at 7.30 pm. Newman was the leader of the Oxford Movement which led him to be received into the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi on 9th October 1845. He was the founder of Oratorium Congregation. His theological writings have had a profound influence on the Catholic Church. We are pleased that Fr Michael is to share his knowledge on Newman with us and recommend this evening as a time for the Reading parishes to celebrate a new English Saint.

CATHOLIC POCKET DIARIES 2020

Available at the back of the church – Suggested donation: £2 each. *Please place payment in tin provided.*



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

PRAYER MINISTRY - TRAINING EVENING

On Wednesday, 30th October at St James' Church at 7.30 pm, led by Clare Simpson from the Diocesan Healing Advisory Group. A new policy on Prayer Ministry has been issued for our diocese. They wish to promote and develop Prayer Ministry in all our parishes. All those who pray with others, i.e. prayer groups, Alpha, healing services, etc., are encouraged to undertake this new diocesan prayer training evening, along with the 'vulnerable adult training'. We would like to ensure that all engaged in this ministry in our parishes are supported. *Sign up form at back of church.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH RE-DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH & ALTAR

Please note that the Mass on Friday, 18th October here at St Joseph's will be celebrated at **6 pm**, due to the Re-Dedication of the English Martyrs Church & Altar at 7.30 pm.

QUIZ/CURRY NIGHT

The Irish Centre is holding a Quiz/Curry Night on Friday, 18th October at 8 pm. For more details, contact *Ann Morris* – 0788 899 7293.

DROP-IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the October 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, 3rd November. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

THANK YOU

Thanks to all the members of the group who were so helpful during the recent parish pilgrimage to Medjugorje. A Mass will be offered for their intentions.

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL & RECIPE BOOK

The next edition of the journal will be published at Christmas. The deadline for articles is Friday, 29th November. The Recipe Book will be available on 1st December - the 1st Sunday of Advent. The deadline is Friday, 15th November. Please send all items to *sjmagazine@yahoo.com* or hand into the Parish Office. *Thank you for your continuing support.*

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School - Applications by 31st October to *s.cook@hughfaringdon.org*. See poster in church porch, diocesan or school website for further details.

YOUTH SVP GROUP

It was wonderful to welcome so many young people to the launch in September! From the feedback received, we know you are all looking forward to the next session which is just around the corner – **FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER** from 7.30 - 9 pm in the large hall. The theme will be 'A Harvest Thanksgiving'. We will spend part of the session decorating and filling shoe boxes with various items of food which will in turn be delivered to those in need by the adult SVP Group. Before distribution, the boxes will receive a special blessing at the 10.30 am Mass on **SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER**. If you would like to be part of this special service, please put your name forward by speaking to a member of the team. We look forward to welcoming you all to our next session where interactive games and refreshments will also be on offer. Spread the word and bring a friend! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.