

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 1ST OCTOBER 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 4th October to 13th 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.

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated next Saturday, 7th 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!*

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS – Please ensure that you park considerately and do not block driveways or inconvenience residents when they need access to their property. Please think about our neighbours when parking your cars. Thank you. Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2017 – SUNDAY, 8TH OCTOBER

Sunday, 1st October	8.30am	Peter Lennon RIP
	10.30 am	M V George RIP
Monday, 2nd October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 3rd October	12 noon	Deceased members of the MacMahon family RIP
Wednesday, 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi, Founder</i>	12 noon	Jeswin Jery RIP
Thursday, 5th October	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 6th October	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Peter Lennon RIP
Saturday, 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10 am	Winifred Mary Gale RIP – Foundation Mass
	5 pm	“On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service
Sunday, 8th October	8.30 am	Elva Flores RIP
	10.30 am	Ligia Lobo RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Saturday: 9.30am - 10am
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: “Remember your mercy, Lord”.		

COLLECTIONS FOR 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,012.42
Planned Giving	£117.50
Loose Plate	£278.81
Candles	£48.42
Cathedral Fund	£248.71
Home Mission Sunday	£28.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£1,778.86
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!" Collection)	£424.47
Home Mission Sunday	£317.74
Cathedral Fund	£270.96

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 8th October will be Terry Clarke and Jenny Horton.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 8th October will be Eden Tett.

This weekend: First of the October weekend
Mass Counts for National Statistics

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY **- FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER**

This harvest we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her strong seeds, fruit trees and training in crop production and sustainability. Rural communities in El Salvador are amongst the millions of people in 37 countries that CAFOD helped last year to find long term solutions to poverty. Please use the Give Today part of your Fast Day envelope to give what you can as your harvest offering. If you are prepared to make a regular donation to CAFOD, please also complete and post the Give Regularly part. CAFOD is so grateful for your donations and pledges of regular giving which will be used by CAFOD wherever it sees the greatest need.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be placed into the second collection next Sunday, 8th October. *Please be as generous as you can.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Joseph's** on 4th October at 9.30 am. *All are 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.

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

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, 15th October - Monday, 22nd 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.

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).

4 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

5TH – 9TH 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, 27th September, as numbers are needed.

PARISH SECRETARY

(FIXED TERM – 2 YEARS)

At Our Lady Peace parish for 30 hours per week. The role will be to facilitate the smooth running of the office and secretarial support. A knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential. The application form, etc., are available on the Diocesan website. Closing date: 12 noon on 2nd October. Interviews w/c Monday, 16th October. Please contact the *Parish Office* on 0118 966 3711 for further information.

WELCOME TO NEW PRIESTS IN READING

Mgr Patrick Daly has now begun his ministry at St Anne's, Caversham. A priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham who has spent the last 4 years working in Brussels on behalf of the UK Bishops as a partner in dialogue with the EU institutions.

HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale next Sunday, 8th October in the small hall after both Masses. Proceeds in support of the SVP - *Jenny Gouk*.

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd October at 7 pm at the home of Theresa Bricker: 23 Bitterne Avenue.

CAKE AND PRODUCE SALE

There will be a cake and produce sale after both Masses on Sunday, 15th October in aid of the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda. As many parishioners are aware we have, for several years, supported the Sisters with several projects – most notably the Divine Mercy Centre. With the current unrest in Bamenda, the Sisters have now asked for help to buy land which they can cultivate to grow food for themselves and the needy. Please support this sale as generously as you can by donating or buying items; all money raised through this and our regular Sunday coffee sessions is delivered directly to the Sisters. *Ann Epps*.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

There will be an altar servers' practice on Thursday, 12th October for new and inexperienced servers at 3.45 pm. Experienced servers are welcome to help with the training. *Mike Tomas 0770 803 2743*.

CREATIVE MINISTRY RETREAT

At Cold Ash Centre, 20th – 22nd October. It will be led by John Withers, Emily Milne and myself, and supported by the Franciscan Sisters. The weekend is primarily for 13-18 year olds, and costs £100 to attend. It's ideally suited to teenagers who are learning an instrument, love singing, and/or bury themselves in artwork! Funding support may be obtained through Living Our Faith or by, contacting me. *Tom Sellars - Assistant to the Head of Educational Chaplaincies Youth Ministry Lead 01329 318869 (ext 222)*.

SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER: ARE WE AFRAID OF THE GOD OF THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Fr Nicholas King SJ will present 3 sessions exploring what the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) tells us about God. Fr King is a well-known biblical scholar and author of new translations of both Old and New Testaments. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions in English Martyrs Parish Hall: the first starting at 9.30 am, the second, after the 11 am Mass and the third starting at 1.30 pm finishing by 3 pm. Light refreshments will be available all day. For any further information, please contact *Angela Wills 07952 775811 jifatEM@btinternet.com*. A poster is also displayed in the church porch.

READERS' ROTA

The new rota is available on our web site and a few hard copies in the church porch. If you are unable to read on a particular date, please arrange a swap and then amend the master copy in the Rotas Files. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743*.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL - DRUM TEACHER REQUIRED ASAP

We are seeking an enthusiastic and talented Drum Teacher to join our Music Department. The ability to also teach keyboard and/or guitar would be advantageous. You would be working on a self-employed basis (arranging payment of fees directly with parents), with the number of days on offer flexible. For further details, please contact *Karyn Stiles, HR Officer, on 0118 918 3806 or k.stiles@hughfaringdon.org*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Thomas' Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass here at St Josephs on Thursday, 5th October. *Parents and families are more than welcome to attend.*

THE CATENIANS

The Reading Catenians will join us at both Masses next Sunday, 8th October to talk about their social activities. Contact *Sean Walsh 07850 933647 sean.walsh@btconnect.com http://www.thecatenians.com/*