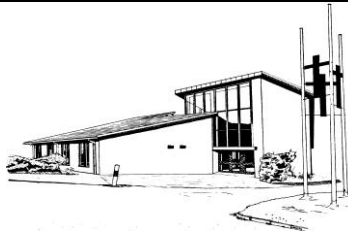


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) – 29TH APRIL 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, David Dye, Matthew Balanza-Davis & Maria. 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.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - *Fr JP Lyttle* - Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105.

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 6TH MAY

Sunday, 29th April	8.30am	Liz & Brian Dent's Intentions
	10.30 am	Brendan Ryce RIP
Monday, 30th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 1st May	12 noon	Eileen Drake RIP
Wednesday, 2nd May <i>St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon	Eileen Drake RIP
Thursday, 3rd May <i>Ss Philip & James, Apostles</i>	9.30 am	Leonilda Figueira RIP
Friday, 4th May <i>The English Martyrs (1535-1680)</i>	5 – 6.30 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	NO MASS	
Saturday, 5th May	10 am	Joan O'Brien RIP
Sunday, 6th May	8.30 am	Gregory Sakaria & Theresa Mathew RIP
	10.30 am	Mr O J Cherian RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 22ND APRIL 2018

Gift Aid	£316.70
Planned Giving	£67.50
Loose Plate	£400.67
Gift Aid (via bank)	£756.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
Clergy Training Fund	£295.77
Easter Collections	£10.00
Candles	£35.07
Rise Theatre shed hire	£120.00
Rise Theatre donation	£200.00
Repository	£8.92
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
CAFOD (TF3)	£15.00
TOTAL	£2,277.63
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£243.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,758.97
Clergy Assistance Fund	£336.51
Holy Places	£403.10
Clergy Training Fund	£295.77

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 6TH MAY

- The counters will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward 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).*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Catherine's on 2nd May at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

MASS BOOKINGS - 2019

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2019 will not be open until 1st September 2018. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

STAIRLIFT

Nearly new stairlift available. Please contact Jack Ewins on 0773 449 9190.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 26th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fr John. Cost £15. Information and forms via the Parish Office with payment. See the poster. Please return booking form by Sunday, 13th May 2018. **BOOK NOW!!!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is 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.**

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st May at 2 pm at the home of Margaret Chaplin: 2 Calder Close. *(Thank you very much to the kind person who left two bags of lovely wool in church).*

OLOP Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 12th - 19th September 2018. Staying 7 nights half-board in Carolina's Pansion and tour with one of the top guides in Medjugorje, there will be a fantastic full program and tour! Return transfer from Split airport is included in the price. See posters for further details. To book please call Nancy Challinor-Johnson on 07745 434888 or email nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church Basingstoke on Saturday, 30th June 2018. Please email to: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Sherry Weddell, author of Called and Gifted, and Forming Intentional Disciples, is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. On Friday, 18th May from 2 - 7 pm she will be speaking about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Saturday, 19th May 9.30 am - 4.30 pm Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clareatcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SHARE THE JOURNEY - A CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on 12th May in St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

An insight into MODERN SLAVERY in the UK by The Medaille Trust at English Martyrs Church on Tuesday, 1st May at 8 pm. Human Trafficking - how it affects everyone in our society.

SVP - AFTERNOON TEA

SVP would like to invite Senior Citizens to an Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 23rd May in the small hall from 2.30 - 4 pm. Those people who require transport please contact Jack Ewins on 0773 449 9190.

GOODBYE SERVICES

The Mariposa Trust supports and campaigns for people to join together and remember those who have experienced the loss of a baby. A special service called "Saying Goodbye" has been arranged by the Trust which will take place on Saturday, 12th May at 10.30 am in Winchester Cathedral.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Classroom Teacher - We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff either in KS1 or KS2 from September 2018. We welcome applications from Newly Qualified Teachers. Closing Date: Tuesday, 8th May 2018 Midday. Interviews: Thursday, 10th May 2018. For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 23rd May and 6th June 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 on the front of this newsletter).

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Good with outstanding features". Due to pupils moving out of the area, Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School currently have spaces in Years 8 and Year 9. Please contact the school directly if you would like to register your interest via admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 0118 957 4730.

ALTARS SERVERS' PRACTICES

Because of work commitments, I am unable to train new and inexperienced servers on the first Thursday of the month. Commencing next Friday, and for the first Fridays of June and July, practices will begin promptly at 6.15 pm until 6.45pm. Servers are encouraged to attend 7 pm Mass afterwards. I appreciate that there is not a time that will suit everybody, so if this time is not well supported then we will have to re-think before reconvening in September. *Mike Tomas*.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St John's Class will be attending Mass at 9.30 am on Thursday, 3rd May. We welcome families and friends to join them.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 6th May. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar.
- Tinned cold meats.
- Tinned stew and casserole meats.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned tuna.
- Tinned soup. Tinned hot dogs.
- Pasta sauces. Pasta.
- Family cereal. Tinned vegetables.
- Men's boxer shorts.
- Shower gel soap.
- Towels.

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, 6th May. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

FORMATION FOR MISSION

- We are currently running our Essential Training for Catechists around the diocese. The course consists in 5 sessions. These sessions present the essential foundations for all catechesis (and children's Liturgy). <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/essential-training-for-catechists.php>
- On the 12th May, there will be a training day for FHC catechists. The training will take place in St Bede's, Basingstoke from 9.30 am - 3 pm. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzNYAL8sZPY&list=PLAxn1pJuKMKpVNsJaLbMOKnv4zUoy7uVf>. If you are interested in attending the training, please email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- A Diocesan Day for Readers, taking place in St Bede's, Basingstoke on 16th June, from 9.30 am - 3 pm. See poster in church porch or go to <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers>
- The Maryvale Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry for all adults. Poster is displayed in church porch. You can also find more details here: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/certificate-in-parish-mission-and-ministry.php>

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Saturday 5th May. This is a free event for you. This event is an opportunity to engage with likeminded families in prayer, fellowship and joy. Develop your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Book your ticket now by either booking through eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/portsmouth-diocesan-eucharistic-conference-tickets-44506853196?aff=es2>, email congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 0778 022 1686.