

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 25TH JUNE 2017

There is now a short trailer displayed on our web site following the recent “On Fire”! Prayer & Healing Service. The next “On Fire”! Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 7th October 2017. *All are welcome!*

I will be away on retreat/annual leave for the month of July. I am sure you will welcome Fr Mark who will be supplying for me during this period.

Fr Peter

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

A big **THANK YOU** to the children, to their parents and the team of catechists who have prepared the children, and to all involved in preparing the Church and the Liturgy for yesterday's celebration:

Jake Archer	Lily Courtney-Ballard	Eryn O'Connor	Ava Slade
Luke Archer	Theo Delanaud	Kayla Patton	Jayden Soloye
Sofia Armstrong	Shauna Favato	Charley Pearson	Lottie Stretton
Abigail Boyce	Sophia Garaban Held	Manuel Pereira	Julian Taborski
Jean Carbon	Liam Gaughan	Thomas Phillips	Rahul Thomas
Caitlin Carrick	Anna Hughes	George Ravenscroft	Grace Tilsley
Thomas Carroll	Ami-Jane Jackson	Daniel Sanchez Pereyra Iraola	Sinnah Turay
Ethan Ciombor	Riley Jackson	Michael T Schoen	Michael Wheeler
Nathan Ciombor	Patrick McCoy	Alexander Shoefield	Grace Willingale
Annabel Clarke	Harry Meaden	Alissa Shoefield	Sophia Willingale
Leo Conkas			Mya Zemaitis

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, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper and Robert Deady.

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.****

GENE IGNATOWSKI RIP

The parish offers condolences to Carmen and the family of Gene who died on Friday, 2nd June. Gene's Funeral Mass will take place at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 5th July here at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

MASS INTENTIONS: 25TH JUNE – 2ND JULY

Sunday, 25th June	8.30 am	Stasia Langstone RIP
	10.30 am	Kevin Patrick Spellman RIP
Monday, 26th June	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 27th June	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 28th June <i>St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9.30 am 12 noon	Funeral: James Sturgess RIP Stasia Langstone RIP
Thursday, 29th June <i>Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	9.30 am 11 am 7 pm	Shaun Broderick RIP St Paul's School Mass – <i>at school</i> Maureen & Martin Tomas RIP
Friday, 30th June	7 pm	Stasia Langstone RIP
Saturday, 1st July	10 am	Pat Murray RIP
Sunday, 2nd July	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Joan & Peter Nicholson's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "In your great love, answer me, O God."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 18TH JUNE 2017

Gift Aid	£1,163.89
Planned Giving	£139.50
Loose Plate	£225.84
Day for Life	£329.34
Clergy Training Fund	£2.00
Mass Stole Fees	£100.00
Candles	£23.83
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£125.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
TOTAL	£2,164.40
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£145.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£206.60
World Communications	£230.00
Day for Life	£329.34
Clergy Training Fund	£12.00

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 2nd July will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 2nd July will be Harry McSoley.

There will be a special collection **TODAY** for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

EXPLANATION OF DAY FOR LIFE

COLLECTION WHICH WAS HELD LAST WEEK

Each year 'Day for Life' provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year's 'Day for life' provides us with an opportunity to reflect, pray and to offer practical and emotional support, especially to those who have lost a child and for those women anxious about their pregnancy. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, as well as projects that seek to care for life at every stage and in every condition.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 28th June at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

MASS BOOKINGS – 2018

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1st September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GERRY HEENAN!

The parish offers congratulations to Gerry Heenan who is to be presented with the Diocesan Medal today in recognition of his long service to the parish and the diocese.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
TRAINING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

There will be a training day for new bereavement support volunteers on Saturday, 1st July. The training will take place at St. John Bosco Parish Centre, Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Application forms are available from the Parish Office or the church porch, and must be returned by Friday, 23rd June.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

A safeguarding training session for volunteers who were trained earlier in the year, will take place on Saturday, 1st July from 2 - 3.30 pm at St John Bosco Parish Centre. Volunteers are asked to inform their Parish Co-ordinators if they are able to attend. Any queries should be directed to *Julia Feeney* at *olsabsg@gmail.com*.

Fr Bon will be coming to St Joseph's on Friday, 14th July to celebrate a farewell Mass with all his friends here at St Joseph's parish. Fr Bon will be returning to Bamenda at the end of July, and Fr Peter agreed that it would be appropriate to have a special collection for him as a thank you for all he has done. Envelopes for your donations are available at the back of the church **and can now be placed in any of our Sunday collection baskets.** *Please give generously.*

**FR BON'S LEAVING MASS
4 PM ON SATURDAY, 22ND JULY
AT ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH**

To say goodbye and wish Fr Bon well with his future, there will be a leaving Mass followed by an international themed celebration. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. *More details to follow.*

NEW RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Bishop Philip has appointed Fr John Lavers as Hospital Chaplain and Assistant Priest at English Martyrs parish for June, July and August. Fr John is to be contacted through the *RBH switchboard 0118 322 5111* and he will be on duty every week from Saturday, 12 noon - Thursday 12 noon. The other Reading priests will be on emergency on-call when Fr John is off duty.

SUNDAY MASS IN RBH HOSPITAL

Fr John Lavers will celebrate Mass every Sunday in the RBH Chapel, London Road, beginning at 4 pm (Mass on Wednesday will be discontinued). *Patients, staff, visitors and all are welcome.*

VISITOR FROM TENERIFE

A retired, male, Spanish teacher wishes to come to England to spend a period of time touring the country. He is looking for accommodation on a B&B basis. If anyone is able to help with this request, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

ST ELISABETH CONVENT

There will be a small display of crafts here at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, 27th June at 12 noon. St Elisabeth Convent, a Russian Orthodox community was founded in 1999. The sisters provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. *Further details in church porch.*

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - ADMINISTRATOR

Details of vacancy are available in the church porch. Closing Date: Wednesday, 5th July Midday. Interviews: Friday, 7th July. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

SS PETER & PAUL

Thursday is the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, a Holyday of Obligation to attend Mass at 9.30 am or 7 pm. There will also be Mass at St Paul's School at 11 am. Weather permitting, it will be held outside. *All parishioners are welcome to attend.*

REMINDER:

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 2nd July. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat such as, ham or corned beef. Tinned Tuna. Tinned fruit.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables. Tinned hot dogs.
- Tinned & Cuppa soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Family foods such as cereal, pasta and pasta sauces. Long life milk.
- Squash. Biscuits. Ketchup. Men's boxer shorts and socks.

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 2nd July. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on *941 1483*.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few vacancies in September 2017 for children aged between three and four years old. Children will be funded by the Local Authority and there is no "top-up" fee payable. Children under three years old can sometimes be funded under special circumstances. For further information, please telephone *Mrs Petersen* on *0118 941 3602* or call into the nursery on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 8.45 am and 10.30 am.

