

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) – SUNDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2019



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.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 13TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2019

Sunday, 13th January	8.30 am	Bridget Jones RIP
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.30 am	Fr Peter Tierney RIP
Monday, 14th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 15th January	12 noon	David Dye RIP
Wednesday, 16th January	12 noon	Norman & Joan Bricker RIP
Thursday, 17th January	9.30 am	Tony Flint RIP
St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot		
Friday, 18th January	7 pm	Thomas & Mary Kedy & Thomas Kerrigan RIP
Saturday, 19th January	10 am	Tony Flint RIP
Sunday, 20th January	8.30 am	Violet Wickens – Foundation Mass
	10.30 am	Maria Costa RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.

Responsorial Psalm:

"Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are."

COLLECTION FOR 6TH JANUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£309.37
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£16.50
Loose Plate	£424.82
Crib offerings	£220.15
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Candles	£79.47
Funeral expenses	£534.00
2019 Pocket Diaries	£102.95
Mass Stole Fees	£100.00
TOTAL	£1,797.26
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£406.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,197.47
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Christmas Collection	£2,766.50

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY

- Counters: Rita McKenna & Peter Nicholson.
- Mass readers**:
8.30 am - First Reading - E Millichap. Second Reading - J O'Connell
10.30 am - First Reading - A Archer
Second Reading - M Jones
- Eucharistic Ministers**:
8.30 am - Tony Parnell, Joseph Fernandes & Michael Ogbuagu.
- 10.30 am - Ann Epps, Mary Nevin & Colin Parkes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward - Eden Tett. If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. *Thank you.*

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass, and make yourself known to the welcomers, if it is your turn on the rota. PLEASE READ YOUR ROTA AND NOTE YOUR OWN DATES. *Thank you!*

HIBS SUPPER CLUB & CABARET

At Reading Irish Centre on Friday, 18th January 2019. Music by Simon Mayor & Hilary James, plus a 3-course meal. £10 per head. Tickets only available from Ann Morris - 0788 899 7293.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 2019

Depart: Friday, 20th September - London Heathrow to Split (Croatia). Return: Friday, 27th September - Split to London Heathrow. Estimated overall cost at current exchange rate £425 shared, £495 single. This cost includes the return flights (£180 approx). If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass and collect a registration form.

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.**

TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson and Michael O'Connell. If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

ENGLISH MARTYRS DIGITAL SOUND ENGINEER

If you are interested in digital sound engineering, or you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you! Regardless of your faith and age, we have an opportunity in our church which we would like to share with you. Come and reach out. We look forward to hearing from you. Email English Martyrs Parish Office for more details at englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 16th January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

APF

A total of £275 was collected from the mission boxes in 2018. Many thanks to all box holders and promoters. Mike Tomas, APF Secretary.

2019 CALENDAR - THE HANDS OF TIME

Hands tell the story of life - of laughter, of longing and of love. Cost £5 each - all proceeds to the Hibernian Society - on sale from the Repository.



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday this week (16th). Liz has invited us to her new home at 45 School Road at 7.30 pm for the meeting and to celebrate her birthday.

SVP REMINDER

The next Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday, 31st January. This will be held in the small hall from 2 - 4 pm. *All are welcome.* Please contact an SVP member or Jack Ewins if you would like to attend or if you require transport. Many thanks. *Jack Ewins - President, SVP*
St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 16th & 23rd January 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 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

ST ANNE'S & ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading, is seeking a new Executive Headteacher and a new Head of School. For more information please contact *Jacqueline Campbell*: bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk or by phoning 0118 937 5597.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2019

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi is planning a pilgrimage to Poland in 2019 (June 5th - 11th); the group, under the leadership of Father Stan, will be visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa (the Shrine of the Black Madonna), the Salt mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice (the home town of St John Paul II), and other places of interest. For more information, please contact *Nancy Johnson*: 0118 9262315/07745 434888/
e-mail: nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas edition of the journal. A big thank you to everyone who contributed articles. If you have any comments, ideas or items for the next issue, which will be published at Easter, please email them to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or hand them in to the Parish Office. The deadline is Friday, 22nd March. *Thank you again for your support.*

SERVICE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

You are invited to a Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 20th January at St Catherine of Siena (C of E), Wittenham Avenue, Tilehurst, RG31 5LN. Organised by Churches Together in West Reading, Tilehurst & Southcote, we invite those from any church, whether belonging to any Christian grouping or none. An opportunity to see the re-ordering and extending that has taken place at our venue.



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday, 18th February from 7.15 - 9 pm at Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent Fast Day on 15th March. Also on Tuesday 5th March from 7.15 - 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, London Road, Newbury, RG14 1JP. Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome, so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 0125 232 9385.

DROP-IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the January 2019 collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be on Sunday, 3rd February. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

READING PASTORAL AREA EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM

A special evening on ALPHA on Wednesday, 23rd January at 7.30 pm in English Martyrs church hall. Three Reading Parish teams will present their experience of running ALPHA. Open invitation to all who are interested in exploring the use of ALPHA as a way of presenting the message and ministry of Jesus Christ. ALPHA has now been updated. *All are very welcome to this evening.* The PA EST would like to ask all Reading parish ESTs to consider attending this particular meeting or inviting parishioners who may be interested in using the series of Junior ALPHA or the Adult ALPHA.

THURSDAY MASS

St Simon's Class will be attending Mass here at St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 17th January, along with their mentees in Reception. Please speak to your child's Reception Class Teacher to find out which class their mentor is in. The whole school will be attending Mass here on Thursday, 24th January in celebration of the Conversion of St Paul. *Family and friends are welcome to join us for Mass every week.*

***Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2019!
My love to all the good people of St. Joseph's.
You are always in my prayers.
May the New Year bring fresh blessings!
Keep Bamenda and Cameroon in your prayers.
Love from Fr Bon.***