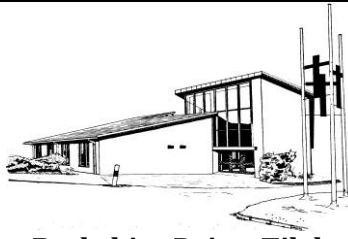


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – 31ST MARCH 2019

CAFOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



There will be a special second collection next Sunday, 7th April for CAFOD in response to the suffering that has been caused by the severe floods in East Africa. Most of our parishioner are already aware of this disaster which has been broadcast on TV and Radio. There has already been 700 people killed so far and more are still missing. Please be as generous as you can.

PARISH LENTEN APPEAL

As I announced previously, our Lenten Appeal is in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope, and place it into any collection plate over the coming Lenten weekends. *Thank you.*

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.

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.*

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH 2019 – 7TH APRIL

Sunday 31 st March	8.30 am	Din Kearns RIP
	10.30 am	Susan Stankard RIP
Monday, 1 st April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 2 nd April	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	James O'Shea RIP
Wednesday, 3 rd April	6.30 am	Private intention
	12 noon	John and Elizabeth Morgan RIP
Thursday, 4 th April	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Friday, 5 th April	7 pm	Ricky Edwards RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 6 th April	10 am	Sarah Clarke RIP
Sunday, 7 th April	8.30 am	Brian Keane RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard & John Nevin RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”		

COLLECTION FOR 24TH MARCH 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£1244.50
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£44.50
Loose Plate	£353.37
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£50.00
Lenten Alms	£97.27
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£44.90
Carmelite donation	£10.00
Syro Malabar donation	£60.00
Card Sale donation	£120.00
TOTAL	£2,029.54
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£2,497.51
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£743.36
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£741.24

2ND COLLECTION TODAY – CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

This collection raises funds for housing and residential care costs for sick and retired priests.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND 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, 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.**



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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 3rd April at 9.30 am at St Catherine's *All are welcome.*

KNITWITS

Knitwits next meet on Tuesday, 2nd April at 2pm at the home of Margaret Chaplin.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners at St Josephs for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £515.95 which we received on 15 March.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 7TH APRIL

- Counters: Eileen and Richard Hopkins
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – E Cathrew
2nd Reading – E Millichap
10.30 am
1st Reading – M O'Brien
2nd Reading – C Balanza-Davis
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
Joseph, Ted & Carmen
10.30 am
Ian, Moya & John
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
Carmen. 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**.*

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

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD

The parish has received a thank you letter from SPUC for supporting the 2019 White Flower appeal. The amount Collected from the parish and forwarded to SPUC £448.27

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.*

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.*

VOCATIONS

"I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *01329 318 869.*

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41 - 43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. (Easy access via road, train & bus). Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: *Fr. John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

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.**

*****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.*

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular in the past, especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. *All are welcome.*

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES APRIL 2019

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 8 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 9 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 10 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 11 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 12 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 13 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 15 th	7.30 pm	St James

ANNE TUDOR RIP

Anne Tudor unexpectedly but peacefully passed away on 20th March at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London following heart by-pass surgery. Her requiem mass will start at 12.45pm at English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road on Thursday April 11th and be followed by a private cremation at Reading Cemetery. People wishing to attend the mass should be in the church by 12.30 pm.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP is **Next Sunday the 7th April 2019**
The items that are most useful are listed below; Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar. Tinned cold meats Tinned vegetables, Tinned stew and casserole meats. Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned tuna. Tinned soup, Tinned hot dogs, Rice, Biscuits, Jars of pasta sauce, Family cereal, Tinned Fruit.
Men's boxer shorts, Men's socks. Disposable razors, Warm coats and hats 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 7th April 2019
Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact Margaret Bailie on 9411483.

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.

APF

The APF Spring magazines 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.*

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, 19th - Friday, 27th September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago). Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Info and booking form from the parish office. *Closing date: 31st March - don't delay.*

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.*