

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 24<sup>TH</sup>/25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### **Gospel Matthew 22:34-40**

In today's Gospel Jesus says the greatest commandment is a twofold commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbour. He reminds his listeners that they themselves were once strangers in a foreign land and they must show justice and compassion to vulnerable people: those who are poor, strangers, disadvantaged. Generous love of neighbour is an indispensable means of loving God. Jesus expands the meaning of neighbour: the commandment to love includes those in our family and our community, along with elderly people, orphans, outsiders, impoverished people around the world, and even our enemies. In other words: everyone. The authenticity of our faith, our love of God and our relationship with Christ is measured by the way we treat others.

The readings challenge us to seek repentance and forgiveness for our negative attitudes towards others. The second reading suggests that we should abandon our idols – perhaps love of money, consumerism, celebrities – and make a conscious choice to love our neighbours. So many saints have expressed their love for God by seeking out the most wretched, the poorest, weakest members of society, loving them and raising them up, to reveal their intrinsic dignity as persons worthy of love.

How do we apply the law of love in our lives? What does it mean to love God and our neighbour in the world today? Can we broaden our concept of neighbour to include the wider world, particularly where basic needs are great? The love Jesus is talking about is more than warm feelings towards others. Charity is vital in our world, but it goes alongside speaking out, and acting on behalf of others. It means living simply, sharing our wealth, protecting our environment and investing our money ethically, so as not to exploit others.

Churches are a valuable resource to vulnerable people such as those who are homeless, migrants or refugees. Some churches provide facilities for an overnight stay in winter months. Some have arrangements with local authorities or businesses to provide food, and tea or coffee vouchers at local vendors. Some churches are in ecumenical networks running soup kitchens, health support, and asylum seeker support services. Participants often say how they have learnt from the engagement, and their understanding of "neighbour" has expanded. We are stewards of one another, and we are called to seek to love and pray for friend and enemy alike. A mission for waging peace over waging war at international level is also vital, especially as poor communities are often the first to be killed and maimed, or displaced from their homes in war. In God's kingdom, even enemies are treated as friends.

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b>	Karine & Stefen Griffiths' intentions <i>(20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)</i>
	<b>8.30 am</b>	Mick Joyce RIP
	<b>11 am</b>	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>10.30 am</b>	Funeral: Breda Williams RIP
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>12 noon</b>	Fr Peter, St Joseph's parishioners & St Paul's School - <i>in Thanksgiving from Carmen</i>
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Ss SIMON &amp; JUDE, Apostles</b>	<b>11 am</b>	Tessie Joyce RIP
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October		Mick Joyce RIP
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October		Dominic Clark's intentions <i>(Foundation Mass)</i>
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>10 am</b>	Roy & Christine Fisher RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>ALL SAINTS, solemnity</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b>	Gerald MacMahon & Julie Glancy's intentions
	<b>8.30 am</b>	Ada & James Mills RIP
	<b>11 am</b>	Patricia MacMahon RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Maureen Hanson, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst and Kevin Keep.

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November - Masses will be celebrated at 5 pm Vigil, 8.30 am & 11 am.

**SATURDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

Purley Burial Ground, followed by St Mary's	1 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1.30 pm
St Michael's Graveyard	3 pm

**ALL SOULS DAY**

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November - We commemorate all the faithful departed. Fr Peter will celebrate Mass in private. Blessing of the graves will take place, as follows:

**MASS FOR DECEASED  
& RECENTLY BEREAVED**

On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved.

**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.



**BREDA WILLIAMS RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Breda Williams who died recently. Breda's Funeral Mass will take place here at St Joseph's on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am, *by invitation only*, followed by 12.15 pm at Henley Road Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of Breda's soul. *May she rest in peace.*



**DICK O'BRIEN RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Dick O'Brien who died recently. Dick's Funeral Mass will take place at the English Martyrs Church on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am, followed by burial at St Michael's Graveyard. Please pray for the repose of Dick's soul. *May he rest in peace.*

**LIVE STREAMING**

Live streamed Masses are scheduled at these times: Tuesday 12 noon, Wednesday 11 am, Saturday 5 pm (Vigil), Sunday 8.30 am & 11 am. The YouTube link for live Mass from St Joseph's Tilehurst is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE  
- OPENING HOURS**

The office is open for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact, *until further notice*. Office hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am -12.30 pm. 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 say a Mass, or if you would like anything to be included in the newsletter.

### FEELING UNWELL?

If you feel unwell, please do not attend Mass. If possible, please let us know so that we can inform the stewards that you are unable to attend. If you become unwell with any COVID19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

### COFFEE AND CHAT

On Sundays at 12 noon - Grab a coffee and have a catch-up with friends from St Joseph's. <https://pepsico.zoom.us/j/65563666322?pwd=ZlpNYlBxbTZSUlJZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION

There is still no Sunday obligation: If you are extremely vulnerable, then please pray the Mass with us from home. Archbishop Vincent Nichols made this request: "Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people". Many thanks to those who register for Wednesdays, so that the weekend Masses are available for those with work or commitments during the week.

### BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2021

Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School so that your application can be ranked correctly. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator via [admissions@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admissions@hughfaringdon.org) or 0118 957 4730.

### VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer your help in any way, please contact the Parish Office. We welcome offers to read and/or steward at Mass. We would appreciate more offers of help for cleaning. Perhaps there is a couple, or family, who could offer to clean once/week between Masses? With the addition of new Mass times, some of our volunteers are now helping twice a week because we don't have enough volunteers. *Please help!*

### ADDITIONAL SATURDAY MORNING MASS

From 31<sup>st</sup> October, we are introducing an additional Mass on Saturday at 10 am.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

To make any donation to St Joseph's, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly: <http://st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

### CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

On Monday, 26th October at 7.30 pm - Dr Robert Beckford - "Decolonising Gospel Music" - This event is on Zoom. Use the shortcut [u.nu/cafetheo](https://u.nu/cafetheo). All welcome. No booking required. Robert Beckford PhD is professor of Black Theology at Queen's. He is a scholar-activist researching the intersections of faith and racial justice in and through diverse media texts.

### TRACK AND TRACE: QR CODE

The government has launched a Track and Trace App. A QR Code poster is displayed in the church porch. If you have a smartphone, please download the NHS COVID-19 app from the App Store or Google Play Store. When you arrive at church, open the App, select 'Venue Check In', and scan the QR Code to register your details with the Track and Trace programme. Do this anywhere which displays a QR Code poster. If you have COVID19 symptoms, immediately fill them in on the App so that an alert is sent to those you have been in contact with.

### CONFESSION

Confession is available after every Mass. Please tell the steward when you arrive for Mass that you would like to go to confession afterwards. Confession will take place on the bench in the prayer garden, *weather-permitting*.

### FOGGER/SPRAYING MACHINE

We have purchased a new 'fogger' spraying machine to allow us to clean quickly between services. We are grateful to any Mass attendees who would like to donate towards the cost of this machine - perhaps just an extra £1 in the bucket as you leave Mass.

### ST PAUL'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child, or you know of a child who will be starting school in September 2021, then they should be filling out their Council Application form and a new 2021 Supplementary Information Form for St Paul's. These forms need to be returned to the Council and School by 15th January 2021. We are unable to offer any school tours, at this time. A short video tour of our reception classes can be found on our website and the school office is happy to answer any other questions [www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

## COLLECTION FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£579.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£40.00
Loose Plate	£211.56
Gift Aid (via bank)	£650.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	35.00
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£40.00
Home Mission Sunday	£20.00
World Mission Sunday	£85.00
(TF10) CAFOD Covid Appeal	£10.00
Donation for cleaning machine	£2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,672.56</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
(TF10) CAFOD Covid Appeal	£107.50
Home Mission Sunday	£144.75
World Mission Sunday	£108.50
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£873.83
Easter Offerings	£463.05
Lenten Alms	£786.95

### BAMENDA SUNDAY

Forty-five years ago, the diocese of Bamenda and Portsmouth were twinned. Sadly, over the last few years there has been a steady deterioration in the socio/political situation between the English-speaking region of Cameroon (within which Bamenda sits), and the French speaking government. This has led to an escalating cycle of violence, resulting in deaths, villages being destroyed, and schools being closed. Many lives have been lost in the region. Please pray for peace and the repose of the souls of parishioners in Bamenda who have been killed in the conflict. In this crisis, the Bishops in Bamenda have been forthright in condemning the violence and killings.

Please pray, and be generous in your donations: £5 per month would meet the annual primary school fees for an orphaned or vulnerable child. A collection box is available on the table as you leave church. For more information, please go to <http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com>.

#### BACK 2 BASICS

##### - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

The FFM team have created an online group input that will help all adults wanting to know more about their faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We will be looking at this sacrament using artwork, group activities and discussion, and offer an introduction to Catholic morality, looking at topics such as the dignity of the human person, grace, sin, freedom, conscience, human happiness, and the call to holiness. This online course is open to everyone. The Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented **this November, every Monday from 7 pm - 9 pm**. We will finish each session with a time of prayer, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. To Register for this course: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArCuusrDkuH91xa0hE8B\\_Kzyj2Q3yGpk7V](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArCuusrDkuH91xa0hE8B_Kzyj2Q3yGpk7V)

## NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a box available to receive the petitions. **Please do not place any offerings in the box.** Any such offerings should be posted through the letterbox of the *Parish Office*.

The following seven designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

1	Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	12 noon
2	Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	8.30 am
3	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November	11 am
4	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Private Mass
5	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Private Mass
6	Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	8.30 am
7	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	12 noon

### SS SIMON AND JUDE – 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Simon and Jude are Apostles who are briefly mentioned in the Gospel, and nothing is known of either of them with any certainty, not even where they evangelized, or where they met their death. They were probably martyred on the same day; hence the reason for sharing the same feast day.

Simon is referred to as the "Zealot" probably because of his zeal for Jewish law which he practised before being called by Jesus.

Judas Iscariot was not the only Judas amongst the twelve apostles. The other one, we now know as St Jude, in order that we do not confuse him with his contemporary.

A tradition gathered over the centuries of petitioning St Jude only when other saints had failed to intercede. He became the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, probably because of people's reluctance to seek the intercession of one who had the misfortune to have the same name as Christ's betrayer. Poor St Jude was the last resort!

Many centuries after their deaths, their bodies were placed in a crypt in St Peter's Basilica, under the main altar of St Joseph. Saints Simon and Jude pray for us.

*Mike Tomas.*