

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)      21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018**



## **“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.**

The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 27th January 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**

| <b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>                 |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>  | 8.30am         | Bridget Sweeney RIP  |
|   | 10.30 am       | Alan Jebson's Intentions                                     |
|   | 6.30 pm        | Syro Malabar   |
| <b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>  | <b>NO MASS</b> |  |
| <b>Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>   | 12 noon        | Bernard McCormack RIP  |
| <b>Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><i>St Francis de Sales,<br/>Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> | 12noon         | Marie Minien RIP   |
| <b>Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</i>                              | 9.30 am        | Olive Naughton RIP   |
| <b>Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><i>St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr<br/>&amp; St Titus, Bishop</i>    | 7 pm           | Doris Cordaroy RIP   |
| <b>Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | 10 am          | Tommy Hastings RIP   |
|   | 5 pm           | “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service                          |
| <b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | 8.30 am        | Terry Hadland RIP  |
|   | 10.30 am       | Martin & Kathleen Gaynard, John Nevin & Michael Heneghan RIP |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT   |                | Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass                      |
| ROSARY & CONFESSIONS  |                | Saturday: Following 10am Mass                                |
| <b>Responsorial Psalm: “Lord, make me know your ways”.</b>  |                |  |

## COLLECTIONS FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Gift Aid                       | £1,176.17        |
| Planned Giving                 | £147.15          |
| Loose Plate                    | £317.86          |
| TF3 CAFOD                      | £5.00            |
| TF4 (SPUC Special Collection)  | £518.32          |
| Candles                        | £35.62           |
| Crib Offering                  | £61.21           |
| Mass Stole Fees                | £50.00           |
| Hall Hire                      | £284.50          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>£2,595.83</b> |
| <b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>   |                  |
| TF3 (CAFOD)                    | £155.00          |
| TF9 ("On Fire!")               | £1,089.43        |
| Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)       | £30.00           |
| First Holy Communion Programme | £775.00          |
| Christmas Offering             | £2,937.04        |

### REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January will be Terry Clarke and Jenny Horton.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January will be Anne 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.\*\**

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*



There will be an ecumenical service to pray for Christian Unity at 6 pm at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Reading **TODAY**. *All are most welcome.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

There is now a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have, and 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, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin & Rita Boyce.

If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office. *Thank you.*



### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Due to families re-locating, unusually, St Paul's School has space in their current Year 2 Class. Please contact the school if you would like to register your interest - [office@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk).

### GOOD NEWS!

St Paul's School is once again in the Top Ten schools for the Reading/Wokingham/Bracknell and West Berkshire area. Well done to all teachers and staff for their continued dedication and hard work.

### THURSDAY MORNING MASS

The **whole** of St Paul's School will be attending Mass here next Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

### LUNCHTIME CONTROLLERS - REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

St Paul's School - 5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary Range B7-11 £7.57 - £8.04 per hour. Closing date: 12 noon on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Interviews: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January. *Further details are available in the church porch.*

### 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.*

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to *Sue Collier: sue1collier@gmail.com*. Sessions will start after Christmas.

### **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

#### **- LIVERPOOL: 7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

If you would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, application for tickets is now open by contacting *Fr John O'Shea, Co-ordinating Pastor at St James' Church on 0118 957 4171* email: *stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*. This three-day event is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholics in the UK in many years.

Fr John is particularly interested to talk to those aged 18 - 35 years who would like to attend. Bookings must be completed by the end of January. The parish will help with the costs. *Further details are available in the church porch.*

### **CAFOD FAST DAY BRIEFING**

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February from 7.15 - 9.15 pm at the English Martyrs Church. CAFOD Portsmouth invite you to join them to find out more about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe tackling malnutrition. To book your place call *01252 329385* or email *portsmouth@cafod.org.uk*.

### **ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH - VACANCY**

English Martyrs parish wishes to appoint an Office Business Manager to work in the Parish Office full-time for 35 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews will be held w/c Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. For informal enquiries please contact the *Parish Office on 0118 957 2149*. Further details are available in the church porch.

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the Reading University have organised "Theology of the body" based on the teaching of St John Paul II. Every Thursday in February, lunch time (1 - 2 pm), at the Chaplaincy on Campus. There are sessions on theology of the body from Catholic perspective suitable for people aged 18 - 25 years. Covered topics include: Created in the image of God, Freedom, The human person, Fall and Redemption, What is love? Chastity, Vocations.

### **THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY**

The Hibernian Society was established in 1994 to improve the quality of life of retired members of the community. Based at Reading Irish Centre, there is a tri-weekly Lunch Club providing hot meals on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. If you would like to join the Lunch Club, please contact *Anne Morris on 0788 899 7293* or *nansheen@btinternet.com*. Further details are available in the church porch.

### **4 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE KNOCK SHRINE**

16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - READING PARISHES. There are still a few places left for the Knock pilgrimage led by Canon Michael Dennehy. Cost: £379/pp based on half-board including entertainment in the evening. A guide will be with us for the duration of the Pilgrimage. Flights will be departing from Luton to Knock. Transport to Luton will be by coach from English Martyrs Church. Please contact the English Martyrs Parish Office by Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, if you are interested.

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

To welcome in the New Year, IGNITE Youth Group would like to invite all its members to a Bowling Party. When? Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January; members will enjoy a game of bowling, 'mocktails' and a meal in the diner afterwards leaving with a snazzy wristband to mark the occasion! At Hollywood Bowl, The Point, Skimped Hill, Bracknell, RG12 1EN. We will be meeting in the foyer at 4 pm for a 4.30 pm start. Members £2pp; siblings and friends most welcome - just remember to ask them to bring a little pocket money! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell on 07740 547922* or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

IGNITE Youth Group is always looking for new members to join their family. Therefore, if you have ever thought about joining a youth group but have always felt a little shy, let God hold your hand, invite a friend or two and join us! Our sessions are very relaxed and informal with opportunities to make new friends and have fun! Sessions are usually held in St Joseph's parish hall on the last Friday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We also run several offsite activities throughout the year too, such as bowling and swimming parties. IGNITE Youth Group is open to all young people of secondary school age. The annual membership fee is £22 or you can opt to pay £2 per session. If you would like to find out more, please contact *Patrizia Chessell on 07740 547922* or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com* or better still, come along to one of our sessions.

### **LAUDATO SI STUDY EVENINGS**

On Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February - (intro & chpts 1-3), Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - (chpts 4-6), at 7.30 pm at St James' Presbytery. Protection of the environment is our responsibility - God's beautiful creation. This and the future of the planet is of concern to all of us and. An open invitation to all of the parishes in Reading to join these sessions and be able to respond to the call of Pope Francis "to Care for our Common Home".

