

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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GAUDETE SUNDAY - REJOICE! - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) – 16TH DECEMBER 2018

**** LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND AN ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:
MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 7.30 PM AT ST JAMES' CHURCH ****

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Monday, 24th December at 5.45 pm - Carols before Christmas Family Mass at 6 pm.

Monday, 24th December at 11.30 pm - Carols before Midnight Mass.

Tuesday, 25th December - Christmas Day Mass at 9.30 am

Wednesday, 26th December - Feast of St Stephen - Mass at 12 noon
Medals to be presented to the Altar Servers during this Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson and Michael O'Connell. If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 23RD DECEMBER

Sunday, 16th December <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Jackie Cattigan RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 17th December	NO MASS	
	7 pm	St Paul's School Advent Service (in church)
Tuesday, 18th December	11 am:	Funeral: David Dye RIP
Wednesday, 19th December	10 am	Funeral: Tony Flint RIP
Thursday, 20th December	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Friday, 21st December	7 pm	Bridget McDonagh's Intentions
Saturday, 22nd December	10 am	Sister Mary O'Sullivan RIP
	12 noon	Marriage: Chanelle Kerrigan & Christopher Fenton
Sunday, 23rd December <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard & John Nevin RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm:		
"Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 9TH DECEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£981.50
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£23.00
Loose Plate	£333.63
TF3 (CAFOD)	£50.00
Candles	£35.74
Christmas Offering	£50.00
Repository	£15.00
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
TOTAL	£1,558.87
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£256.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,243.96
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Bamenda Sunday	£1,070.08

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 23RD DECEMBER

- The counters will be Terry Clarke & Jenny Horton.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Harry McSoley. 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, 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.

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.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH CLEAN

A special Christmas church clean will be held on Monday, 24th December at 10 am. *Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.*

Please note that there is only one Mass on Christmas Day morning at 9.30 am.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Wednesday, 15th - 22nd May 2019. Cost: £1360pp. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to St James', Reading on 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT - DON'T DELAY!



DAVID DYE RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to Kathy Dye, wife of David, who died recently, and to all their relatives and friends. David's Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, 18th December at 11 am followed by cremation at West Berkshire Crematorium. *All are welcome.*



TONY FLINT RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to Jill Flint, wife of Tony, who died recently, and to all their relatives and friends. Tony's Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 19th December at 10 am followed by cremation at Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will **not** meet on 19th or 26th December, but will meet again on 2nd January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

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.*

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.***

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 rate £425 shared, £495 single. This cost includes the return flights (£180 approx). *If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass and collect a registration form.*

REPOSITORY

Advent calendars, Christmas cards, candles and gifts now on sale. Little red robins and snow make pretty pictures; however, Christmas is about the birth of the Saviour of the world; please consider the nature of the card which you send this year.

WELCOME

We welcome Isabelle Star Maskell and Aria Faie Maskell who are to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

EXAM INVIGILATORS

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

Casual Contract. £9.68 per hour. We are seeking to recruit Invigilators to join our existing team. You will be required at key times throughout the year to supervise pupils undertaking examinations, in accordance with the Examination Board regulations. A job description and application form can be downloaded from our website - <http://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/vacancies>. Closing Date - 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th December 2018. Further details available in church porch.

On Saturday, 5th January 2019, Fr Leon Pereira, Chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje is visiting Our Lady of Peace parish to give a talk entitled "Experience Medjugorje and Our Lady's Messages". We will start with adoration at 11 am, Holy Mass at midday, followed by lunch (please bring packed lunch), talk and Benediction. *Everyone is welcome.*

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, we will be donating crib offerings to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form the major part of his annual income. *Please be as generous as you can.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 16th & 23rd January 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 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The UCM Christmas Social will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, 19th December at 29 Wardle Avenue. *All members are welcome.*

PARKING AT THE 6 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Would you kindly consider walking to Mass or parking your car considerably further away from Berkshire Drive in order to avoid traffic congestion. Park Lane Orthodontics practice at 65 Park Lane has kindly offered their six car parking spaces as an overflow for our use.

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

APF

It is time to empty the mission boxes once again. Could I have your contributions by 30th December at the latest please? Any money received after this date will not be included in the 2018 accounts. There are still a few APF calendars at the back of the church. Please take one even if you are not a box holder. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

THANK YOU

The Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch was a great success and hopefully will be repeated next year. The parish wishes to thank the organisers and all those who worked so hard to ensure that the event was a happy one. Many thanks to you all!

SVP REMINDER

The next Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday, 31st January 2019. This will be held in the small hall from 2 - 4 pm. All are welcome. Please contact an SVP member or Jack Ewins if you would like to attend and if you require transport. Many thanks. *Jack Ewins President, SVP St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Level 2/3 Temporary Teaching Assistant. Required as soon as possible. 27.5 hours per week (term time only for 6 to 8 weeks). Grade/Salary Range C/D depending on experience. With a possibility of lunch time cover. *Please see notice board for further details.*

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2019

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi are planning a pilgrimage to Poland in 2019 (June 5th - 11th); the group, under the leadership of Father Stan, will be visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa (the Shrine of the Black Madonna), the Salt mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice (the home town of St John Paul II), and other places of interest. For more information, please contact *Nancy Johnson* (0118 9262315/ 07745 434888/e-mail nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com)

Margaret & Tony Chaplin would like to wish their many friends and fellow parishioners at St Joseph's a happy and peaceful Christmas. *Donations will be sent to CAFOD in lieu of cards.*