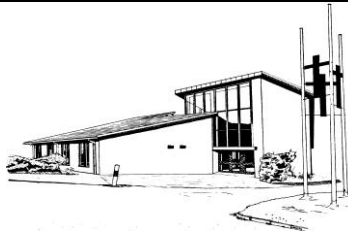


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH 2019

PARISH LENTEN APPEAL

As I announced last Sunday, we are having a Lenten Appeal in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Please see flyer and envelopes attached to this weekend's newsletter. Envelopes can be returned to any collection plate over the coming weekends.

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. Unfortunately, in the past, there have been very few people willing to lead them. There are no set prayers to accompany the journey around the Stations, so it is up to the leader to decide – maybe you have a favourite format you would like to share? Guidance and a little training can be given if required. *Mike Tomas – 0770 803 2743.*

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Friday, 29th March from 9 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL: 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration, including some singing/music. Ticket prices are: Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Stephen Newbury, Wendy Earley, Ann Epps, Sue Collier or Carmen Ybanez-Mate*.



CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday, 15th March, can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Anabel Goncalves, our CAFOD parish representative, will give a talk at the end of both Masses on Sunday, 17th March. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth, so please collect your Fast Day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>. Thank you.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH 2019

Sunday, 10th March	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP
Monday, 11th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 12th March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Jeanne Marie Louise Dormer RIP
Wednesday, 13th March	6.30 am	People of the Parish
	12 noon	Edgar & Audrey Welch RIP
Thursday, 14th March	9.30 am	Angela Macbeth RIP
Friday, 15th March	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 16th March	10 am	Sarah Clarke RIP
Sunday, 17th March	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Glas family's intentions
	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: "Be with me, O Lord, in my distress."		

COLLECTION FOR 3RD MARCH 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£275.50
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£41.40
Loose Plate	£360.12
TF0 (SPUC White Flower Appeal)	£448.27
TF3 (CAFOD)	£18.20
Funeral Expenses	£220.00
Candles	£45.06
Hall Hire	£224.00
Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda	£209.90
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
TOTAL	£1,902.45
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£469.70
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,081.54
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Cathedral Fund	£413.98
Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda	£700.00
TF0 (SPUC White Flower Appeal)	£448.27

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Carmela Garzia & Theresa Kerrigan. **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

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 13th March at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*



Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area situated beside the choir.

2019 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS are now available from the Repository £4 each.

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.*

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH

- Counters: T & P McKeown and H Glover.
- Mass readers**:
8.30 am
1st Reading – M Fernandes.
2nd Reading – J O'Connell.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Parkes.
2nd Reading – M Robinson.
- Eucharistic Ministers**:
8.30 am
M Tomas, D Cathrew, Carmen.
10.30 am
A Epps, E Hopkins, D Fernandes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward – E Kerrigan.
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.*

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 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.*

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.**

HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale on Sunday, 17th March in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the CAFOD Lenten Appeal. Handmade, non-religious birthday, sympathy, etc., cards are available for sale, courtesy of Jenny Gouk. *Personalised cards are also available on request by contacting Jenny on 0118 941 2597.*

ST PATRICK'S SUPPER

At Reading Irish Centre - Food & lively Irish music on Friday, 15th March from 8 pm - 11 pm. Entrance by ticket only - £20 each from *Anne Morris (Telephone No. 0788 899 7293).*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend a spiritual/guidance/practical talk given by Fr Peter following the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 23rd March. This is mandatory. If anyone wishes to become a Eucharistic Minister, *especially at 8.30 am Sunday Mass*, please see Fr Peter. Commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Maundy Thursday Mass, 18th April at 8 pm.

VOCATIONS

"The priest shall receive the panner from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God." Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our Lord? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *01329 318 869.*

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

The deadline for items for the Easter edition is Friday, 22nd March. *Thank you to everyone who has already contributed something.*

*****LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE*****

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Thursday, 25th July - Tuesday, 30th July. Departing from Heathrow Airport. Half board accommodation in three-star hotel close to the sanctuary. Cost approximately £460 (max). We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from *English Martyrs Parish Office - Telephone No. 0118 957 2149.* Max 30 persons.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 28th March at 1.30 pm, a special Mass will be celebrated for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by refreshments in the small hall. If you require transport, please contact an SVP member or call *Jack on 0773 449 9190.*

PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27th April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick-up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.

PRAYER GROUP LENT 2019

Journey through the Lord's Prayer - Six interactive sessions at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst on Thursdays (2.45 for 3 pm) from 7th March; repeated on Sundays (6.45 for 7 pm). Each session lasts for one hour. *Open to everyone.*

DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140)

English Martyrs Parish requires a volunteer DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140), in particular, for the Easter Vigil where the light in the church and the scriptures walk hand in hand. Contact *English Martyrs Parish Office on Telephone No. 0118 957 2149*

HEALING SEMINARS

FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey has run healing seminars for the past 30 years. He will do a series of four seminars here at St Joseph's on the following Saturdays in the large hall, from 10 am - 5 pm.

Seminar 1	Healing of Memories	February 16 th
Seminar 2	Deliverance	March 9 th
Seminar 3	Gift & Gifts of the Spirit	March 30 th
Seminar 4	Healing Families	April 6 th

Anyone wishing to attend a seminar must send Fr Nicholas an email that they wish to attend, as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance. Please contact Fr Nicholas:

nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk. Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable. Many people report a tangible experience of God's peace from attending the day, and healing can occur in many ways. Some people repeat the seminars and find they learn more each time.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the March Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP collection. 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 is Sunday, 7th April. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, the only Catholic Independent School in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new Governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. The full governing body meets six times a year and all Governors sit on one of the sub-committees which meet between three and six times a year. For more information, please contact *David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk* or on *07484 318174.* For more information about the College, do visit the College web site at *https://sjcr.org.uk.*

APF

The APF Spring magazine are now available for collection at the back of the church. You may take one even if you are not a box-holder. Many priests in Africa and Asia depend entirely on Mass stipends for their income. Please help them by sending your Mass intentions to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, or, if you wish to pay by card call *020 7821 9755*, during office hours. The recommended offering is £10 or more per Mass and cheques should be made payable to: Missio Mass a/c. Request a receipt if you want one. If you would like to receive a Mass card please telephone the above number. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary 0770 803 2743.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

There will not be a meeting on 13th March. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th March, when we will attend the parish Stations of the Cross at 11.30 am.

