

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4TH NOVEMBER 2018

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Every year, we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter today to see the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK:

1ST – 7TH NOVEMBER

Gifts in your will are a very valuable and lasting way that you can continue to support the Church's ministry, and help meet the needs of future generations. Please do consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your will. For more information, please pick up a leaflet from the church porch, contact *Your Catholic Legacy* on 020 7095 5370 or go to www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk.

BLESSING OF GRAVES – SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER - HENLEY ROAD CEMETERY – 3 pm

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 1st December, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 4th November	8.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard RIP & John Nevin RIP
Monday, 5th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 6th November	7 pm	Deceased members of the parish RIP
Wednesday, 7th November	12 noon	Gene Ignatowski RIP – Foundation Mass
Thursday, 8th November	9.30 am	Leonilda Figueira RIP
Friday, 9th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	7 pm	Mary Donovan RIP
Saturday, 10th November St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	10 am	Annie Kate Walshe RIP & Thomas Walshe RIP
Sunday, 11th November Remembrance Sunday	8.30 am	Deceased members of the Ibañez-Mate family & Gene Ignatowski RIP
	10.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 28TH OCTOBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£368.61
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£39.00
Loose Plate	£322.42
Candles	£48.04
World Mission Sunday	£28.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
Bamenda Sunday	£20.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
TOTAL	£876.07
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£30.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,940.72
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£787.40
Home Mission Sunday	£401.48
First Holy Communion Subs	£500.00
World Mission Sunday	£418.34

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER

- The counters will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be 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.*

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.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 7th November at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

"TOMMY" SILHOUETTE

In remembrance of WW1 100th Anniversary, Masses on Remembrance Sunday 11.11.18 will remember those members of HM Forces who lost their lives during the conflict. As a visual reminder a "Tommy" silhouette will be placed on the Sanctuary. Please remember them in your prayers.

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 Little*. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors 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, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, David Dye, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase and Maria. If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

ALTAR SERVERS' TREAT

Please keep Saturday, 17th November free for a proposed trip to the cinema followed by pizza afterwards. Meet here at 2 pm. *Mike Tomas.*

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive the petitions. ***Please do not place any offerings in the basket.*** Any such offerings should be referred to *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. The remaining designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Tuesday, 6 th	7 pm
Wednesday, 14 th	12 noon
Saturday, 17 th	10 am
Tuesday, 20 th	12 noon
Thursday, 22 nd	9.30 am
Wednesday, 28 th	12 noon

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

Information regarding our first Diocesan Natural Fertility Teacher Training in January 2019 is available at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/marriage. For further information, please see poster in church porch.

SVP PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Following the success of our Senior Citizens' Easter Party, we are pleased to announce that we will be having our very own Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. If you like the idea of spending a relaxing afternoon in the company of family and friends, sharing good food together, enjoying a spot of friendly competition and the chance to win a fantastic prize or two, then please join us on Saturday, 8th December from 1 - 4.30 pm in the large hall where we will be serving a hot Christmas roast lunch, with all the trimmings! There will also be plenty of entertainment to keep you all on your toes from carol singing, bingo and a few others which we are keeping up our sleeve! If you would like to join us, kindly put your name down on the sign-up sheet which you will find at the back of the church. For more information, please contact *Jack Ewins* on 07734 499190 or *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up. You can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter. **A printed copy of Portsmouth E-News is also available in the church porch.**

TALKS: 'What no eye has seen' Inspirations of the Christian spiritual masters (touching on questions around prayer) 12 sessions - with excerpts from writings at Douai Abbey 2.15 pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month. ALL WELCOME! Please contact Fr Peter Bowe OSB to book telephone no. 0118 971 5371 Email: peter@douaiabbey.org.uk

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be at the home of Dorothy McMahon on Tuesday, 6th November at 2 pm.



Please like and follow our Facebook page by searching **St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading.**

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Wednesday, 15th – 22nd May 2019. In the Footsteps of Jesus, visiting the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea & more. Cost: £1,360 per person. 50 places. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250 per person. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to *St James', Reading* on 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A trip of a lifetime - experience the land of the Old Testament and that of Jesus & His disciples. Applications to be in ASAP. Information evening on Friday, 16th November at 7.30 pm at St James'.

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

Thank you to everyone who has sent in articles for the journal. There's still room for more, so if you have something that you think your fellow parishioners would be interested in, please email it to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or drop it into the Parish Office. (It doesn't have to be religious). The deadline is 3rd December, and it should be a maximum of 250 words. *Thank you.*

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Double room for single occupancy, 1/4 mile from Tilehurst Village centre. £500 per calendar month inclusive of bills. Optional additional information: Off-road car parking, broadband, shared bathroom, kitchen, washing machine. Contact 07989 646367.

TURN TILEHURST RED

Many thanks to all those who have made poppies for the 'Turn Tilehurst' Red project. As a result of the the good response, we have already mounted one display and are working on another to incorporate all the additional poppies received this week.

'BREATH OF LIFE'

INTERFAITH WEEK RECEPTION

On Wednesday, 14th November at RISC Conference Hall, 35 - 39 London Street, RG1 4PS. From 7 - 9 pm. The aim of this gathering is to explore with the different faith communities ways of praying, reflecting and meditating. *All are welcome.*

OPEN MORNING

St Paul's Catholic School on Thursday, 22nd November, 9 am - 12 noon. Look around our Outstanding, Catholic School. Listen to speakers describing routes into teaching. Ask questions. Enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit! Anyone thinking of a career in teaching is welcome to attend - from those making a tentative initial enquiry to those who have already made their decision and are on the verge of making their application. Please call the school on 0118 942 2003 for further details and to confirm attendance, or email Mrs B Canning bcanning@stpauls.w-berks.sch.UK.



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Armistice Centenary - Come and share stories of your family's involvement in the First World War at our next meeting on Wednesday, 7th November. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 17th November from 1 - 4 pm at English Martyrs Church hall. Admission: 50p. Children: FREE. *Further details available in church porch.*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Philip's Class will be attending Mass on Thursday 8th November at 9.30 am.

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

On 2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley from 12 noon - 5.30 pm. For young people aged 14 - 21 years (Year 10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders and priests. Tickets £23 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Booking forms available in the church porch. Closing date extended for another two weeks. Please return forms and money to the Parish Office. Please see website www.cymfed.org.uk/flame. For details see www.cymfed.org.uk/flame or poster in church porch.

The Archbishop of Goa, Filipe Neri Ferrao will celebrate the Mass on Sunday, 18th November at 4.30 pm in St James' Church, for the Goan community in Reading. (Monthly Mass 3rd Sunday of the month). All members of the Goan community are asked to make a special effort to share in this Mass. The Archbishop will be in the UK for 14 days and will celebrate Masses in Swindon, Reading and London.