

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal today. In 2017, SPUC commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967, SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of life, from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help save mothers and babies from abortion, and sign the petition organised by *Christine Wall* at both Masses on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### PARISH MAINTENANCE

The parish is most grateful to Tom McKeown for his 50 years of dedicated service in the work he has done on maintenance issues arising during that period. At the present time, all major items of maintenance are in hand, but looking forward, the parish will badly need some person(s) to help with dealing with maintenance matters. We have already had one kind offer of assistance, but mindful of the numerous building/maintenance matters, it would be extremely helpful to build up a team of volunteers to help with this work. If there is anyone in the parish who is able to help, please talk to *Fr Peter* or *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

### MASS INTENTIONS: 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	Mary & John English RIP
	10.30 am	Addia Cachia RIP
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	Tom & Stasia Walshe RIP
<b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30 am	Patricia Kusta RIP
<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth</i>	7 pm	Patricia Kusta RIP
<b>Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10 am	Kathleen & Michael Conroy RIP
	11.30 am	Third Order of the Carmelites – Day of Recollection
<b>Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	Euri Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Vincent Herbert RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>		
<b>“May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.”</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Gift Aid	£300.65
Planned Giving	£51.00
Loose Plate	£247.80
Clergy Training Fund	£254.10
Easter Offering	£5.00
Candles	£37.06
Mass Stole Fees	£130.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,040.61</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£80.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Clergy Training Fund	£254.10
Holy Places	£520.75
Easter Offering	£1,999.56

### **REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May will be *Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover*.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May will be *Carmen*.

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am at St Catherine'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.\*\**

### **MASS BOOKINGS - 2018**

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

### **REMINDER**

There is a Safeguarding Refresher Training session on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May between 10 am and 12.30 pm in the large hall.

### **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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### **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'.

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

On admission to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic, and if they wish to have Holy Communion they must now request this themselves, otherwise they may not be visited. From now on, all arrangements in RBH must be patient-led.

### **LIVING BREAD**

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

### **BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL**

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16 - 30) taking place 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. To journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear simulating input the possibilities of living life: **UNLIMITED**. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our *website: brightlights.org.uk*, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: *T/FB/IG: BLFestival*

### **USE OF TWITTER, FACEBOOK, WHATSAPP**

Volunteers representing each of the Reading parishes are invited to a special meeting on the use of social media for evangelisation and service of the Gospel on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at St James' Church at 7.30 pm.

Pope Francis and the struggle for the soul of Catholicism Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Paul Vallely, author of "the stand-out biography" (The Tablet) of the Pope, who will be interviewed by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir David Bell. All welcome. More details and bookings at: <http://tinyurl.com/ksp2u7f>

### **MEGA YOUTH POLL**

If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, about what life is like, on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>.

### **APF**

It is time to empty the boxes once again. There is no deadline at this time of year so whenever it is convenient for you. If it is more than six months since your box was opened then please contact me. Once opened, could I ask all box-holders not to insert any of the old £1 coins in their boxes. The coin will cease to be legal tender when the box is next opened. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your generous donations to the May 2017 collection for the Drop in centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were, as usual, very gratefully received. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

We currently have no Christian Aid representatives in our parish. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help, please call *Richard Canning* on 0118 942 8238 email: [rcanning@meadowsweet.eu](mailto:rcanning@meadowsweet.eu).

### **CHRISTIAN AID - BIG BREKKIE**

St Catherine's Café will serve breakfast, ranging from the "full English" to a continental version, from 8.30 - 10.30 am between Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers are welcomed to cook, serve, wash up and put out publicity (and eat breakfast!). Proceeds to go to Christian Aid. Christian Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church if you wish to make a donation. These envelopes may be placed in any Sunday collection.

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

It's time to show off those batting skills and join us on FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY for a Rounder's Tournament in Prospect Park from 7 - 9 pm. We will be meeting in English Martyrs car park at 7 pm and walking across to the park. The session will finish *with a Picnic Party so pack those picnic baskets with goodies from home, bring a blanket and enjoy!* Younger siblings are more than welcome provided they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. **PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, WE WILL HOLD THE SESSION IN THE PARISH HALL INSTEAD. WE WILL STILL HAVE OUR PICNIC PARTY AND THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GAMES FOR ALL TO ENJOY - THE TIME WILL REMAIN FROM 7 - 9 PM.** We will confirm to all parents nearer the time, either via text or email.

For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell, Youth Group Co-ordinator* on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com). New members welcome!

### **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Alexandra Olejarova who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

### **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY**

Thank you so much for supporting, so generously, this year's Lent Fast Day. The amount which St Joseph's parish raised was £1,136.04.

### **CAFOD EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL**

Thank you so much for all your support for the above appeal. Donations received largely through the retiring collection taken at the masses at St Joseph's on 2<sup>nd</sup> April have totalled more than £2,500, which was a fantastic and remarkable effort. The Portsmouth diocese has so far raised about £160,000 of the more than £3 million raised by CAFOD across England and Wales as a whole in response to what The United Nations called the worst humanitarian crisis it has faced since it was founded 70 years ago. CAFOD is very grateful for the (once again!) especially generous support from our parish even though the appeal was so hot on the heels of the Lenten appeal in March.

### **DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 pm at Our Lady of Peace, Earley. Hymns, meditations, the Chaplet will be sung at 3 pm. Refreshments afterwards. All are most welcome.

### **OUR COMMON FUTURE**

#### **GENERAL ELECTION QUESTIONS**

Please take a copy of the document from the church porch, which has been prepared by Chris Bain at CAFOD, covering 4 key questions to raise with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.