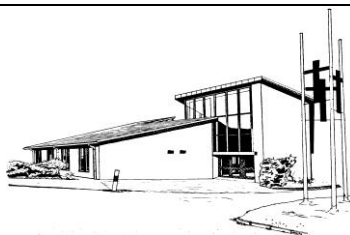


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 29TH 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 TODAY

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 – SECOND OF FOUR AUTUMN MASS COUNTS THIS WEEKEND

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 6TH OCTOBER		
Sunday, 29 th September <i>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Martin Cullen RIP
	10.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams RIP
Monday, 30 th September, <i>St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 1 st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon	Veronica & Raymond Brown RIP
Wednesday, 2 nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	12 noon	People of the parish
Thursday, 3 rd October	9.30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory
Friday, 4 th October <i>St Francis of Assisi, Founder</i>	7 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 5 th October	10 am	All the Souls in Purgatory
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
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "My soul, give praise to the Lord."		

COLLECTION FOR 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£287.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£48.00
Loose Plate	£320.41
GIFT AID (via bank)	£1056.00
PLANNED GIVING (via bank)	£42.00
Candle Money	£31.54
St Joseph's Journal	£16.30
Home Mission Sunday	£7.00
Mass stole fees	£140.00
TF3 Caod	£15.00
Pilgrims Coach fares	£520.00
TOTAL	£2483.25
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£190.50
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, 6TH OCTOBER

- **COLLECTION FOR CAFOD HARVEST DAY**
- **Pastoral Letter**
- **Counters:**
Donal Lineham & Kate Copus.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading - C Hurst
2nd Reading - M Livingston
10.30 am
1st Reading - M Tomas
2nd Reading - M O'Brien
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
E Wooller, J Welton & T Parnell.
10.30 am
M Keep, J Macbeth & D Fernandes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
E Wooller.

****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, 2nd October at 9.30 am at St Joseph'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.*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER VACANCY

Maternity cover from January 2020. *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.*

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 **TODAY** 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!



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

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. (See also the attached sheet.)*

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.

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.

EXTRA ORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION OCTOBER

As you have already heard from our Bishop Philip, the Holy Father Pope Francis declared October 2019 as being the Extra Ordinary Month of Mission (EMM) to commemorate Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, issued on 30th November 1919, and this has "the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio ad Gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelizing zeal". As an act of Solidarity with the whole Church, on Mission Sunday, 20th October at 2pm, Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by refreshments in the Discovery Centre. Please contact *Fr Innaiah Maddineni, Portsmouth Diocesan Director, Missio* – Telephone No. 023 9237 6151 – Email: *imaddineni@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.*

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP is **Next Sunday the 6th October 2019**. The items that are most useful are listed below; Tea bags, instant coffee, Sugar, Tinned cold meats, Tinned stew and casserole meats, Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned tuna, Tinned soup Tinned hot dogs Pasta sauce, Tinned vegetables, Family cereal Porridge Tinned fruit, Biscuits, warm socks. Warm coats in good condition. Shower Gel, Soap. Towels in good condition. **All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use.** Please leave your donations in the Church porch next Sunday the **6th October**. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact Margaret Bailie on 9411483.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE

Organised by the Hibernian Society on **Sunday 6th October**. 2pm – 4.30pm. English Martyrs Parish hall. Admission Free

SVP NOTICES

Sudan Crisis Collections
Will be holding a collection to support South Sudan, outside of Church on Sundays at the 8.30 & 10.30 Mass on 29th September, 13th & 27th October.
Mass Sacrament of the Sick on Tuesday, 19th November at 2pm. Followed by Tea, Biscuits & Cake.