

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY - 15TH/16TH APRIL 2017

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



On behalf of the whole Pastoral Area, St Joseph's Church has the great privilege and honour of hosting the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, 23rd April at 2.30 pm. The celebration will include prayers and end with Benediction. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 16 TH APRIL – 23 RD APRIL		
Sunday, 16th April	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday, 17th April	10 am	Joseph Cachia RIP
Tuesday, 18th April	12 noon	Chris Foley RIP
Wednesday, 19th April	12 noon	Michael Naughton RIP
Thursday, 20th April	9.30 am	Edwiges Figueira RIP
Friday, 21st April	7 pm	Iris McSoley, Mary Walker, Baby Grace & Baby McSoley RIP
Saturday, 22nd April	10 am	Iain McCreight RIP
Sunday, 23rd April	8.30 am	Gerard (James) MacDonald RIP
	10.30 am	Billinia McAteer's Intentions
	2.30 pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 9TH APRIL 2017

Gift Aid:	£262.67
Planned Giving:	£25.50
Loose Plate	£406.08
Clergy Assistance Fund	£4.00
CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£22.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£10.00
Candles	£34.40
Mass Stole Fees	£80.00
Holy Places	£1.00
Hall Hire	£1,456.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£20.00
First Holy Communion Certificates	£21.91
TOTAL	£2,343.56
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£40.00
CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£2,465.02
Clergy Assistance Fund	£412.87
Holy Places	£6.00
Easter Offering	£20.00

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 23rd April will be Terry Clarke and Jenny Horton.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 23rd April will be Eden Tett.

RBH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

We wish to let you know that Fr Richard Maniak will not be acting as Hospital Chaplain for the time being. All emergency calls for the RBH should now go directly to *Fr Peter* on 0118 942 8632.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 26th April at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are 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, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick. ***

LIFE JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 22nd April at 1 pm at the English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email *brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!**

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Copies of the new church cleaning rota beginning 22nd April up until 29th December 2018 are available in the church porch. If you are on the rota, please collect your highlighted copy. Thank you - Mary Philip.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Bartholomew's Class will be attending 9.30 am on Thursday, 27th April. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Fr Peter has now introduced the practice of asking if there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their seat during Mass. You are welcome to raise your hand at Holy Communion time, at any Mass, if you feel unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, and he will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you. Will you kindly make sure that you sit at the end of the bench, for him to have easy access.

Those wishing to receive gluten free hosts, please simply approach *Fr Peter* in the usual way and say 'gluten free host please'.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 are available for collection at the back of the church.

Will parishioners who make donations by Direct Debit or Standing Order kindly note that their boxes will only contain the envelopes for special collections. They are, however, reminded that they too will need to collect their numbered boxes.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Master Blaster! Space Bowl! Yellow Peril! Which one will it be? Our next session is all about having a splashing time, so, whether you're a novice, an expert or just a paddler, why not join us on **SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL** at **BASINGSTOKE AQUADROME**? We will be meeting just inside the foyer of the aquadrome at 1.30 pm and hoping to finish around 3.30 pm. Younger siblings are welcome, providing they are accompanied by a parent. Entry to the aquadrome will be **FREE TO ALL MEMBERS**. And for those of you feeling peckish afterwards, we will be heading across the road to KFC for a bite to eat; anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome. There may even be a little 'Easter Surprise' waiting inside! If you do not wish your child(ren) to join us afterwards, please collect them from the aquadrome at 3.30 pm; if your child(ren) will be joining us, kindly provide them with some pocket money to purchase a meal deal from KFC. Collection from KFC will be at approximately 4.30 pm. Please contact **Patrizia Chessell** on **0774 054 7922** or at igniteyouth16@outlook.com.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Please contact the Parish Office if you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years, and you wish to attend the Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday, 24th June at 11 am. You can also email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MEETING RE SOCIAL MEDIA

At the recent meeting of the Reading PA EST it was agreed that there would be an evening on the use of Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, etc., and invite "experts" from our parishes to see how we could develop these in our parishes in the future. The aim is to explore different ways of using the new social media for evangelisation and the service of the Gospel. If anyone from St Joseph's is interested in social media, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office, so that you can be invited to the meeting to be planned sometime after Easter.

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*



Visit of Kevin Gallagher, newly appointed to head up CARITAS Portsmouth. Kevin would like to meet the key people or organisations from the Reading parishes who are involved in social action: CAFOD, SVP, Peace & Justice, Bed for the night scheme, Street Pastors, the environment, refugees and migrants etc. Please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office with your name and email address if you are involved in any of these projects so that you may be invited to a meeting in May/June in Reading with Kevin Gallagher.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS - MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13 - 29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> or by scanning this QR code with your phone. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.



BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 3rd & 10th May from 8 pm until 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 Phillip* on 0118 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who have taken part in the Lenten activities of our parish, including those who have joined in cleaning, decorating, and assisting in other ways, making our parish a happy and loving family. *God bless you and grant you special Easter joy!*