

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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, 7<sup>th</sup> October. *All are welcome!*

**Fr Peter**

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18**

Arrangements have now been made to commence our First Holy Communion programme. If your child is in Year 3 or above, you are invited to collect an Enrolment Form and a Parental Consent form from the Church porch or, for convenience, from St Paul's School office. The completed forms together with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and payment should be returned to the Parish Office **by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.**

Parents together with their First Holy Communion child are asked to attend the classes which will be scheduled once a month on a Saturday morning - *dates to be confirmed*. Parents are also asked to bring their child along on the following Sunday for a First Holy Communion Celebration Mass at 10.30 am.

If you would like to become a catechist or you are already trained as a catechist in the parish and would like to volunteer your help with the programme, will you kindly contact *Kathy Dye – 0118 941 5675*, as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS: 16<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

<b>Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30 am	Michael Scholes RIP
	10.30 am	Peggy Feeley RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
<b>Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>St Bonaventure, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Mary Barry RIP
<b>Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Peggy Feeley RIP
	<b>11 am</b>	St Paul's School Leavers' Mass
<b>Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Joan & Peter Nicholson's Intentions
<b>Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Edwiges Figueira RIP
<b>Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>St Laurence of Brindisi, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	7 pm	Private Intention
<b>Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10 am	Carmen's Intentions
<b>Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	8.30 am	James McKeown RIP
	10.30 am	Eileen Parker RIP

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am

**ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday: Following 10 am Mass

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**“Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.”**

**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, Robert Deady and Lya Turner.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please inform *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please ensure that 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.\*\**

**COLLECTIONS FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

Gift Aid	£332.47
Planned Giving	£42.60
Loose Plate	£226.81
Apostleship of the Sea	£595.78
Candles	£35.65
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£127.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,425.31</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£170.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF4 (Fr Bon's Farewell Appeal)	£526.66
World Communications	£230.00
Day for Life	£341.84
Peter's Pence	£227.18
Apostleship of the Sea	£373.75
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47

**REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July will be Eileen Kerrigan.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July has been cancelled.

**MASS BOOKINGS - 2018**

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

Please report any Health & Safety concerns to Carmen who is Health & Safety Deputy Officer here at St Joseph's.

**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.

**PETER LENNON RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Peter Lennon RIP who died last Monday. Peter's Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 11.30 am at the English Martyrs Church. *All are welcome.*

**ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL  
RC HOSPITAL CHAPLIN**

Fr John Lavers is Hospital Chaplain for July & August. Fr John can be contacted through RBH switchboard 0118 322 5111.

**SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL**

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. Patients, staff, visitors and all welcome.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL ?**

On admission all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. They must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'Patient Led'. You can also phone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### **BAPTISM COURSE**

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 4th & 11th October from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the main Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting Mary Phillip on 961 5905 email: [mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

### **PRIEST APPOINTMENTS**

Bishop Philip has appointed Fr John Paul Lyttle as Assistant Priest to English Martyrs, Reading, and as Reading Hospital Chaplain from September. Fr Luca Speziale and Fr Raffaele Cossa to St John Bosco, Woodley. These two priests belong to 'Communion and Liberation' (Fraternity of St. Charles). Fr Patrick Daly to replace Fr Paul Martin at St Anne's Caversham.

### **CITY OF SANCTUARY**

Reading has been successful in its bid to be a City of Sanctuary. This is a commitment to welcoming and integrating refugees & asylum seekers fleeing violence & persecution in their own country. As a Catholic community we fully support this movement & commit ourselves to welcoming and supporting refugee families to Reading.

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

ANY CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IGNITE YOUTH GROUP OR ARE THINKING ABOUT JOINING IN SEPTEMBER ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO JOIN US. WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR FAMILY. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com) or on 07740 547922.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The UCM will be holding a barbeque at Marian's home (29 Wardle Avenue) on Wednesday, 19th July at 7 pm. *All members and their husbands are very welcome.*

**9TH AUGUST 2017**

### **- RETREAT DAY FOR THE DEAF**

There will be a retreat day for the deaf on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10.45 am and will include Mass at 12.15 pm. Full details and booking form are available at the exits. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email, [careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### **RISE YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL**

RISE Theatre are running a 3 day residential summer school course for young people aged 13 - 18 which explores identity, purpose and how we can seek to reflect God's love in our modern world. A great opportunity for those with a passion for drama to explore their faith in a creative way and gain new skills. Dates are Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at St Cassian's Retreat Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire. Cost: £250 per person including accommodation and meals. To book a place, please contact us on 0118 324 7775 or email [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk). Further information at [www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/rise-youth). RISE Theatre is a professional Christian theatre company based in Reading.

### **TODDLER GROUP**

St Joseph's Toddler Group will recommence on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. The group meets once a week starting at 8.45 - 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome! For further information, please contact *Kathy* on 0118 942 9439.

### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the July collection for the Drop in centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were, as usual, very gratefully received. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

### **FR BON'S LEAVING MASS AT ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH**

Fr Bon's leaving Mass followed by an international themed celebration will be held on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 4 pm. *All are welcome.*