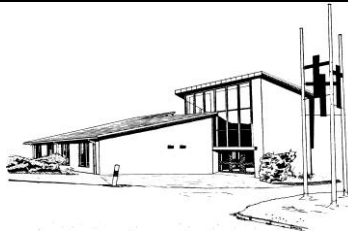


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – SUNDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

COMBONI MISSIONARIES APPEAL TODAY BY FR JOHN DOWNEY

In 2019, the Comboni Missionaries (AKA Verona Fathers) will be appealing throughout Portsmouth Diocese on behalf of their Missions in Africa, Central & South America and Asia. They are known also as the Verona Fathers and serve on five continents. Their moto is "THE WORLD IS OUR PARISH". They are made up of more than 3,500 priests, brothers and laity from diverse cultures. They dedicate their lives to taking the Gospel to the poorest and most abandoned wherever they are, no matter how dire their circumstances. *Please be generous in your contribution.*

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, 17th February	8.30 am	Tony Flint RIP
	10.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 18th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19th February	12 noon	All those with mental health issues
Wednesday, 20th February	12 noon	Pat Curran RIP
Thursday, 21st February <i>St Peter Damian, Religious, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30 am	John Thomas Cawley & David Thompson's Intentions
Friday, 22nd February <i>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</i>	7 pm	The English family's Intentions
Saturday, 23rd February <i>St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr</i>	10 am	Dennis Kearns RIP
Sunday, 24th February <i>Exposition after both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
	10.30 am	Annabelle Nolan RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm:		
"Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord."		

COLLECTION FOR 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£359.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£61.50
Loose Plate	£350.16
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£48.58
Hall Hire	£112.00
2019 Pocket Diaries	£2.00
Cathedral Fund	£10.00
TOTAL	£948.24
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£446.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,781.50
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Cathedral Fund	£403.98

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next Sunday, 24th February, with a collection being taken up the following Sunday, 3rd March.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

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 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.**

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.



JEANNE MARIE LOUISE DORMER RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Jeanne Marie Louise Dormer who died recently. Her funeral service and cremation will take place on Friday, 22nd February at 12.45 pm at Reading Crematorium - South Chapel. *All are welcome.*

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY

- Counters: John Macbeth & Rosalind Gilbert.
- Mass readers**:
8.30 am
1st Reading - J Horton.
2nd Reading - M Tomas.
10.30 am
1st Reading - C Balanza-Davis.
2nd Reading - M O'Brien.
- Eucharistic Ministers**:
8.30 am
Mike Tomas, Dana Cathrew & Carmen.
10.30 am
David Fernandes, Ian Balanza-Davis & Colin Parkes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward - A MacDonald. 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.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 20th February at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

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.**

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.*

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.*



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday, 18th February from 7.15 - 9 pm at Christ the King Church, Reading. Also, on Tuesday, 5th March from 7.15 - 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, 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.



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

**MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING
WITH MARRIAGE CARE**

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information, please call 0800 389 3801. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre. For further information, contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

TEA DANCE

The Hibernian Society is hosting a TEA DANCE in the English Martyrs parish hall from 2 - 4.30 pm on Sunday, 24th February.

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).

MAMMOTH QUIZ MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Reading Fund Raising Group - Friday, 22nd February at 7.15 pm here at St Joseph's. Tickets £7 each - maximum team 6 per table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For tickets ring 0780 921 4015.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY**

For Reading parishes on Saturday, 2nd March from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at St James' Church. Led by Fr John and Ann Hogg.

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

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ..." Are you considering a vocation? To explore further, contact Fr John Cooke: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

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.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Next week, the renowned Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel in Walsingham will be in St George's Cathedral in Southwark from Thursday evening (5 pm) February 21st to lunch time on Saturday, February 23rd.

PASTORAL NEWS

WANTED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER who will be responsible for the entire business function of the Diocese of Portsmouth, help to develop policies & procedures to cope with the fast-changing nature of the social & legislative environment in which the diocese operates. For further details, please contact Katy on 020 7426 3973.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Reading, is seeking to appoint a new Headteacher for September 2019. Full details and an application form are on the school website at www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staffvacancies/

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.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 28th March at 1.30 pm, a Mass for the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick will be held. 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.



**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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Come - Everything is ready! Praying for Slovenia. A service for everyone. Friday, 1st March at 7.30 pm at St Catherine's Church, Wittenham Avenue, and at 10.30 am at St Mark's Church, Cranbury Road, Reading.