

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)

SUNDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2018

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 10th & 17th January from 8 pm - 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 Philip* on 961 5905, email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, or alternatively, email the Parish Office (details above).

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.

The next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service, for the whole of the Reading area, will be celebrated here at St Joseph's Church on Saturday, 27th January from 5 - 7 pm. *All are welcome! Fr Peter*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH JANUARY - SUNDAY, 14TH JANUARY

Sunday, 7th January	8.30am	Tim O'Leary & Ciara Wooller RIP
	10.30 am	Renato Goncalves RIP
Monday, 8th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 9th January	12 noon	Paul Spackman's Intentions
Wednesday, 10th January	12noon	Zofia Grzadziel RIP
Thursday, 11th January	9.30 am	Agnieszka Mroziewicz' Intentions
Friday, 12th January	12 noon	Funeral: Mrs Jean Taylor RIP
	7 pm	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP - <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Saturday, 13th January	10 am	Leelamma Cherian & Philomina Ulahannan RIP
Sunday, 14th January	8.30 am	Bridget Jones RIP
	10.30 am	Bridie Naughton RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT		Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS		Saturday: Following 10am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 31ST DECEMBER 2017

Gift Aid	£1,812.66
Planned Giving	£71.26
Loose Plate	£312.96
Bamenda	£3.00
TF3 CAFOD	£10.00
Candles	£96.47
Christmas Offering	£50.00
Mass Stole Fees	£130.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£11.00
Clergy Training Fund	£10.00
Day for Life	£1.00
Holy Places	£20.00
Home Mission Sunday	£1.00
World Mission Sunday	£8.00
Peter's Pence	£12.00
World Communications	£1.00
Hall Hire	£1,542.00
TOTAL	£4,092.35
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£140.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00
Christmas Offering	£2,907.04

REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 14th January will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 14th January 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.

CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, this parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please visit their web site: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk, and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time, and please be generous.



MRS JEAN TAYLOR RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Jean Taylor, who died recently. Jean's Funeral Mass has been arranged for Friday, 12th January 2018 at 12 noon. *All are welcome.*

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the 13th-14th January. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Christine Wall will speak at both Masses today and distribute postcards. Please return the entire card next weekend along with your donation via the second collection.

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 10th January at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

There is now a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have, and each week during one of the Masses Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Thursday, 11th January St Jude's Class to attend Mass here at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome.

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, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, 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.*

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.

FR JOSEPH AWOH

We are very pleased to inform those of you who are friends of Fr Joseph that he has safely received your donations together with the donations for the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. He was overwhelmed by the generosity shown by his friends in St Joseph's parish.

MARY'S MEALS

BACKPACK PROJECT UPDATE

There is 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. *Patrizia Chessell Youth Group Co-ordinator ☎ 0774 054 7922*
✉ igniteyouth16@outlook.com.

THANK YOU FROM CARMEN

Carmen would like to thank all her parish family for their prayers, concern and support during her recent illness. She will offer a Mass in Thanksgiving for the People of our Parish on Sunday, 11th February at 8.30 am.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP

This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bishop Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass - a copy of the book "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly." Rediscover Jesus consists of a collection of 40 short chapters, 3 - 8 pages each, that focus on a particular way to know Jesus and to open the reader's life to His grace. Each reading concludes with a Point to Ponder, a Verse to Live, a Question to Consider and a Short Prayer. May it help all of us in our efforts at "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church". *Please take your copy from the back of the church.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9th January at 2.30 pm at the home of *Dorothy McMahon: 71 Chichester Road.*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FROM THE READING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOR A BED FOR THE NIGHT (B4N) during the four Tuesday nights in February 2018 at CIRDIC. There will be volunteers from the Reading Catholic Community and St Giles Church helping to provide a light evening meal, breakfast, washing sheets and some supervision during the night. Training will be provided. If you can help please contact *Sharn - admin@abedforthenight.org.uk* or tel: 07749 833476.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD? CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is currently looking for volunteers to help the agency in their work. There are many ways to get involved, such as in local schools, in your parish, or raising issues with your MP. To find out more about our work, please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27th January from 10 am - 12 noon at Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge, or 30th January from 7.15 - 9.15 pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3rd February from 10.30 am - 1 pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8th February from 7.15 - 9 pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call *Jo Lewry* on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk