

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## **TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

Sunday, 20th June is the Twelfth Sunday of the Year and the Gospel is Mark 4:35-41. In the Gospel, we hear how Jesus' calming of the storm shows us His sovereign power over the natural world. But it also teaches us about the necessity of faith, if we are to stay steadfast in a world of confusion and danger. Jesus would never let the storm overwhelm his beloved disciples. Do we have the faith to trust that Jesus will never let the storms of our lives overwhelm us? 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](#).

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June <b>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Patricia MacMahon RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Jesus Montoya Durand RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen & Ged Murphy RIP
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June <b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b> , Religious	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June <b>Ss JOHN FISHER</b> , Bishop & <b>THOMAS MORE</b> , Martyrs	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Ted Cotter RIP
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen Murphy RIP
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June <b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>Private</b>	Brian & Desmond MacMahon's intentions
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Private</b>	Patricia MacMahon RIP
	<b>11 am</b>	Funeral: Rose Quinn RIP
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>10.30 am</b>	First Holy Communion Mass
	<b>1 pm</b>	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June <b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Bea Donovan RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Aaron Elliott RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Maureen Murphy RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

*	Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30 am & 1 pm
*	Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Sea Sunday Mass – Apostleship of the Sea



### ROSE QUINN RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Rose Quinn, who died recently. Rose's Funeral service will be celebrated on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am, followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. Due to Covid restrictions, the service will be by invitation only. *Please pray for the repose of Rose's soul.*



### MARIA IBAÑEZ ORTIN RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Maria Ibañez Ortin, who died on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Maria's Funeral service was celebrated in Spain on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. (She would have been known to most parishioners as Matthew Balanza-Davis' grandmother). *Please pray for the repose of Maria's soul.*

### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£148.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£2,298.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£212.82
Loose Plate	£140.60
Day for Life	£189.00
World Communications	£2.00
TF0 Charity box (SPUC Appeal)	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,010.42</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
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	£203.75

### PETER'S PENCE

Special collection for Peter's Pence next weekend: 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.

### 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>

### 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/](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will meet in the large hall on **Friday** mornings. We're open between 8.45 am - 11.30 am, during term time.

### **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.

### **JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART**

During this month, we contemplate the boundless compassion of the pierced heart of Our Saviour. We desire to place our hearts next to Christ's own Sacred Heart and so learn something of His compassion for the world and for all creation.  
*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 15<sup>th</sup> June until 13<sup>th</sup> July. The sessions are:

- Christ the Unique Mediator and Cornerstone of Our Faith (15<sup>th</sup> 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*.

### **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](mailto: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, 16<sup>th</sup> July or Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021)

### **SAINT OF THE WEEK:**

#### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Apart from the births of Jesus and Our Blessed Lady, the only birthday celebrated in the Church's calendar is the Solemnity (1st Class feast) of St John the Baptist.

He was the son of Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah and was the last and greatest of all the prophets; an underrated saint who, as the forerunner of the Saviour, prepared for the Coming of Christ. Elizabeth was well advanced in years and childless. When an angel appeared to Zechariah to tell him that Elizabeth was to bear him a son and his name must be John, he was overcome with fear and refused to believe. Because of his disbelief, Zechariah was struck dumb and only recovered his speech when John was eight days old and about to be circumcised. He was about to be named after his father, but Elizabeth spoke up and said his name is to be John. Zechariah, unable to speak, asked for a writing tablet and wrote "his name is John". Immediately his power of speech returned and he praised and thanked God.

St John the Baptist's feast was one of the earliest to make its way into the Church's calendar, and was, at one time, a Holy Day of Obligation. It was, like Christmas; a day when a priest had the privilege of celebrating three Masses.

John was six months older than Jesus, so why is his feast day the 24<sup>th</sup>, not the 25<sup>th</sup>? Basically, the first day of any month was known as the Kalends [from which we get the word calendar], and feast days were calculated eight days back from the first of the month. Eight days back from the 1<sup>st</sup> January is 25<sup>th</sup> December; eight days back from 1<sup>st</sup> July (because June only has thirty days) is 24<sup>th</sup> June. *St John the Baptist - pray for us.* Mike Tomas.