

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 6TH OCTOBER 2019

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

- THIRD OF FOUR AUTUMN MASS COUNTS THIS WEEKEND

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER

Sunday, 6 th October <i>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Anne Wylie & family's Intentions
Monday, 7 th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 8 th October	12 noon	Winifred Mary Gale RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Wednesday, 9 th October	12 noon	For home
Thursday, 10 th October	9.30 am	Margaret & Tony Chaplin's Intentions <i>(Margaret's 90th Birthday)</i>
Friday, 11 th October	7 pm	For the intentions of Bosko
Saturday, 12 th October <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	10 am	Lucy McSharry RIP
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
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts."		

COLLECTION FOR 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£251.63
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£44.50
Loose Plate	£376.16
Gift Aid (via bank)	£725.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Candle Money	£46.27
Donation	£12.25
Coffee Morning for Divine Mercy	£171.72
Home Mission Sunday	£10.00
Mass Stole Fees	£90.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,772.53
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£281.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.69
Home Mission Sunday	£442.23
First Holy Communion subs	£75.00

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER

- **Counters:**
E & R Hopkins.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – H Glover.
2nd Reading – J O'Connell.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Parkes.
2nd Reading – C Wall.
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
M Tomas, T Millichap & M Fernandes.
10.30 am
S Collier, M Brandon & I Balanza-Davis.
- **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 be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group on Wednesday, 9th October 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.**

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 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 is no group on Thursday, 24th October.***

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
LAST FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER

Please collect a Fast Day envelope from the back of the church and place it in the second collection at Masses **TODAY**. *Please give generously.*



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

We are marking October as the month of the rosary at our meeting on Wednesday, 9th October. It will be held at 45 School Road at 7.30 pm.

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.*

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

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

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 on 13th & 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.

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. The Canonisation is due to take place in Rome on Sunday, 13th October. 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.*

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.

SCAM EMAILS

It has come to our attention that scam emails are being sent via the parish web site asking for assistance and appearing to come from Fr Peter. Please do not reply to these emails, but do block/delete them immediately. If you are in any doubt, do nothing. Please contact Fr Peter/Sheila in the Parish Office, if you have any concerns.

QUIZ/CURRY NIGHT

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

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*).

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We are meeting every day in October at 4 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi Church and pray THE ROSARY for the whole month of OCTOBER. Please join as and let us pray together for peace, for our children, for our families, for conversion, for vocations and for our government.