

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**2017 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

*Where there is hatred, sow love*

**HELP BRING PEACE TO SOUTH SUDAN**

Missio: Sharing faith, giving life. Missio brings the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and we train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place. *Please give generously via today's special collection.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

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, Mary O'Shea and Mary Hoban.

*If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office. Thank you.*

**Fr Peter**

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017 – SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

<b>Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Joah Chacko RIP
	10.30 am	Maurice O'Brien RIP
<b>Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12 noon	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12 noon	Alice D'Cruz RIP
<b>Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30 am	Bridie Naughton RIP
<b>Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7 pm	In Reparation for 50 years of the Abortion Act
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Ss Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</i>	10 am	Bridie Naughton RIP
<b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30 am	Kevin O'Donoghue RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard & John Nevin RIP

**BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Saturday: 9.30am - 10am

**ROSARY & CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: Following 10am Mass

**Responsorial Psalm: "Give the Lord glory and power".**

## COLLECTIONS FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,056.52
Planned Giving	£130.00
Loose Plate	£313.75
Candles	£48.98
Hall Hire	£102.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£70.00
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
Card Sale for parish SVP	£77.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,803.25</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£35.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£131.88
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
Cathedral Fund	£280.96
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£638.76
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£750.00

### REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October will be Harry & Liz McSoley.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> October will be Claude Fearn.

This weekend (and every weekend in October)  
Mass Count (for national statistics)



### **REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS - CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND**

#### **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.

#### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at **St Catherine's** on 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

#### **SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL**

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

#### **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.*

## 'LIGHT PARTY' - TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER

Come and celebrate All Saints Day with a 'Light Party' in St Joseph's Church hall on Tuesday, 31st October from 5 – 7 pm. There will be fun, games and food for children aged 11 and under, finishing with an opportunity to think about Jesus our Light and the Saints in heaven. Children should be accompanied by a parent or other adult. The cost (payable on the door) will be 50p for a parent and one child, £1 for a parent with more than one child. Please bring a glass jam jar for each child or other similar sized jar preferably stripped of the label. Numbers will be limited, so please email *Kristina* at [lightparty2017@gmail.com](mailto:lightparty2017@gmail.com) by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to book a place, giving the names and ages of the children and any special dietary requirements.

### **MARYFIELD CONVENT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME** **HAMPSHIRE, RG27 9LA**

The Dominican Sisters of Malta have been providing quality care and comfort to the elderly at Maryfield for over 50 years. Mass is celebrated daily in convent chapel. We are small, eighteen single rooms and presently have a vacancy. Fees competitive. To arrange a visit or if you would like further information, please call: 01256 762394, speak to *Trish Davies*.

### **FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR DIOCESE**

Calling: Parish Evangelisation Strategy Teams, attendees at Reading 'Called & Gifted' and all in parish ministry, to a day conference led by Bishop Philip and Katherine Coolidge of 'Called & Gifted' US. At the Parish Centre, St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY at 9.30 am – 5 pm on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Talks on Becoming a parish of Disciples who Bear Fruit and developing a personal relationship with Jesus etc. Over half of the 120 seat capacity has been booked, contact Sheila in the Parish Office a.s.a.p. to book your place. Bring a packed lunch.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR**

We thank Malcolm Livingston for his role as Health and Safety advisor. As Malcolm must now stand down, we are looking for someone to take on this role. The role involves keeping up to date with Health and Safety requirements issued by the Diocese, checking that we adhere to them and reporting back to the Maintenance team. This role complements the day to day Health and Safety role that Carmen carries out. Please do come forward and ask for more information if you feel you could help in this way.

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL  
OFSTED REPORT**

Congratulations to the school in achieving "GOOD" in their recent OFSTED inspection. The inspectors noted the following: 'typically superb' behaviour, 'strong Christian ethos that permeates the school', the new Headmaster has 'made a real difference', the school is 'well-staffed with subject specialists' and parents agree that 'their children are well cared for and safe at school'. We are blessed to have such a great Catholic secondary school in Reading.

**MINISTRY FAYRE**

On 19<sup>th</sup> November, after both Masses, we will be holding a Ministry Fayre in the hall. This is an opportunity for everyone and every group that is active in our church and community to share some information with other parishioners about what they do. It is also a request for more volunteers to join an existing team or to introduce something new. Our church is a wonderful, dynamic, parish and each and every one of us should be involved in some way. There are so many ways that we can help. So please do make a note to attend the fayre after Mass on the 19<sup>th</sup>, to appreciate just how many volunteers we have had at work and to see how you can offer your help and share your talents.

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, Masses will be celebrated at 9.30 am and at 7 pm. There will also be a school Mass celebrated at St Paul's School at 11 am.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we commemorate all the faithful departed. Prayers for the dead have been part of the Church's history since its earliest days. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30 am & 7 pm.

**NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS**

It is the custom at St Joseph's to offer petitions in remembrance of the holy souls. This year, during the month of November, there will be a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive the petitions. ***Please do not place any offerings in the basket.*** Any such offerings should be referred to *Sheila Jones* in the *Parish Office*. The following seven designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

1	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am
2	Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am
3	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon
4	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	10 am
5	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon
6	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm
7	Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon

**MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED**

On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

**BLESSING OF GRAVES - NOVEMBER**

The annual Blessing of Graves during the month of the Holy Souls will take place on the following Saturdays/Sundays:

St Michael's Churchyard	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	11 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm
Purley Burial Ground	11 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm
Henley Road Cemetery*	12 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm

**READING - DÜSSELDORF CHURCHES GROUP**

In 2017, Reading has been celebrating the 70th anniversary of its twinning with Düsseldorf, one of the longest established such links in the UK. In August, a group from Düsseldorf churches spent a week in Reading.

In July (14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>) next year, members of churches across Reading will visit Düsseldorf, for a week of activities and excursions, and staying with host families from churches there.

Anyone wanting to come on the 2018 visit, or learn more about it will be welcome at an information meeting on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm at St John & St Stephen's Church in Orts Road, RG1 3JN. Before the meeting, there will be an Ecumenical Service at 7 pm, and a Bring and Share Buffet at 7.30 pm, to which all are also welcome. For more information contact *Laurie Haseler* on 0118 941 4750 or *rdchurches@btinternet.com*

**HP WIRELESS PRINTER**

The parish has been given a HP wireless printer. If anyone is interested in acquiring a printer (for free). Please contact *Sheila Jones* in the *Parish Office*.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE  
- 2018 PILGRIMAGES**

We offer 7 nights B&B and return airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split Airports to Medjugorje for €279 per person. Book for 2018 and pay your deposit of 50 euro before 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to secure 2017 prices. Call for information on flights for 2018. Gatwick flights in time for Easter. Call *Jackie* on 020 3239 8662. Email: *Jackie@med-irishcentre.com*. Web site: *www.med-irishcentre.com*

**FRIENDS OF FR JOSEPH AWOH**

Fr Joseph has recently given us an update on the situation in Bamenda. The schools have been closed for months, the clergy have not been paid their allowances since January 2017. Civil disturbances continue and protesters were fired upon at the civil demonstration on 1<sup>st</sup> October, with some loss of life. The only helpful support we can give is a financial one and friends of Fr Joseph are asked, once again, if they would like to contribute to a collection for him. Any donation should be placed in an envelope marked "Fr Joseph Awoh" and posted through the Parish Office letter box – *no cards please*. Donations will then be counted and passed on to Fr Joseph via *Joan Nicholson*. *Please be as generous as you can.*