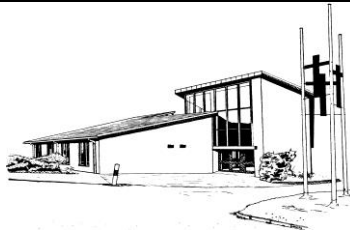


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

### **Gospel Matthew 22:1-14**

The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast: Jesus himself had problems with invitations. Not that he disliked or refused them; rather the opposite. In the Gospels he accepts invitations whenever offered, is accused by his detractors of dining with public sinners, and even, as is the case with Zacchaeus, engineers an invitation before it has been offered. Nor is he always the easiest of guests. When dining with Pharisees, he never misses an opportunity to upbraid them for their behaviour, which might seem rather churlish in our polite world of dinner parties.

It is in his parables that Jesus faces up to the big problem in certain invitations. Normally, we would be only too eager to accept an invitation to an important event, but he gives examples of kings or lords holding prestigious weddings, and those invited refusing to come. Not only do they refuse to come, but can go so far as to maltreat and kill the messengers sent to tell them of the event. Today's story runs two parables together, one with the conclusion that all are to be invited now that the original guests have refused, the second to do with how we are expected to respond to an invitation with good faith. What Jesus is really exposing is how God constantly invites us to come and celebrate, and how we resolutely refuse.

God's invitation to us is to celebrate with God in the Eucharist. It is in this celebration that we make present once again the mysterious act of salvation brought about by Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The format in which we celebrate is a mixture of the synagogue service, welcoming God's word among us, and the Last Supper at which Jesus anticipated, through the blessing and gift of the bread and wine, the sacrifice he was about to undergo.

Why are so many reluctant to accept the invitation? The reasons given may be similar to the parables. We have other more pressing, more important things to do. There is also a failure in us to appreciate the full nature of the celebration, and we sometimes blame the celebrant or the form the liturgy takes for our drifting away. The liturgy is too traditional, too modern, too boring, too dull – and in our modern need for entertainment, it can be all of these things. Any human attempt to express what is happening will fall short, though that does not take away the responsibility to try to catch something of the essence of God being among us as we gather in God's name. The problem is that if we do cut ourselves off in this way, we run the risk of becoming isolated and losing the sense of meaning in our lives. God does not abandon us, but when we abandon God, we certainly do not make God's attempt to love us any easier.

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b>	Purgatory, Pascal & Elie Tinjus RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b>	Robert's health intentions
	<b>11 am</b>	Ligia Lobo RIP
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>12 noon</b>	Terry Hadland RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>11 am</b>	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church		Carmen's intentions
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October		Gerald MacMahon & Julie Glancy's intentions
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	<b>11 am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b>	Sean Murphy RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b>	Peggy Hodgkinson's intentions
	<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, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Hilary Cameron, Maureen Hanson, Dick O'Brien, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan 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*.

**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.*

**SVP APPEAL - MEN'S WARM CLOTHES  
ON SATURDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

CIRDIC has appealed to us to donate warm clothes for the homeless men they serve. They need warm sweaters, coats, shirts and T-shirts, trousers, underwear and socks. SVP will organise a collection in the church car park from 2 – 3 pm. *Thank you in advance for your donations.*

**HOME VISITS**

If you would like Fr Peter to visit you at home for Holy Communion, Confession or just a chat, please give your details to *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**READING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

Message from The Catholic Society of the University: New students are invited to join fellow students at the 5 pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. This is the perfect opportunity to praise God alongside other students, as well as connecting with them before or after Mass. Please book Mass on the parish website [www.olop.org.uk](http://www.olop.org.uk).

### 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=ZlpNYlBxbTZR3lwSHJRSnhCUT09>, or join by phone: 0330 088 5830 Meeting ID: 655 6366 6322 Password: 085487

### 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/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

### KEEP WARM AT MASS

As the weather changes, please wear warmer clothing when you come to Mass. We are still advised to keep windows open during Mass to reduce risk of spreading infection from COVID19.

### 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

Please visit our Virtual Open Day on our school website: [www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org). Remember to submit your Supplementary Information Form (SIF) with evidence of religion 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!*

### 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*.

### OCTOBER ROSARY MISSION ROSARY WHIRLWIND BRITISH ISLES

Nightly 8 pm Rosary on October 13<sup>th</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, for this much-needed, intensive Mission. The Sign-Up Map for October 13<sup>th</sup> Rosary Whirlwind British Isles is at [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk). Updates are on the Walsingham Facebook page and Rosary on the Coast Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WalsinghamBlog>  
<https://www.facebook.com/rosaryonthecoast/>  
Antonia Moffatt - Outreach Coordinator - The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham.

### 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)

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

On 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October, our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease. Let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected, and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give), or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket or send it direct to CAFOD. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10, plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10, but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. Please do support this appeal and pray for those in need. *In advance, thank you for your generosity.*

### 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>



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S 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:

Jasmina Szrszyng	Clara Conkas
Laura Wolney	Dominic Fowles
Alexa Clarke	Lennon Gaughan
Sebastian Armstrong	Raphael de Sousa
Mia Shaw	Marcel Szadkowski
Janine de Sousa	

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. This day unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of the Church's mission to share God's love with everyone. You can donate in one of 3 ways:

1. Visit the secure website [missio.org.uk/donate](http://missio.org.uk/donate) and select "World Mission Sunday"
2. Phone 020 7821 9755 from 9 am - 5 pm.
3. By cheque, made payable to Missio, and either post it to: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, or pop it through the letter box at church and I will post all received to London.

A large part of Missio's income comes from the Red Boxes. Because of the current situation, box holders are asked to empty their own boxes this year, and donate in one of the above three ways. Please contact me if you need further advice - *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary, 0770 803 2743.*

### SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST TERESA - 15TH OCTOBER

Officially listed in the calendar as St Teresa of Jesus she is better known as Teresa of Avila, the city where she was born in 1515. Avila, or to give it its full name, Avila de los Caballeros (Avila of the Knights) is in Spain, about seventy miles northwest of Madrid.

Teresa joined the Carmelites in her early teens and after about twenty-five years, with the help of St Peter of Alcantara (her Spiritual Director) and St John of the Cross, reformed the Carmelite Order. Her outstanding works of theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church by St Pope Paul VI in 1970, the first female Doctor. She died in 1582 and was canonized forty years later by Pope Gregory XV and is one of the secondary patron saints of Spain (St James being the first). Teresa wrote many prayers and poems. A prayer written by her which many people pray in times of distress is:

Let nothing disturb you  
Let nothing frighten you  
All things are passing away  
God never changes  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God, lacks nothing  
God alone suffices.

Saint Teresa of Avila is the patron saint of headache sufferers though I am not sure if that includes self-inflicted ones. St Teresa of Avila - pray for us. *Mike.*