

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – 19TH NOVEMBER 2017



MINISTRY FAIR

Today 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 come 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.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2017 – SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Sunday, 19th November	8.30am	Ramano Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Cyril & Trevor Williams RIP
Monday, 20th November	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 21st November <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon	Deceased Members of the Parish
Wednesday, 22nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	12 noon	Oliver McTiernan RIP
Thursday, 23rd November	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 24th November <i>St Andrew Dunk-Lac & Companions</i>	7.00pm	Deceased Members of the Parish
Saturday, 25th November	10 am	Jimmy Welch's intentions
Sunday, 26th November	8.30 am	Rose McDonagh
	10.30 am	Lonergan Family RIP

BENEDICTION FOLLOWING BOTH SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT **Saturday: after 10am Mass until 12noon**

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS **Saturday: Following 10am Mass**

Responsorial Psalm: "O blessed are those who fear the Lord"

COLLECTIONS FOR 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1064.90
Planned Giving	£68.50
Loose Plate	£426.67
Bamenda Sunday	£18.00
Candles	£48.08
Hall Hire	£112.00
TOTAL	£1738.15
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£45.00
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)	£30.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
Cathedral Fund	£20.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The Counters next Sunday, 26th November will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 26th November will be Harry McSoley.

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.

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:

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.*

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.*

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, 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:

Friday, 24 th	7 pm
Tuesday, 28 th	12 noon

FROM BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

"It's folly that Jeremy Corbyn and MP's want to restrict freedom of speech/prayer outside abortion clinics. Let's pray for their conversion." Find out what is behind the Bishop's statement by having a look at the work of the Good Counsel Network. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 25th November, English Martyrs Church Hall from 1pm – 4pm. Charity stalls and free children's craft table. Admission 50p. Children free.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Andrew's Class will be attending Mass here on Thursday, 23rd November at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

TOM MCKEOWN – BENEMERENTI MEDAL

We offer our sincere congratulations to Tom who will be presented with the Benemerenti Papal Medal at the 10.30 am Mass next Sunday. The medal has been awarded to Tom in acknowledgement of his many dedicated years of service in respect of buildings and maintenance work in our parish of St Joseph's. Fr Peter invites you all to join in this presentation to Tom followed by a celebration cake in the hall after the 10.30 am Mass – CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

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*.

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.

HEALING MINISTRY

Saturday, 25th November at Our Lady of Peace, Earley. 12noon. All welcome.

CHURCHES IN READING WOMEN'S CENTRE (CIRWC)

Welcome Day on 21st November, at Emmanuel Methodist Church, 448 Oxford Road, Reading, RG30 1EE. The event will run from 1-3pm and tea and cake will be provided.

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.