

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 1st December, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. All are welcome, especially those who have suffered a bereavement. Please encourage anyone who has suffered a recent loss to attend. We shall pray for all our dearly departed.

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st December from 5 – 7 pm. Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. *All are welcome!* **Fr Peter**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 18th November	8.30 am	John Keeton RIP
	10.30 am	John Lewis Hadland RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 19th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 20th November	12 noon	Deceased members of the parish RIP
Wednesday, 21st November <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon	Private Intention
Thursday, 22nd November <i>St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP
Friday, 23rd November <i>St Clement I, Pope, Martyr</i>	7 pm	Anne Scholes' Intentions
Saturday, 24th November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & companions, Martyrs</i>	10 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Sunday, 25th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Solemnity	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Monie Cunningham RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm: “Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you”.		

COLLECTIONS FOR 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£355.12
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£29.00
Loose Plate	£519.32
Candles	£43.10
Donation (Anon.)	£20.00
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
Bamenda Sunday	£15.00
TOTAL	£1,021.54
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,940.72
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£787.40
First Holy Communion Subs	£500.00
Bamenda Sunday	£1,035.08

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER

- The counters will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Claude Fearn. *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 21st November at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are 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 Little*. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors welcome.*

SERVICE OF GOODBYE

Special baby loss event on 25th November at 3.30 pm in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, London. *All welcome, but especially those who have lost a baby.*

SUE RYDER – DUCHESS OF KENT HOSPICE

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS NEEDED

Please see posters in church porch for further information.

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, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell 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*.

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, 20 th	12 noon
Thursday, 22 nd	9.30 am
Wednesday, 28 th	12 noon

PORTSMOUTH 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

POSADA (TRAVELLING CRIB)

Our Posada will be making its journey around the parish again this Advent. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please add your name to the rota in the porch, where you will also find more information about this tradition. *Please sign up by Sunday, 25th November.*

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. 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! 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.

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.*

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.



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

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

On Sunday, 9th December from 3 - 5 pm. Please join us in the large hall for an afternoon of Christmas music. Sing along with well-known seasonal tunes. Then refresh those vocal chords with hot drinks and mulled wine. And to top it all off, we'll have mince pies and a little quiz to keep you occupied at all times! Free entry. Organised by the Mission Group.

THANKSGIVING MASS **2 PM - 24TH NOVEMBER**

The Canonisation of St Oscar Romero. Main Celebrant: Bishop Philip Egan. Followed by an address by Stephen Davies (Vice-Chair and Moderator for the Romero Trust). Talk - 4 pm. St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR **- ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY**

25 to 30 hours per week (hours subject to negotiation but each weekday cover required). Application forms available from the Diocesan website and to be returned to: *St John Bosco Parish, 56 Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH. Closing date 12 noon on Monday, 19th November. Interviews will take place on 27th November. Further details available in the church porch.*



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Following the recent Diocesan Autumn Council of the UCM, on Wednesday, 21st November, we will have a business meeting and discuss the matters raised there. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, *and all ladies are welcome to join us.*



CAFOD World Gifts - The true spirit of Christmas Giving. Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at the back of the church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Barnabas' Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass next Thursday, 22nd November. *All are welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH **PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2019**

Depart: Friday, 20th September - London Heathrow to Split (Croatia). Return: Friday, 27th September - Split to London Heathrow. Estimated overall cost at current exchange £425 shared, £495 single (plus return coach fare from Reading to London). *If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass.*

The Archbishop of Goa, Filipe Neri Ferrao will celebrate the Mass **TODAY** 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.