

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 22ND SEPTEMBER 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 2020. If you are interested, or maybe a member of your family is, please speak to him.

DR SIMON UTTLEY, HEADMASTER OF BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL WILL BE SPEAKING AT 8.30 AM & 10.30 AM MASSES NEXT SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School and Sixth Form provides outstanding teaching and support in a unique climate focussed on learning and personal growth. A Catholic school, we focus on two complementary objectives: nurturing the unique dignity of the child and helping them exceed their expectations. 2019 has seen us achieve record attainment; little wonder the school has grown, both in numbers and in our brand-new specialist Autism unit, opened earlier this year. Judged Outstanding by the Diocese of Portsmouth, Blessed Hugh is true to its patronal heritage, sharing a Benedictine spirituality and offering a comprehensive all-year range of retreats and opportunities for faith development.

Fr Peter.

MASS COUNTS FOR PASTORAL STATISTICS – BEGIN THIS WEEKEND and continue for a total of four weekends

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER		
Sunday, 22 nd September <i>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Colleen Collins RIP
	10.30 am	Rosemary Emms RIP
Monday, 23 rd September <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 24 th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	12 noon	Carmen's Intentions – Foundation Mass
Wednesday, 25 th September	12 noon	Lucy McSharry RIP
Thursday, 26 th September	9.30 am	RISE Theatre's Intentions
Friday, 27 th September <i>St Vincent de Paul, Founder</i>	7 pm	All the Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 28 th September	10 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 29 th September <i>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Martin Cullen RIP
	10.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams 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: "Praise the Lord, who raises the poor."		

COLLECTION FOR 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£388.10
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£44.00
Loose Plate	£458.22
Candle Money	£37.07
Hall Hire	£120.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
St Joseph's Journal	£72.82
Home Mission Sunday	£370.84
First Holy Communion subs	£75.00
Mass stole fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£1,656.05
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£175.50
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97
Home Mission Sunday	£166.55
First Holy Communion subs	£75.00

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

- **Counters:**
R McKenna & P Nicholson.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – N Bricker.
2nd Reading – M Livingston.
10.30 am
1st Reading – M Brandon.
2nd Reading – C Parkes.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
D Cathrew, J Scarpa & J Fernandes.
10.30 am
M Nevin, C Fernandes & M Fernandes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
E Kerrigan.

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group on Wednesday, 25th September at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are 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.**

LIFE JUMBLE SALE

On Saturday, 28th September at 1 pm – English Martyrs Church hall, Liebenrod Road, Reading. Admission: 20p – Refreshments available.

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*.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50th 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!*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER VACANCY

Maternity cover from January 2020. *Please see poster in church porch for further details.*



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

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.*

PARISH JOURNAL

The latest edition is now available. There is a charge of 50p to help towards the cost of printing. A big *thank you* to everyone who has contributed items, especially those who do so on a regular basis and to Carmen for her enthusiasm with the camera.

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 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 0118 961 5905.

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.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

True Teaching Serving the community in Reading since 1958. Year 7 Entry 2020 - OPEN DAY - Thursday 26th September - Morning 9 am – 12 pm. Evening 5 pm - 7.45 pm. 5.30 pm & 6.30 pm – Headmaster's address. *Please see poster in Church porch for further details.*

PARISH RECIPE BOOK

Do you have a favourite recipe that you'd like to share with your fellow parishioners? We would like to compile a book of recipes from around the world. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to buy a new Paten to be used at Mass. Please send your recipe(s) to *sjmagazine@yahoo.com* or hand them into the Parish Office. If you can include a photo or would like to write something about your recipe please do so. Also, please mention whether or not you'd like your name to be published. If we receive enough recipes, we are hoping to publish the book before Christmas. *Thank you.*

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.*

LUCY MCSHARRY RIP

The family of the late Lucy McSharry would like to thank most sincerely all who sympathised and supported us on our recent sad loss. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Quiz Night, Wednesday, 25th September at 7.30 pm in the small hall. *All ladies are welcome to join us.*

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.*

DAY FOR CATECHISTS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

On Saturday, 19th October at Portsmouth Cathedral, from 10 am - 4 pm, the Dominican Sisters and the Formation for Mission team invite everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation, where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the *Dominican Sisters* to book a place on 01590 681874.

SVP YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH

To celebrate the launch of the new SVP Youth Group, we would like to invite anyone between 11 - 18 years old to join our first session on Sunday, 29th September for a fun Charity Car Wash & Welcome Pizza Party in the hall at 12 noon. You will be unleashed into the car park (be warned – you may get wet so please bring a spare set of clothes!). To refuel your energy levels, your choice of pizza and refreshments will be delivered for you all to enjoy! In the case of adverse weather, we will be in the hall for a whole host of fun and interactive games until 2 pm. Don't be shy – come and join us and bring your friends!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from the back of the church this week and place it in the second collection at Masses on Sunday, 6th October. *Please give generously.*

MASS READERS

The current reading rota expires at the end of this month. If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God and would like to join the rota, please contact me. Training and guidance can be given if required. *Mike Tomas* – 0770 803 2743.