

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

## **Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima - Nine day Petition for Peace and Prosperity on this Centenary**

Our Lady of the Rosary, ask your Son Jesus to have mercy on us, and to give us His Peace.

Help us to heed your warning at Fatima, that we amend our lives and stop offending God,

Who is already offended by our sins.

Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us. Amen.

This is a simple little prayer to offer on the nine days from 4<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October in petition for the Triumph of Immaculate Heart of Mary. The promise we hope in and pray for, is that Peace prevails in our troubled world, an end to wars, storms and violence, as well as an end to economic troubles everywhere. Safe in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017/18 - !!DEADLINE CLOSED!!**

Fr Peter will talk to First Holy Communion parents and children following 10.30 am Mass **TODAY** and you will be given the full First Holy Communion programme.

## **“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE**

There is a short trailer displayed on our web site following our previous “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service. The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October from 5 – 7 pm. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*

**Fr Peter**

## **MASS INTENTIONS: 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.30am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Peter Lennon RIP
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12 noon	Friends & relatives of John O'Shea RIP
<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Vincent de Paul, Founder</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30 am	Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	7 pm	Rita Johnson's Intentions
<b>Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	10 am	Alan RIP
<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	8.30 am	Peter Lennon RIP
	10.30 am	M V George RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Saturday: 9.30am - 10am	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm: “The Lord is close to all who call him”.</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£247.00
Planned Giving	£29.00
Loose Plate	£301.28
Candles	£38.68
Cathedral Fund	£15.00
Home Mission Sunday	£274.74
Mass Stole Fees	£120.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,065.70</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£393.52
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47
Home Mission Sunday	£289.74

### REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October will be Eileen Wooller.

### CATHEDRAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection **TODAY** for the Cathedral.

### CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

This Harvest fast day, we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be returned to the second collection on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. *Please be as generous as you can.*

### 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, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gino Marengi, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Robert Deady, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner and Mary O'Shea.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE - The above Sick & Housebound list has been reviewed. However, if you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

### 8 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

The Pilgrimage dates are Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The cost will be £991 per person based on minimum of 30 persons. If you are interested, please see the information sheets in the church porch or contact English Martyrs Parish Office.

### SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to hospital, 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.

### BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

September will see the Month of Awareness of the SVP and Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September will be the Memorial for St Vincent de Paul. Please contact *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190 who is President of the St Joseph's SVP Conference, for more information.

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Quiz Evening on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the small hall. *All ladies are welcome to join us.*

### ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

St Barnabas Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. *Parents and families are welcome to attend.*

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Catherine's** on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

### **LIFE JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 1 pm at English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

### **10 DAYS OF PRAYER**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September in a marquee in Forbury Gardens. This is an effort by Reading Churches to remember the welcome offered to pilgrims that came to visit and pray at Reading Abbey. The aim is now to help us turn away from sin and come together and meet with God. An evening of Prayer, Praise, Healing & Worship will be held at St James' Church on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm – 10 pm. More details available on prayer event <https://sites.google.com/view/10daysreading>

### **WILL PREPARATION**

I am available to come to your house at a time to suit you to discuss details of your will or to update your present will and/or provide Power Of Attorney, if applicable. There is NO charge or limit for my time at your home, the only modest cost is for the will (or POA). We provide the same quality as a solicitor but without the heavy charge. Contact *Caroline Hurst* on 926 1709.

### **CATHOLIC YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 am: "Catechesis Meets Evangelisation". This is primarily for confirmation catechists and youth ambassadors, although any adults are welcome to attend. The day involves practical skills for working with young people in a faith context, particularly confirmation catechesis. We have some incredible guest speakers booked! St Bede's Basingstoke, £10pp.



### **CONGRATULATIONS JOANNE & ADAM TOMBS!**

The parish offers congratulations to Joanne & Adam who were married here at St Joseph's yesterday. May they enjoy a long and happy married life together.

### **4 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE 5<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 – READING PARISHES**

Cost: £390 per person based on minimum 30 People. Half board including evening entertainment. Please contact the *English Martyrs Parish Office* 957 2149 before Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, as numbers are needed.

### **PARISH SECRETARY (FIXED TERM – 2 YEARS)**

At Our Lady Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi parish in Earley, 30 hours per week (days and hours by negotiation). *Further details in church porch.*

### **PRISON CHAPLAINCY HMP HUNTERCOMBE**

A prison with male foreign nationals based between Wallingford and Henley, is looking for a half time chaplaincy administrator. The duties include helping Polish prisoners and others to resettle after their prison sentences end. Languages especially Polish would be an advantage. The salary is £18,995 - £19,762 pro-rata. More info from *Rev Ian Thacker*: [ian.thacker@hmps.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ian.thacker@hmps.gsi.gov.uk) or phone 01491 633212.

### **REMINDER:**

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

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. 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, long life milk.
- Tinned vegetarian meals, tinned vegetables, tinned hot dogs.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks. Tinned tuna, tinned fruit, pasta sauces, cuppa soup. Warm coats in good condition.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

On Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com).

### **UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**

Students are invited to the Welcome Mass this Sunday at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT at 6 pm. BBQ to follow in the Chaplaincy house opposite the church. Fr Stan and Dorinda Bray would be pleased to meet with new students and to share their programme of events in the chaplaincy for the autumn term. During term time, Mass on campus every Tuesday at 1 pm, followed by a light lunch. Adoration in St William of York every Monday from 6 - 6.45 pm. Note new website: [rucathchap.uk](http://rucathchap.uk).

### **CARITAS PORTSMOUTH**

On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at English Martyrs Church hall at 7.30 pm. Led by Kevin Gallagher, new CARITAS promotor for the diocese. Reps from all parishes involved in Social Action, Peace and Justice are invited to attend.