

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

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 both Masses next Sunday, 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. **Fr Peter.**

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, Mary Hoban and Margaret Chaplin. *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.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2017 – SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 12th November	8.30am	Deceased members of our parish RIP
	10.30 am	Joseph Naughton RIP
Monday, 13th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 14th November	12 noon	Deceased members of our parish RIP
Wednesday, 15th November	12 noon	People of our parish
Thursday, 16th November	9.30 am	Hendra Halim RIP
Friday, 17th November	9.30 am	John Lewis Hadland RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Saturday, 18th November	10 am	Deceased members of our parish RIP
Sunday, 19th November	8.30 am	Ramano Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams RIP
	1 – 8 pm	Syro Malabar Retreat

BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday: 9.30am - 10am

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS

Saturday: Following 10am Mass

Responsorial Psalm: "For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God".

COLLECTIONS FOR 5TH NOVEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£454.00
Planned Giving	£33.00
Loose Plate	£484.14
Bamenda Sunday	£784.40
Candles	£76.25
Cathedral Fund	£20.00
Mass Stole Fees	£35.00
Hall Hire	£69.00
Repository	£49.00
Funeral Expenses	£327.00
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£10.00
TOTAL	£2,341.79
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Teas/Coffees after Mass (Divine Mercy)	£400.03
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
World Mission Sunday	£413.13
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£20.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
Cathedral Fund	£20.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 19th November will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 19th November will be Eden Tett.

If you do swap with another Eucharistic Minister, please remember to notify the Parish Office, so that we can publicise the correct information in the newsletter. Thank you.

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 15th 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.*

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.*

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* or *Amanda* at ashorten@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your space. Bring a packed lunch.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to India Plant, Jack Sharp and Arthur Caffrey who are to be baptised here today.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

If you are in year 7 or above and are interested in enrolling for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send your name, phone number AND email address to St Joseph's Parish Office or to *Sue Collier*: sue1collier@gmail.com. Sessions will start after Christmas.

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.*

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 remaining designated Masses will be offered in November for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends:

Sunday, 12 th	8.30 am
Tuesday, 14 th	12 noon
Saturday, 18 th	10 am
Tuesday, 21 st	12 noon
Friday, 24 th	7 pm
Tuesday, 28 th	12 noon

BLESSING OF GRAVES – NOVEMBER

Henley Road Cemetery	12 th	3 pm
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THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St James' Class will be attending Mass here on Thursday, 16th November at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

FRIENDS OF FR JOSEPH AWOH

Many, many thanks to the friends of Fr Joseph for your donations. At the time of writing, we have collected £995. We have been in touch with Fr Joseph because of the difficulty we have in sending cash out to him, but we hope to overcome this matter in the near future. Any donation should be placed in an envelope marked "Fr Joseph Awoh" and posted through the Parish Office letter box - *no cards please.*

ALTAR SERVERS ' PRACTICE

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

MATILDA THE EMPRESS PLAY BY READING BETWEEN THE LINES

From 2nd - 18th November at St James' Church, Reading. *Please see flyer in the church.*

The Posada (travelling crib) will be touring the parish again this Advent starting on Sunday, 3rd December. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please sign the rota in the porch where you also find some more information about the Posada.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

We try to keep the church open, but because of security this is not always possible. If you are unsure and you wish to visit the church, please telephone the Parish Office, so that you do not have a wasted journey.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

The true spirit of Christmas giving. Please take a catalogue home with you today, available from the church.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your very generous donations to the November collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were, as usual, very gratefully received. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month which will be on Sunday, 3rd December. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The next UCM meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th November, and there will be a platinum theme as this week the queen celebrates her 70th wedding anniversary. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

A warm welcome back from the IGNITE Team! We have missed you! Since the summer, we have been busy with planning and organising of forthcoming sessions; the first session will be on FRIDAY, 24th NOVEMBER and will be a 'Welcome Back' party with games, music & food starting 7.30 - 9.30pm in the main hall. We look forward to welcoming back, not only all the young people in our family, but all the young people who have asked to join in the past, the curious, or those just thinking about joining our family. *All are welcome!* With God's help and your support, we hope that the youth group will grow and flourish this year; it's a great opportunity for the young people to come together in a safe & relaxing environment, share their faith and have some fun. IGNITE Youth Group is for all young people of secondary school age. For more information, contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*. If you would like to meet us or have any questions, we shall be exhibiting at The Ministry Fair on Sunday, 19th November after both Masses.

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK PROJECT UPDATE

The team from IGNITE Youth Group would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' for all the generous donations received in respect of Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We have made up a few backpacks, but don't yet have quite enough for a full shipment, but we are nearly there. It's a wonderful, yet simple project supporting children in deprived and impoverished parts of the world in gaining an education and escaping poverty. *Details can be found in the porch.*

There will now be a small box in the church porch on top of the Repository counter where donations will be collected periodically. Thank you for your support. God Bless. *Patrizia Chessell*
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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We currently have available an electric armchair in excellent condition. If you know of someone who would benefit from this, please let us know. Should transport be a problem, we should be able to help move the item. Please contact SVP member, *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.