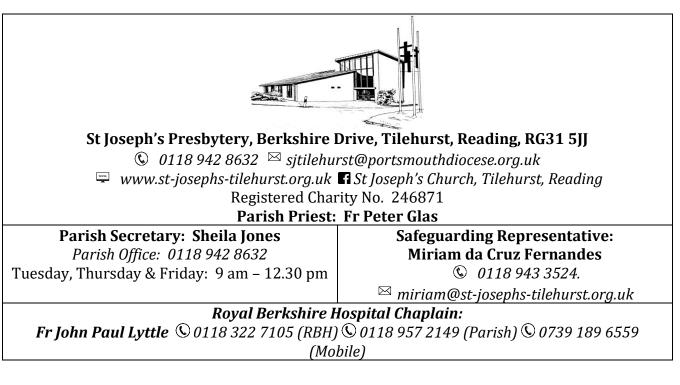
# **NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST**



# 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

## 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER			
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September	8.30 am	Mrs Molly Thompson RIP (Foundation Mass)	
22 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Fr George Lyons RIP (Foundation Mass)	
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	NO MASS		
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	12 noon	Pepita Carlos Martinez RIP	
St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor			
Wednesday, 4th September	12 noon	John Donohue's intentions	
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Ellen McCormack	
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	7 pm	Sheila Ward RIP	
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September	10 am	Lukas Laski's intention	
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30 am	Joseph & Mary Meredith RIP	
23 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Yvette Alvares Colaco 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: "In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor."			

#### COLLECTION FOR 25TH AUGUST 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£287.33
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£22.50
Loose Plate	£336.19
Gift Aid (via bank)	£765.00
Planned giving (via bank)	£35.00
Candle Money	£32.96
TF3 CAFOD	£15.00
TOTAL	£1,493.98
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£157.50
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97

#### **REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER**

- Counters:. M O'Brien & R Hawkins
  Mass readers\*\*:
- Mass readers\*\*: 8.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – E Millichap 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – E Cathrew 10.30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Balanza-Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M Keep Eucharistic Ministers\*\*: 8.30 am Mike T, Jackie & Miriam 10.30 am Muriel, Moya & David
- Eucharistic Minister Oakwood Ward: A Macdonald

\*\*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 **TODAY** after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.* 

#### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Meetings will resume after the summer break on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and all ladies are welcome to join us.



Please note that there is 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 prayer group will re-commence on Wednesday,  $4^{th}$  September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. All *are welcome*.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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

We are looking forward to celebrating the  $50^{th}$  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!* 

#### KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Theresa Bricker on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2 pm. *Thank you* – *Margaret Chaplin.* 

#### **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 *0118 961 5905*.



#### **CAFOD UPDATE MEETING - 4TH 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. 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*.

#### **MATTHEW BALANZA-DAVIS**

Congratulations to Matthew who celebrated his First Holy Communion during the 10 am Mass yesterday.

#### **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 0118 957 2149 Telephone No. or Email: 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

#### **MEDUGORJE PRAYER INTENTIONS BASKET**

Over the next few weeks, there will be a basket available for Medugorje prayer intentions. Please <u>*do*</u> <u>*not*</u> place money in the basket.

Advance notice - #DivineMercy Day of Prayer – Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 *Miriam Fernandes* - 0118 943 3524.

#### <u>IULIAN MEETINGS</u>

St Mary Magdalen's Church, Kentwood Hill, Tilehurst. Fridays at 10.30 am. For more information and dates call *Eric Anderson* on *0118 942 3811* or *Mrs Clayton* on *0118 943 1002*.

#### **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION VACANCY**

Support Centre Assessor, Oxford Road Support Centre. Part time post: 1 day per week (Tuesdays). £8.24 per hour. For more information phone *Clarie, Support Centre Manager* on *0118 951 2337* or email: *hr@ccam.org.uk* to request an application pack. Closing date: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **AFTERNOON TEA DANCE**

On 14<sup>th</sup> September from 3 – 5.30 pm at Tilehurst Village Hall - organised by Tilehurst Amateur Dramatic Society (TADS). Music from the 1940/50's with *Gary Upton* and accompanied by TADS Singers. Tickets (£10) from *www.tilehurstamateurdramaticsociety.co.uk* or the Village Florist.

#### A DAY WITH MARY

St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message, given at Fatima in 1917. Details from: *www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* 

#### HCPT GROUP 128 HCPT (Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust)

Could you give up a week of your time to travel to Lourdes with disabled & disadvantaged children Easter 2020? They need adult helpers and a group nurse. If you would like to know more, please contact *Pat Burke* on *brkjoe@btinternet.com*