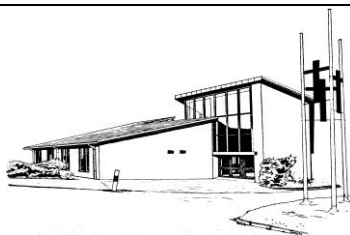


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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(Mobile)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 11TH AUGUST 2019

WELCOME BACK FR PETER!

We welcome back Fr Peter and trust that he has had a restful holiday. We thank Fr Richard for looking after us during this time.

FIRE DRILL

The fire drills carried out at the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses on last Sunday, 4th August went very well. The evacuation was achieved in about 90 seconds at both Masses. A meeting was held on Monday morning to assimilate comments from the wardens and review feedback from both congregations. As a result, there is a list of actions the team will be working on to improve fire safety. We are now committed to annual fire drills with the 2020 drill taking place at a different time of year to assess the impact of different weather conditions and perhaps larger congregations.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2019/2020

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday, 7th & 14th September in the large hall here at St Joseph's, from 10 am – 12 noon. Your child should either be attending St Paul's School in Year 3 or above, or should be registered as a parishioner in St Joseph's parish. *You will need to bring your child's Baptism Certificate in addition to the fee of £25.*
Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11TH AUGUST – SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST

Sunday, 11 th August <i>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Johanne Hennigan RIP
	10.30 am	Fr Peter's Intentions
Monday, 12 th August	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 13 th August	12 noon	Margaret Friel's Intentions
Wednesday, 14 th August <i>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest, Martyr</i>	12 noon	John Murray RIP
Thursday, 15 th August <i>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
	7 pm	Sister Assumpta's Intentions
Friday, 16 th August	7 pm	Patrick Joseph Morton RIP
Saturday, 17 th August	10 am	Colleen Collins RIP
Sunday, 18 th August <i>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Francisco & Elva Flores RIP
	10.30 am	In Thanksgiving for St Paul's School Staff
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen as His own."

COLLECTION FOR 4TH AUGUST 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£291.97
Gift Aid (via bank)	£765.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£34.50
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£329.49
Hall Hire	£203.00
Candle Money	£29.58
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
TOTAL	£1,728.54
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£142.50
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97
Apostleship of the Sea	£853.21

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 18TH AUGUST

- **Counters:**
Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – M Livingston.
2nd Reading – N Bricker.
10.30 am
1st Reading – C Parkes.
2nd Reading – C Wall.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am

10.30 am
- **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 resume on Sunday, 1st September. parishioners joining us on Sunday mornings.

MATTHEW BALANZA-DAVIS

Matthew will be celebrating his First Holy Communion during the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 31st August. *All are welcome.*

COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday, 15th August – The Feast of the Assumption at the English Martyrs Church hall after 9.30 am Mass. Tea, cakes, raffle – *All welcome.*



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

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*.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

There will be no meetings in August. The prayer group will re-commence on Wednesday, 4th September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 8th September.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of St Paul's School during the next academic year.

Were you there when we first opened our doors in 1969? We want to hear from anybody who knows details of the school's early days. If you remember anything about the origins/beginnings of St Paul's, we would love you to share your memories with us. Please email Rosie Chambers at rchambers@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk or telephone the school on 0118 942 2003.

We would be delighted to welcome visitors to our school to talk to our current pupils about the history of St Paul's. If you would be willing to do this, please get in touch. Are you a former pupil/ member of St Paul's staff? If so, please send me your favourite memory of St Paul's (in no more than 50 words) stating the decade of your attendance. These memories will be put together in a commemorative compilation. We are hoping to organise an open evening in the spring term for past pupils/staff to visit the school. *Further details to follow!*

LARGE HALL - SCAFFOLDING

Please note that there will be building works being carried out during the first week of August, which will involve scaffolding being erected at the front of the large hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you require access to either the large or small hall, which will be via the side door during this period.

RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL

15TH – 18TH AUGUST - JUST £65

Up to 10 bursaries are available for young Catholics aged 12 - 18 from the Reading parishes to attend RISE Theatre's Summer School at St Cassian's in Kintbury. Normally £265 (incl. accommodation & meals) the bursaries will enable young people to attend for just £65. For an application form, please email *Michele* at admin@risetheatre.co.uk - to qualify, applicants will need to briefly outline why they would benefit from a bursary and obtain a supporting signature from their Parish Priest or Headteacher. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school about how the summer school is a great opportunity for young people with a passion for drama, music & art to explore their faith in a creative way.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 25th September & 2nd October 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: mephilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



Catholic Agency for
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CAFOD UPDATE MEETING - 4TH SEPTEMBER

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday, 4th September from 7.15 pm - 9 pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 0125 232 9385.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS LIGHT LUNCH

Senior citizens are invited to a Light lunch of soup, sandwiches and cakes after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 14th August. This will replace our usual afternoon tea. The event will finish at 3 pm. Provision will be made for those with food allergies, and anyone who requires transport, please contact *Jack* on 0773 449 9190 or one of the SVP members.

RECENTLY DIED

Rita Belletty, parishioner at St John Bosco parish. Rita was very well known for her work & commitment to CAFOD and Justice and Peace issues in the Reading area. Rita was instrumental in achieving the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award for her parish. Her Funeral Mass has been provisionally arranged for Friday, 16th August at St John Bosco - TBC. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

OPPORTUNITY

TGS Eurogroup, a Catholic Salesian association from Venice, Italy, has been organising Summer courses of English language in Great Britain for the last 50 years and is now exploring the possibility of opening a new centre in Reading. Are you interested in a part-time job to become TGS Local Organiser in charge of home stay accommodation in Reading? The candidate is expected to recruit host families to accommodate the students and to provide assistance to the group while they are in England. Anyone interested will be asked to send their CV to TGS office in Italy: they will be given a full job description and an interview may be arranged in early November. Are you interested in this project but not available as a local organiser? You'll be always welcome to join the project as a prospective TGS host family! *Please ask Fr. Michael Dennehy (via English Martyrs Parish Office on Telephone No: 01189572149 or Email: englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details or contact TGS Eurogroup directly by sending an email to info@tgseurogroup.it. Further information: www.tgseurogroup.it/en*

Advance notice - #DivineMercy Day of Prayer - Saturday, September 28th from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm in #WestminsterCathedral -- Healing the Wounded Body of Christ: Prayer & Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse in the Church. *Please see poster in church porch for further details.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training will take place at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT:

- Child Protection Training - Saturday, 28th September from 10 am - 12.30 pm (Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire)
- Vulnerable Adult Training - Saturday, 28th September from 1.30 pm - 4 pm (Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire)

Will those involved in Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Youth Groups and Vulnerable Adults please note that this training is compulsory for all, and you should register your name and choice of attendance dates with *Miriam Fernandes* - 0118 943 3524.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact *Patricia* on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.