

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

19TH MARCH 2017

My dear friends,

Next Monday, 20th March, we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Joseph, with Mass at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

Temporarily, until the CCTV camera is installed within our church, it will be remained locked outside of service times. The reason for this decision is because we now have a very expensive sound system and equipment installed and we do not wish to have it damaged or stolen. *Thank you for your understanding.*

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD - SATURDAY, 25TH MARCH

For the first time in our parish of St Joseph, we are participating in the day devoted to Our Lord. Beginning with Mass at 10 am followed by confession, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 6 pm. There is a Watching List available for you to sign up to at the back of the church.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 19TH MARCH - 26TH MARCH		
Sunday, 19th March	8.30 am	Bridget Murphy RIP
	10.30 am	Lonergan family RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 20th March ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	7 pm	Intentions of the People of Bamenda & Buea
Tuesday, 21st March	11.30 am 12 noon	Stations of the Cross Catherine Gallagher RIP
Wednesday, 22nd March	12 noon	Gary Johnson RIP
Thursday, 23rd March	9.30 am	Anthony Callanan RIP
Friday, 24th March	7 pm 7.30 pm	Norman Bricker's Intentions Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity	10 am	People of the Parish Confession 24 Hours for the Lord: Adoration until 6 pm
Sunday, 26th March	8.30 am	Bridget Murphy RIP
	10.30 am	Daphne Brown RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts'."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 12TH MARCH 2017

Gift Aid:	£1,048.28
Planned Giving:	£127.10
Loose Plate	£289.51
Candles	£33.72
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£814.89
Mass Stole fees	£15.00
Hall Hire	£135.00
TOTAL	£2,463.50
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£30.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£20.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£902.89
Catholic Education Service	£319.48

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a second collection next Sunday, 26th March in support of the Clergy Assistance Fund.

TEA & COFFEE

Tea & coffee is served every Sunday after 10.30 am Mass in the large hall. *All are welcome.*

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 26th March will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 26th March will be Harry McSoley.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 22nd March at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

The remaining Lent Discussion Groups will be held at St Catherine's Church from 7 – 8 pm on the following Sundays: **March 19th & 26th.** *All are welcome.*

CLASS TEACHER – ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Full-time from 1st September 2017. NQTs are welcome to apply. Closing date; Tuesday 21st March midday. Interviews: Monday, 27th March. *Further details available in the church porch.*



**REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS
– CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND!**

HANDMADE GREETINGS CARDS

Jenny Gouk has organised the sale of handmade greetings cards after both Masses **TODAY** in the small hall – proceeds towards the CAFOD Lenten Appeal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Patricia Kusta, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names** will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email *brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*.

"LECTIO DIVINA" - THE LIVING WORD

Are you interested in praying with Scripture? If so, Ian and Carmen would like to hear from you. Please talk to us after Sunday 10.30 am Mass or phone 0783 771 1876 (Ian). Please call us if you would like any further details or information. We're relatively new to the parish, but I'm sure you've seen us with our children, 11 year old Cristina and 8 year old Matthew, little boy with Down syndrome. Kind regards, *Ian and Carmen Balanza-Davis.*

FREE WOOD CHIP

Makes great garden mulch. Help yourself from pile in far corner of car park. *Bring your own bags.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross are held on Tuesdays BEFORE Mass at 11.30 am and on Fridays AFTER the 7 pm Mass. Fr Peter will lead the Friday Stations. The Stations on Tuesdays are to be laity led. If you would like to lead them, either as an individual or as a pair, then please let me know. There are no set prayers to accompany each Station, so the format adopted will be the choice of the leader on the day. If you have never led the Stations and would like some guidance then please let me know. *Mike Tomas.*

BREAKING BARRIERS, HEALING EVENING

On Friday, 7th April from 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St James. Lively Praise and Worship. Prayer for: sickness, financial & relationship problems, fear ...
All are welcome!

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' is the theme for our next session on FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH from 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm in the parish hall. Why not join us for an evening of bush tucker trials – we promise the trials will be fun, but that's not to say there may be one or two hidden surprises How many stars will you find? Will you succeed in the Dingo Dollar Challenge? Come along and test your skills. Be brave! New members welcomed. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell, Youth Group Co-ordinator* on 0774 054 7922 or email *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*

CHURCHES IN READING WOMENS CENTRE

We are looking for volunteers to lead activities, talk with the women who come and support cooking and friendship. We would also like contact with women who might benefit from the centre and its activities. If you would like to join our Trustee body, we would also be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at *enquiries@cirwc.org.uk*. *Further details are available in the church porch.*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Jude's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass here at St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 23rd March. *All are welcome.*

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Copies of the new church cleaning rota beginning 22nd April up until 29th December 2017 are available in the church porch. If you are on the rota, please collect your highlighted copy. *Thank you – Mary Philip.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

At our next meeting, we will celebrate a member's birthday. with a fish and chip night. If you have not done so, please let Maureen Hanson know if you would like to be included. The meeting will be held in the small hall on Wednesday, 22nd March at 7.30 pm.



DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES?

The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We are also planning events and creating a list of people who would like to be kept informed. For Working Group members, we are looking for people who are passionate about helping refugees and have specific skills to offer, from various specialists to administration and organisation skills. If you would like to help or find out more, please contact *Fr Peter Hollins* on 0173 026 2290, email: *pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*, see our webpage at *www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg/* or take home one of the leaflets on display at the back of the church and learn how you can help Syrian refugees coming to this country.

EAST AFRICA – HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

Most of our parishioners will have seen on television the humanitarian crisis that has arisen in North East Africa. CAFOD, as a member of the national Disasters Emergency Committee, is making a special appeal to the Catholic community throughout England & Wales. Arrangements are in hand for this parish to hold a special collection on Sunday, 2nd April. Envelopes will be available shortly. *Please be as generous as you can.*

LOCAL PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT 2017

Monday, 3 rd April	St John Bosco, Woodley	7.30 pm
Tuesday, 4 th April	St Joseph's	7.30 pm
Wednesday, 5 th April	Christ the King, Whitley	7.30 pm
Friday, 7 th April	Our Lady of Peace, Earley	7.30 pm
Saturday, 8 th April	English Martyrs	11 am
Sunday, 9 th April	Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	3 pm
Monday, 10 th April	St James	7.30 pm

APF

The spring magazine is available for collection at the back of the church. You may take one even if you are not a box-holder. If it is more than six months since your box was opened then please contact me. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary – 0770 803 2743.*

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!!!**