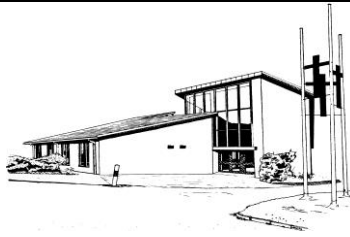


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) – 22ND APRIL 2018



Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day when traditionally we pray for vocations to all states of life and ministry within the Church but especially to the sacred priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians that they will continue to respond to God's call. Our Diocese currently has 13 students for the priesthood. They are studying in six different seminaries: St John's Womersley, Allen Hall in London, St Mary's Oscott, the Venerable English College and the Beda College in Rome and the Royal English College in Valladolid. This year we have no ordinations to the priesthood – a clear reminder to us to fast and pray earnestly for more vocations. The vocations are out there, but do people hear them amidst the noise and blandishments of contemporary culture? Here is a prayer to say to the Blessed Mother:

Hail Mary, full of grace,
when the angel asked you to bear the Son of the Highest,
you responded generously: "Let it be done unto me."

Be with us now as we discern our life's work
and guide us in the way we are called to follow your Son.

Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,
turn your motherly care to us.

Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest
that He may send us more labourers for the harvest.
Ask the Lord to bless our Diocese with more vocations
to all states of life and ministry within the Church
but especially to the sacred priesthood.

Thus, may the word of your Son be made flesh anew
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim
the good news of everlasting life. Amen.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL - SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL

Sunday, 22nd April	8.30am	Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan RIP
Monday, 23rd April <i>ST GEORGE, Patron of England</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 24th April	12 noon	Eileen Drake RIP
Wednesday, 25th April <i>ST MARK, Apostle</i>	12 noon	Eileen Drake RIP
Thursday, 26th April	9.30 am	Roche Figueira RIP
Friday, 27th April	7 pm	Maureen Elliott RIP
Saturday, 28th April	10 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Sunday, 29th April	8.30 am	Liz & Brian Dent's Intentions
	10.30 am	Brendan Ryce RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 15TH APRIL 2018

Gift Aid	£261.00
Planned Giving	£50.50
Loose Plate	£307.61
Candles	£48.93
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
CAFOD (TF3)	£13.00
Hall Hire	£1,426.00
TOTAL	£2,147.04
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£228.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,794.36
CAFOD Family Fast Day (Final)	£1,394.16
Clergy Assistance Fund	£336.51
Easter Offerings (Final)	£2,559.46
Holy Places	£403.10

TODAY: Collection for Clergy Training Fund

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL

- The counters will be Harry & Liz McSoley.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Carmen. *(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 Joseph's on 25th April 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.*

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

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.

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 & 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.*

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).*

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN

TODAY AT 7 PM

Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood?

We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

OLOP Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 12th to 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.

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*.

QUIZ NIGHT - ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST

Saturday, 28th April at 7 pm in St Michael's Church Hall - £7.50 or £20 for family of 4 - Fish and Chip Supper. Payment is on the door, but for catering purposes/numbers, please contact *Douglas Aspinall* - 0118 941 2848 before 26th April.

WALKING THE CAMINO from Reading, 19th - 26th Sept. Flight: Stanstead - Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 - 25km per day. 2 PLACES LEFT - book by Wed 25th April latest. Forms available from *St James' Parish Office* on 0118 957 4171.

ROSARY ON THE COAST (VIA RIVER THAMES)

On Sunday, 29th April, Catholics will undertake a walk to extend the protection of the Rosary around the whole coast of England, Scotland and Wales. As we have no coast in our Pastoral Area, we have decided to have our Rosary on the Coast via River Thames. The event will begin with a short service at Our Lady of Peace Blessed Dominic Barberi at 2 pm, after which we will conduct the Rosary Walk from Thames Valley Park to Sonning and back. Please contact *OLOP's Parish Office* on 0118 966 3711 if you are interested in joining.

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 *Clare atcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

We hope that you all had a very happy and blessed Easter. Our next session on Friday, 27th April, is just around the corner and the theme will be Easter so plenty of activities and games to keep everyone on their toes! As an extra special treat, we will be welcoming a few members from another youth group called 'Teens 4 Christ', a very talented group that sing, dance and mime all over the country. They will be with us for the first part of our session and will join us for refreshments afterwards. Please join us & invite your friends - it should be a fun evening! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

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.

STAIRLIFT

Nearly new stairlift available. 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.