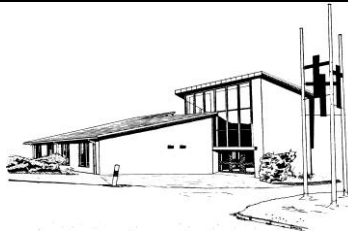


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **– 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN'S CANONICAL VISITATION TO OUR PARISH **ON SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER**

8 am – Bishop Arrives. 8.30 am – Bishop celebrates Mass, plus the Rite of Welcome. Following Mass, Bishop Philip will greet parishioners. Refreshments served in the large hall following *both* Masses. 10.30 am - Bishop Philip celebrates Mass – Greets parishioners afterwards. 12 noon – Bishop Philip meets with youth of parish. 12.15 pm – Bishop Philip meets with key members of parish. 1 pm – Lunch and meeting with Fr Peter. 4 pm – Adoration and Benediction (Bishop Philip will celebrate). 5 pm – Bishop Philip departs.



We welcome Bishop Philip amongst us, not as a guest but our shepherd. He, as a successor of the Apostles, is coming to support us in the faith, which is the faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church - Our Mother.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018/2019

The beginning of the First Holy Communion programme will start with a very important parents' meeting to be held at St Paul's School at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 13th September. We would advise that all parents wishing to enrol their children into the Parish First Holy Communion Programme **MUST ATTEND**. Enrolment forms will be available at this meeting.



Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 9 TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 16 TH SEPTEMBER		
Sunday, 9 th September	8.30am	Theresa Bricker's Intentions
	10.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
Monday, 10 th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 11 th September	12 noon	Ben Caspi RIP
Wednesday, 12 th September	12 noon	Joah Chacko RIP
Thursday, 13 th September <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	7 pm	Imelda Ward RIP
Saturday, 15 th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10 am	Ben Caspi RIP
Sunday, 16 th September	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams RIP
Adoration & Benediction	4 pm	Led by Bishop Philip
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm: "My soul, give praise to the Lord."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£261.59
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£54.50
Loose Plate	£334.74
Gift Aid (via bank)	£771.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
Candles	£41.69
TF 3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF7 (Youth Group)	£20.00
Hall Hire	£80.50
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,621.02
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£643.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

- The counters will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eileen Wooller. *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.*

PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS

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. St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading - Home | Facebook

HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION ON 16TH SEPTEMBER POSTPONED UNTIL 23RD SEPTEMBER

Each year in the Catholic Church, on the third Sunday of September, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales, and there is a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. **Due to Bishop Philip's visit to our parish on 16th September, this second collection will take place on 23rd.** *Please be as generous as you can.*

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.**

LIFE JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 15th September at 1 pm - English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

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.*



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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 12th September at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Second Sunday every month at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. *All are welcome.* Please join us **TODAY** at 2.30 pm.

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 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 - BISHOP'S VISIT - 16/9/18

There is a list in the Sacristy for those who are able to serve with the Bishop on Sunday, 16th September. Parents of younger servers are asked to counter-sign the list along with their son or daughter as it is very important we know who is actually going to attend on the 16th September. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, Servers find they are not able to attend after making the commitment, please contact me as soon as possible. There will be a short, 15-minute meeting after both Masses **TODAY**. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our next Senior Citizens afternoon tea will be on Tuesday, 11th September from 2 - 4 pm in the small hall. Would you please place your name on the list which is now available at the back of church, and also indicate *whether you will require transport.* Contact *Jack* on 0773 449 9190 if you have any questions.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group now has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go. We meet in the large hall on Thursday mornings. We're open between 9.15 am - 11.30 am during term time, starting on 6th September.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will now resume on Sunday, 23rd September. There is no session today due to Exposition after Mass, and no session on 16th because of the Bishop's visit. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 23rd September.

LUNCH FOR THE OVER SIXTIES

If you are 60 or over, and enjoy good company and good food and a game of bingo, not forgetting a little bit of Irish craic!! Come along and join us at the Reading Irish Centre. Please see poster in the porch for all other activities. Contact *Anne* 0788 899 7293 or landline 0118 942 6932.

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN - SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER AT 7 PM

Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood? We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the September 2018 collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be on Sunday, 7th October. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 26th September and 3rd October from 8 pm - 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 course only runs 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: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2019 Mass Intention diary is available to book Masses for next year. The diocesan suggested stipend is £10 per Mass. Please fill in the request envelope in the porch or call in to the Parish Office.

SATURDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2018 - NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday, 6th October in Westminster Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Please see the flyer at the church porch for more information about this event.