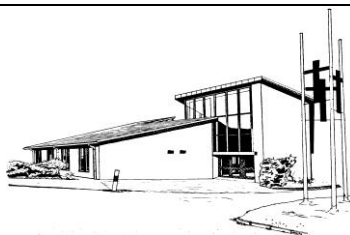


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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(Mobile)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Are you a Baptised/Christened Christian? Or maybe you are unbaptised. Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian Catholic faith? Fr Peter is hoping to start a series of meetings from October for anyone wishing to become a Catholic at Easter 2020. If you are interested, or maybe a member of your family is, please speak to him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2019/2020

The final opportunity to register for the First Holy Communion programme will be on Saturday, 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, 8th SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER		
Sunday, 8 th September <i>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Joseph & Mary Meredith RIP
	10.30 am	Yvette Alvares Colaco RIP
Monday, 9 th September	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 10 th September	12 noon	Peter Hogan RIP
Wednesday, 11 th September	12 noon	For a couple celebrating their 1 st Anniversary of marriage
Thursday, 12 th September <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30 am	Mary Cox RIP
Friday, 13 th September <i>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor</i>	7 pm	Sheila Ward RIP
Saturday, 14 th September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	10 am	Irene Steel RIP
Sunday, 15 th September <i>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Colleen Collins RIP
	10.30 am	Maria Lourdes Costa RIP
	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: "O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next."		

COLLECTION FOR 1st SEPTEMBER 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£380.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£80.21
Loose Plate	£505.82
Candle Money	£33.95
Day for Life	£2.05
Peter's Pence	0.56
TF3 CAFOD	£3.00
TF7 Youth Group	£20.00
Mass stole fees	£140.00
TOTAL	£1,166.09
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£160.50
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER

- **Counters:**
H & L McSoley
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – M Thomas
2nd Reading – P Jellason
10.30 am
1st Reading – G Heenan
2nd Reading – B Davis
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
E Wooller, M Ogbuagu & J Scarpa
10.30 am
S Collier, A Epps & I Balanza-Davis
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
C Fearn.

****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 after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Meetings will resume after the summer break on Wednesday, 11th September. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and all ladies are welcome to join us.



Please note that there is 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

The prayer group on Wednesday, 11th September at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume today at 10.30 Mass.

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.wberks.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!*

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.*

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 0118 961 5905.

DROP-IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the September 2019 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 is Sunday, 6th October. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection.
Margaret Bailie.

MEDUGORJE PRAYER INTENTIONS BASKET

Over the next few weeks, there will be a basket available for Medugorje prayer intentions. Please ***do not*** place money in the basket.

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.

LUCY MCSHARRY RIP

The funeral of Lucy McSharry will take place on 10th September at English Martyrs Church at 12.45 pm. All are welcome. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

On Friday, 13th & Saturday, 14th September at St James' Church. John and Lindsay Mullaney are planning a special concert by Chorate choir and two talks. Talk on Friday and talk & concert on Saturday, both at 2 pm, and free.

SVP YOUTH GROUP

We are very excited to announce the launch of a brand new project in the parish specifically aimed at all young people between the ages of 11 - 18 years. The SVP Youth Group will be a fresh, new and interactive experience where young people can become actively involved in projects such as fundraising, cooking, designing and helping at parish SVP Easter/Christmas parties. It will also act as a perfect transition for all Mini Vinnies moving on to secondary school as they can continue their work as Young Vincentians. If you would like to find out more, please come to our Open Morning on Sunday, 15th September and talk to a member of the team. We will be available after both Masses either outside (weather permitting) or inside the hall. Information packs and refreshments will be available.

SVP YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH

To celebrate the launch of the new and exciting SVP Youth Group, we would like to invite all young people between the ages of 11 - 18 years to join our first session on Sunday, 29th September for a fun Charity Car Wash and Welcome Pizza Party. We will meet in the hall at 12 noon, where you will be unleashed into the car park (be warned – you may get wet so please bring a spare set of clothes!). To refuel your energy levels, your choice of pizza and refreshments will be delivered for you all to enjoy! In the case of adverse weather, we will retreat in the hall for a whole host of fun and interactive games until 2 pm. Don't be shy – come and join us and bring your friends!

FR BON

Sadly, we have just received the news in the Parish Office from Fr Bon that his brother Omer, his cousin Linus, and two other relatives, namely Richard and his son Ambrose were shot dead by rebels in the civil unrest in Cameroon. We have assured Fr Bon of the continuing prayers from all of us here at St Joseph's, and bidding prayers are included in today's Masses for the repose of the souls of those who were killed. May they rest in peace.

ENGLISH MARTYRS

Free informal English lessons for adults. Is English not your first language?

- Come to free classes and improve your understanding, speaking, reading and writing of English.
- Meet other students and native English speakers.
- The classes are weekly, during school hours, at the English Martyrs Parish Centre in Liebenrood Road.
- All are welcome, regardless of religion, nationality, or level of English.

For more details, please email petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk