

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C) – SUNDAY, 9TH JANUARY 2022

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, bringing the season of Christmas to an end. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Him and the voice of the Father was heard from heaven: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." From this point onwards, Jesus began his work of teaching, healing, forgiving and proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of God.



This is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our own baptism and what it means. Baptism is the beginning of our journey as Christians; as followers of Jesus. It marks the beginning of our belonging to the church, which is completed with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our membership of the church involves both privileges and responsibilities which we can demonstrate in a tangible way within our parish community.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers and kindness during these last difficult months. I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year and may you all receive many blessings from the Good Lord, in the year ahead.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 9TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2022

Sunday, 9 th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)	5 pm (Vigil)	Peter & Jeanette Jones RIP
	8.30 am	Paul's Spackman's intentions
	10.30 am*	Kathleen Phealan & all the family's intentions
Monday, 10 th January BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 11 th January	12 noon	Michael O'Carroll's intentions
Wednesday, 12 th January	12 noon	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday, 13 th January	9.30 am	Mary & all the Fennelly family's intentions
Friday, 14 th January	7 pm	Poppy Dixon's intentions
Saturday, 15 th January Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Joan Cody's intentions
Sunday, 16 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	Mary O'Carroll & family's intentions
	8.30 am	Norman & Joan Bricker RIP
	10.30 am*	Litty Chacko's special intentions
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

* 10.30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions before Mass on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass and the Rosary.

St Joseph's Tilehurst



Volunteers Needed!

We rely on so many volunteers in many different ways to help run OUR church. Can you help?

Below is a list of areas where we are looking for new helpers. FULL support/training will be available. If you would like to know more, please contact a member of the Co-ordinating Team (see noticeboard), or send a message to the Parish Office.

God bless you!



If you would like to help in some other way, then please let us know.

Some activities haven't resumed yet, so there will be more ways to help in the future!



CATHERINE URBAN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Urban who died recently. Catherine's coffin will be received into St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 20th January at 4 pm, followed by Funeral Mass on Friday, 21st January at 11 am and burial at St Michael's Churchyard at 12.30 pm. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Tess Heenan, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Pat Knowles, Norah Phipps & Helen. *If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.*

COLLECTION FOR 2ND JANUARY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£144.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£223.85
Christmas Collection	£160.00
Crib Offerings	£140.47
TOTAL	£688.32
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£285.10
Bamenda Sunday	£683.00
Christmas Collection	£2,021.71
Crib Offerings	£140.47

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation programme will commence after Christmas with the Confirmation ceremony taking place the following year: Easter 2023. If you are currently in Year 7 or above, and interested in joining the programme, please send your name and contact details to the *Parish Office*.

CAFOD DEC AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal, and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

Our Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place next year from 18th - 22nd July. Bishop Philip is now very pleased to be able to invite you once again to join him and many others from across the Diocese on this pilgrimage. We will be leaving from Bournemouth airport. Once in Lourdes, we will stay at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining Bishop Philip either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VOCATIONS

Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go: Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. *All welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*



Temporary SEN Teaching Assistant required as soon as possible. 10 hours per week term, time only, for 2 terms. Grade/Salary B/C depending on experience. Please feel free to ring us and have a chat about our lovely school and children. Closing Date: Wednesday, 12th January at Midday. Interviews: Tuesday afternoon 18th January. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk> St. Paul's Catholic School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ. Tel: 0118 942 2003. e-mail: office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk Website: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

UNIVERSITY OF READING CHAPLAINCY LECTURE

Monday, 17th January, 7pm: 'Spirituality and Mental Health' - the 2022 Online interview with Professor John Swinton, Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. Book for free here:

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/15/about/newsandevents/Events/Event862486.aspx>

John will be interviewed about spirituality and mental health, particularly drawing on his 2020 book 'Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges'.

John is founder of the University of Aberdeen's Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability. He has written on dementia, disability theology and pastoral care. His 2016 book Dementia won the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ramsey Prize for excellence in theological writing. Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/216605010655128/>

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,
I pause to give thanks.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.
Thank you for making all things new
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts and new beginnings.
Remind me of your presence
in the days to come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.
Be glorified in my life this year.
Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMATION IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2022

For Catechists:

Essential Training for Catechists (5 Mondays, 10th January – 7th February, 7.30 - 9 pm) followed by our new course, Further Training for Catechists (5 Mondays, 21st February – 21st March, 7.30 - 9 pm) – in the first course, we will look at the fundamental principles of catechesis to discover what it is, and in the second course, we will look at specific questions: how to speak to adults, young people and children about God, Jesus, salvation, the human person and the Church. To find out more and register, check our website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/> or register directly for the Essential Training: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-CgpzspGNNmzyxwCIFle2MiqfHahOnK> and for the Further Training:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcuytpzMrGNTFXcThp9NMAfCmfl8GIoOh> Both courses are open to everyone – you don't have to be a catechist to sign up. For those who care for children with Additional/Special Needs: We are offering 3 workshops on Thursday's 13th, 20th & 27th January, 7 - 8.30 pm for the parents, catechists and priests of young Catholics with additional needs: Being Acceptational. Workshop 1. At Mass: Inclusion in the Liturgy; Workshop 2. In Catechesis: Sacramental preparation; Workshop 3. In the Home: The domestic Church for children with additional needs. You can register here for the workshops: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMofuqqqD4oGdX6gk02PYnXzHGgPblvzPBI>

All our initiatives are listed on our website:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

Sr Hyacinthe and the Formation for Mission Team



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 8th January** from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. **These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month.** We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). You can also donate directly to our bank account; Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

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