

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 27TH JUNE 2021

Today, is the Thirteenth Sunday of the Year and the Gospel is Mark 5:21-43. This Sunday's Gospel presents us with two miracles of Jesus: his healing of the woman with haemorrhage, and his raising up the daughter of Jairus. We see a great contrast between the hidden and discreet faith of the woman who simply touches his garment in the hope that he will heal her, and the faithlessness of Jairus' household who tell him not to bother asking Jesus to raise her from the dead. Can Jesus do both? Can Jesus do everything? If so, why does it often feel like he is doing nothing? Perhaps he simply wants us to grow in faith in his multitasking abilities You can find the Sunday readings [here](#) and read Scott Hahn's reflection [here](#). You can register to watch our Diocesan Wednesday Webinar [here](#), or join via [Facebook live](#). If you can't join on Wednesday, you can subscribe to the podcast [here](#).



Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!

A big **THANK YOU** to the children, to their parents and the team of catechists who prepared the children, and to all involved in preparing the Church and the Liturgy for our beautiful celebration this weekend:

Harley Allaway
Arya Balakrishnan
Lucia Campbell Navarro
Skye Devereux
Julian Dorywalski
Lennon Gaughan
Nikhil Itraj
Shay Jackson
Kacper Jaskolski
Amara John
George Joslin
George Lane
Ella Rose Lundberg
Mia Maslewska
Zuzanna Nicewicz
Erin O'Mahony
Jude Reilly Fletcher
Alicia Sullivan Romero
Cara Sciaraffa
Joel Tombs

Georgia Aram
Patrick Brennan
Zara Ameyw Davies
Jessica Donnelly
Sienna Double
Isabella Holmes
Matylda Iwancz
Klaudia Jaskolska
Amelia Job
Charlotte Joslin
Charlie Kiernan
Molly Lavelle
Tilly Martin
Evie Morris
Florence O'Connor
David Ortiz
Olivia Roberts
Scarlett Sakander
Lukas Taranczewski-Jones
Angel Viju

We pray that the Lord will keep them faithful to Him in the years ahead and that the children will receive Him frequently in the Blessed Sacrament. Please continue to pray for them and their families. **Thank you!**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 27TH JUNE – SUNDAY, 4TH JULY 2021

Sunday, 27 th June THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Bea Donovan RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Aaron Elliott RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Maureen Murphy RIP
Monday, 28 th June St Irenaeus , Bishop, Martyr	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 29 th June Ss PETER & PAUL , Apostles	7 pm + Live-streamed	Hugh McGovern RIP
Wednesday, 30 th June	12 noon + Live-streamed	Gerald Glancy RIP
Thursday, 1 st July	Private	Joseph Morton RIP
Friday, 2 nd July	Private	The Ryan family's intentions
Saturday, 3 rd July ST THOMAS , Apostle	Private	
Sunday, 4 th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Joan O'Brien RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

IMPORTANT DATES

*	Tuesday, 29 th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul: Mass at 10.30 am at St Paul's School; 7 pm Mass here at St Joseph's.
*	Sunday, 11 th July	Annual Sea Sunday Mass – Apostleship of the Sea

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen and Mike Tomas. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next, usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on Saturday, 3rd July from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month. We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). You can also donate directly to our bank account; Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. *Many thanks for your generosity.* Key contact: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.

ROSARY

Every Saturday at 10 am, please join us online to recite the Rosary.
Further details are available on our web site.

COLLECTION FOR 19TH/20TH JUNE 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£202.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£169.00
Day for Life	£30.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
TOTAL	£421.00
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Clergy Assistance Fund	£328.12
Clergy Training Fund	£287.06
Easter offerings	£1,933.51
Holy Places	£213.75
World Communications	£192.50
Day for Life	£241.25



OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

PETER'S PENCE

Special collection for Peter's Pence TODAY: This collection goes directly to the Vatican to fund the work and upkeep – a tangible token of our support for the Pope as successor to St Peter. The practice began under the Saxons in England and spread through Europe. *Please give generously.*

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*

SAFE SPACES

Safe Spaces is a free, national support service independently run by Victim Support. It provides a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England or the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Telephone No. *0300 303 1056.* Web site: www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group 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. Until 16th July, we will meet in the large hall on **Friday** mornings. We're open between 8.45 am - 11.30 am, during term time.

JUNE - THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

THE MONTH OF JUNE is especially devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For the rest of the month, you may wish to say a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose beautiful statue is in our church garden grotto:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, inflame my heart with the same burning love which enkindles Your own; pour into my heart the manifold graces of your heart. Grant that Your will be mine and that mine be in conformity with Yours for all eternity. Amen. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

On the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Bishop Philip inaugurated a Year of the Eucharist for our Diocese. It will run until Christmas 2022, supported by our current focus on St Joseph, to bring about, by the grace of God, a deep spiritual renewal and to help us realise our diocesan ambition of Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. To mark the start of the Year, the Academy of the Annunciation invites all to sign up for a free series of 5 online interactive courses every Tuesday evening from 19.00 – 21.00, starting on 15th June until 13th July. The sessions are:

- Christ the Unique Mediator and Cornerstone of Our Faith (15th June)
- Encountering Christ in the Holy Eucharist

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size. *Alan Goncalves.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

Telephone and email contact only - There is no face-to-face contact possible, due to the pandemic. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to offer a Mass, or for newsletter items.

FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from your germs, even if you do not feel ill. If you become unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

MASSES

Weekend Masses are *strictly by invitation only*. Please reply as soon as possible to Mass invitations. Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

SPUC

SPUC is holding a Mass lobby of MPs on Friday, 16th July or Saturday, 17th July 2021. We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to vote against assisted suicide. SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

ADORE ONLINE SPIRITUAL MINIRETREAT

Saturday, 26th June from 10 am - 1 pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: Grow your Christian life in the Spirit. Speaker: Carol Ann Harnett, Catechist trainer. Please register in advance at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlf-mhpjgiGtMJQo2VU7hm7OnkZIsKF2GY>



The London Jesuit Centre in central London is looking to appoint:

- Housekeeper (permanent, 35 hours/week, £525/week; responsible for leading a team of cleaners/housekeeping staff)
- Receptionist (permanent, 6 hours/day, 2 – 8 pm, £390/week).

Further information: <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/jobs>

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION! PART-TIME SUPERVISOR SONNING COMMON

The Sonning Common shop is busy and vibrant and serves the local community with great quality pre-loved items at really good prices. Would you like to join the team sorting stock, pricing it – merchandising and helping with the window displays? For an informal chat about this role, or to request an application form (CVs not accepted), please phone *Megan* on 0118 951 2336 or via email to hr@ccam.org.uk. Or go to www.ccam.org.uk for more details. The closing date for applications is 5th July 2021. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 19th July 2021.

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

SS PETER AND PAUL – 29TH JUNE

1. Since very early times, the Church has joined Saints Peter and Paul in one Solemnity. They were both martyred in Rome in the year 64. Records do not show if one or both were martyred on 29th June. However, after 2000 years, they are still our fathers in faith.
2. As Saint Paul had Roman citizenship, he was given the more "merciful" death of being beheaded. St Peter was crucified and, at his request, upside down. He felt unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ.
3. Before becoming followers of Christ, Peter, we know, was a fisherman; Paul was a tentmaker.
4. Paul was highly educated and an extensive writer having given us thirteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. The two letters attributed to Peter were either dictated by him or written on his behalf. He ends his first Letter by saying: "I write these few words to you through Silvanus, who is a brother I know I can trust" (1Pet 5:12).
5. Despite being an uneducated fisherman, it was Peter who landed the top job; Paul was never Pope.
6. Rome has four basilicas: St Peter's is the most famous, but there is also one dedicated to St Paul. Known as St Paul's Outside the Walls, it houses portraits of every pope since St Peter.
7. SS Peter and Paul is a Holy Day of Obligation in England, Wales and Scotland, but not Ireland, America or surprisingly, Italy.
8. SS Peter and Paul is a Roman celebration only, both a religious Solemnity and a secular festival. At Mass on this day, various Archbishops are presented by the Pope with a pallium [a narrow circular band made of wool which has lappets front and back]. This is placed on the shoulders to symbolise the special relationship with the Pope and communion with the Church of Rome.

SS Peter and Paul - pray for us.

Mike Tomas.