

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 27TH AUGUST 2017

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. We hope you enjoy your time with us. If you have recently moved to the parish or have been here for a while and haven't yet completed a new parishioner form, please collect one from the back of the church. When completed please hand it into the Parish Office. The information will then be added to the parish database. It is protected by the Data Protection Act and is confidential.

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

There is 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 from 5 – 7 pm. *All are welcome!*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 27TH AUGUST – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday, 27th August	8.30am	James Sturgess RIP
	10.30 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP
Monday 28th August <i>St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 29th August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 30th August	12 noon	Addia Cachia RIP
Thursday, 31st August	9.30 am	Princess Diana RIP
Friday, 1st September	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Molly Thompson RIP
Saturday, 2nd September	10 am	Fr George Lyons RIP
Sunday, 3rd September	8.30 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Charles Tinsley RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: “Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands”.		

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, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Janina Grzech, Christopher and Clifford Browne.

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 20TH AUGUST 2017

Gift Aid	£1,062.87
Planned Giving	£115.50
Loose Plate	£300.95
Apostleship of the Sea	£5.00
Candles	£49.21
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Mass Stole Fees	£130.00
TOTAL	£1,668.53
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£378.52
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47
Fr Marek special collection	£790.00

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 3rd September will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 3rd September will be Carmen.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will not be meeting during the summer holidays, and will reconvene at St Joseph's on 6th September at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

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

MASS BOOKINGS – 2018

The Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will open on Friday, 1st September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

TODDLER GROUP

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

DIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Bishop Philip would like to invite all altar servers from across the diocese to join him for a special day for altar servers on Saturday, 9th September. More information to follow, but please keep this date free. *Mike Tomas.*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE

On Friday, 27th October, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For further information on the days of Prayer and Fasting, go to www.goodcounselnetwork.com. Please see the poster in the church porch.

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.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL ?

On admission all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

READING MARRIAGE CARE

Reading Marriage Care have prepared a programme for marriage preparation in 2018. The venue and dates are on a poster on the noticeboard in the church porch.

SUNDAY TEA DANCE

TODAY at English Martyrs Church hall from 2 - 4.30 pm. Tea. Sandwiches and yummy cakes. Everyone welcome. An opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 10th September. If anyone would like to join our team either as a Leader or a helper, please see one of us in the hall on a Sunday morning. We would welcome some extra help. *Ann, Maria, Sue and Virginia.*

FOR SALE

An electric hover mower - £10. Please phone 0118 926 1709.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18

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, 14th 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.

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 large 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 Philip* on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL

During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinto and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting Portsmouth Cathedral from Saturday, 26th August - Sunday, 27th August.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH HARVEST BRIEFING

Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday, 7th September from 7.30 pm - 9 pm at English Martyrs' Church hall, to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance on 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

THE ORATORY SCHOOL

The parish has received information from The Oratory School concerning their Open Morning on Saturday, 16th September from 9.30 am - 12 noon. Further information is available in the church porch.



MARGARET CHAPLIN

- CAFOD PARISH REPRESENTATIVE

Due to failing eyesite because of glaucoma, Margaret Chaplin is having to resign after 27 years as parish CAFOD representative. Margaret wishes to thank all those parishioners for their love and support during this long period. If there is anyone who would be willing to volunteer to take on this responsibility, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office for further information.

The parish wishes to place on record its most sincere thanks for all the work that Margaret has done for the parish and for CAFOD. We wish Margaret well for the future.

ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR

On Monday, 11th September at 7.30 pm in the church, choir practices resume after our holiday break. This would be an ideal time for any singers who would like to join the choir to come along and give it a go. You do not need to be able to read music, but it is helpful if you can commit to attending regular fortnightly practices and 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like more information, please speak to me or any other choir members after Sunday Mass, or call me on 0118 930 4959. It would be lovely to have some new recruits. I look forward to welcoming you to the choir. *Helen Marek*.

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

In Rome, we will visit Basilica of St Mary Major, Basilica of St John Lateran, Trevi Fountain name but a few and of course the Vatican for a guided tour. In St Giovanni Rotondo, the visits will include the tomb of St Pio, a tour of the sanctuary, view the crucifix where St Pio received the stigmata and the Grotto of St Michael the Archangel. Pilgrimage dates: Monday, 15th October 2018 - Monday, 22nd October 2018. The cost will be £991 per person based on minimum of 30 persons. Single room supplement is £240 per person. If you are interested, please see the information sheets in the church porch or contact English Martyrs Parish Office.

REMINDER:

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 4th September. The items that are most useful are as listed below: Tinned meat, such as, ham or corned beef.

- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned soup, instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables. Tinned hot dogs. Tinned tuna.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks.
- Family foods, such as cereal, pasta, pasta sauces, Cuppa soup.
- Long life milk. Tinned fruit.

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, 4th September. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.