

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 29TH OCTOBER 2017

Please note that the Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Wednesday, 1st November and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are listed below.

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, 29TH OCTOBER 2017 – SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 29th October	8.30am	Kevin O'Donoghue RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard RIP & John Nevin RIP
Monday, 30th October	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 31st October	12 noon	Dominic Clark's Intentions – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Wednesday, 1st November	10 am	St Paul's School Mass – <i>at school</i>
ALL SAINTS	12 noon	Deceased members of our parish RIP
	7 pm	Steven McCreight RIP
Thursday, 2nd November	9.30 am	Deceased members of our families & our parish RIP
ALL SOULS	7 pm	All the souls in Purgatory RIP
Friday, 3rd November	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	People of the parish
Saturday, 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	10 am	John O'Shea RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Sunday, 5th November	8.30 am	John O'Shea RIP
	10.30 am	Deceased members of the Ibañez-Mate family RIP & Gene Ignatowski RIP
BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, 29TH OCTOBER		
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Saturday: 9.30am - 10am
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 22ND OCTOBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,013.86
Planned Giving	£90.00
Loose Plate	£398.39
Candles	£42.73
Hall Hire	£140.00
Mass Stole Fees	£155.00
World Mission Sunday	£380.54
First Holy Communion	£25.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£268.15
TOTAL	£2,513.67
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£35.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£400.03
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
World Mission Sunday	£380.54
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£638.76
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 5th November will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 5th November will be Harry McSoley.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please note that there will be a special collection next Sunday, 5th November for Bamenda.

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 Joseph's** on 1st November 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.*

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Advent Discussion Group at St Catherine's at 7 pm on Sundays, 19th & 26th November and 3rd & 10th December. *All are welcome.*

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 from 9.30 am – 5 pm on Saturday, 18th 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.

MINISTRY FAIR

On 19th November, after both Masses, we will be holding a Ministry Fair 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 fair after Mass on the 19th November, to appreciate just how many volunteers we have hard at work and to see how you can offer your help and share your talents.

ALL SAINTS DAY - ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

On Wednesday, 1st November, Mass will be celebrated at 10 am, but due to limited space, the school is unable to accommodate parents/carers.

ALL SOULS DAY

On Thursday, 2nd 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.

MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

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

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th November at 2.30 pm at the home of *Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close.*

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

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 th	12 noon
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	11 th	1 pm
Purley Burial Ground	11 th	1.45 pm
Henley Road Cemetery*	12 th	3 pm

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 20th 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 1st 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.*

REFUGEE RESPONSE DAY

Friday, 10th November from 1 – 4 pm. Venue: St Edward the Confessor RC Church, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 2DU. If you would like to attend, please email *maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* for catering purposes. To find out more about the Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group, please go to see *www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rwrg*

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the many people involved with the presentation of my Diocesan Medal. Thank you to the people who organised it, Fr Peter, Richard Tudor for my wonderful eulogy (in advance!). Thanks to the people who helped me get to Mass, my good friends Dot, Harry, Carmen, and my husband Tony for his patience with me. Thank you also to my many friends for all the cards and good wishes. *Margaret Chaplin.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next UCM meeting will be on Wednesday, 1st November. As this is the feast of All Saints, this will be the theme for the meeting. Please bring along some information on a saint of interest to you to contribute to the discussion. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

Many thanks to all who supported the Cake and Produce sale on 15th October, especially those who donated items to sell. £268.51 was raised for the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda - a very impressive result.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 5th November. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat, such as ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals such as, stewing beef, chicken casserole, curry and vegetarian meals.
- Tinned vegetables. Tinned soup. Tinned Hotdogs. Tinned Tuna.
- Instant coffee, tea, sugar. Tinned fruit.
- Pasta sauces. Tinned spaghetti hoops or other shapes.
- Men's or ladies' socks. 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, 5th November. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

There will be an altar servers' practice this Thursday at 3.45 pm. The session will last approximately 45 mins. Regular sessions will be held on the first Thursday of the month (excluding school holidays). Please can I remind parents that it is your responsibility to keep your child's alb laundered. *Mike Tomas* – 0770 803 2743.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WORK 5TH – 11TH NOVEMBER

Will you celebrate your faith with a gift in your Will to your favourite Catholic cause? Your Catholic Legacy is a group of 27 Catholic causes working together to inspire and encourage you to leave a gift in your Will to a Catholic charity. *Please see information flyers at the back of the church.*