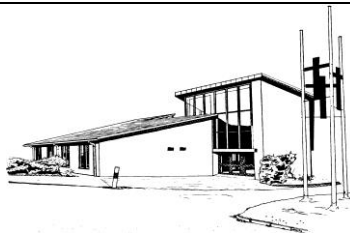


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) – 2ND DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT: PREPARING, WAITING, LONGING, PRAYING



We begin the season of Advent today and we now enter a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. We sing the haunting Advent hymns. We light the first purple candle. Our liturgical colour changes from green to purple. The Gloria is omitted in Advent. We adopt the attitude of the Jewish people who longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah – the Saviour of the world. A well lived Advent is the perfect preparation for

Christmas. Let us make every effort to give this season our best effort as we begin Advent. **Fr Peter.**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 10 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 11 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 12 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 13 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 14 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 15 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 17 th	7.30 pm	St James

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell, Fr Stan and 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*.



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND DECEMBER - SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER

Sunday, 2nd December <i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> <i>Exposition following Masses today</i>	8.30 am	Ellen & Daniel's Intentions
	10.30 am	Suzette Lobo RIP
Monday, 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 4th December	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 5th December	12 noon	Kathleen Urban's Intentions
Thursday, 6th December	9.30 am	Martha & Patrick Munnelly RIP
Friday, 7th December <i>St Ambrose, Bishop,</i> <i>Doctor of the Church</i>	5 - 6.30 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Bridget McDonagh's Intentions
Saturday, 8th December <i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF</i> <i>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10 am	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 9th December <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Charles Tinsley RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£312.84
Gift Aid (via Bank)	£51.50
Loose Plate	£316.96
TF7 (Youth Group)	£140.00
Candles	£40.05
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
First Holy Communion Subs	£325.00
TOTAL	£1,196.35
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£206.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,940.72
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Bamenda Sunday	£1,040.08

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER

- The counters will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eileen Kerrigan. *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.*

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. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

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.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 5th December at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'Patient Led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: *Fr JP Little*. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105. Sunday Mass 4 pm. *Patients, staff & visitors welcome.*



DAVID DYE RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to Kathy Dye, wife of David, and to all their relatives and friends. David died in the early hours of last Thursday morning. Please pray for the repose of his soul. *David's Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, 18th December at 11 am followed by cremation at West Berkshire Crematorium. All are welcome.*

PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up. You can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter. ***A printed copy of Portsmouth E-News is also available in the church porch.***



Please like and follow our Facebook page by searching **St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading.**

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

On Sunday, 9th December from 3 – 5 pm. Please join us in the large hall for an afternoon of Christmas music. Sing along with well-known seasonal tunes. Then refresh those vocal chords with hot drinks and mulled wine. And to top it all off, we'll have mince pies and a little quiz to keep you occupied at all times! Free entry. Organised by the Mission Group.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 2019

Depart: Friday, 20th September - London Heathrow to Split (Croatia). Return: Friday, 27th September - Split to London Heathrow. Estimated overall cost at current exchange rate £425 shared, £495 single. This cost includes the return flights (£180 approx). *If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass and collect a registration form.*



CAFOD World Gifts – The true spirit of Christmas Giving. Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at the back of the church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH CLEAN

A special Christmas church clean will be held on Monday, 24th December at 10 am. *Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St James' Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 6th December for the Feast of St Nicholas. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

THE VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Friday, 7th December, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

FEAST OF PRAISE

English Martyrs Church 1st Friday Praise and Worship Evening on Friday, 7th December at 7.30 pm. Come for 2 minutes or 2 hours. *All are welcome.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Ruth Lewis at 2 pm on Tuesday, 4th December.

REPOSITORY

Advent calendars, Christmas cards, candles and gifts now on sale. Little red robins and snow make pretty pictures; however, Christmas is about the birth of the Saviour of the world; please consider the nature of the card you send this year.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – STELLA MARIS

As you may know the ships of the world which bring us the many goods, we use each day do not stop operating over the Christmas Season. This means that the seafarers who live on-board these ships are also working over the Christmas period and they are very far from home and have no contact with friends and family. Each year the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, Toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items, in support of the many seafarers who work upon the high seas. As well as those much-needed items, AoS also invites the faithful to donate any extra rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes. Financial donations are most welcomed as well. For more information on how you may be able to help, please contact your local parish AoS representative (*Miriam Fernandes*) or Fr John Lavers (john.lavers@stellamarismail.org). The website is: <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk>.

Our Lady Star of the Sea. Pray for us!



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Thank you to all who supported the Preserve sale, particularly those who donated their products. Our next meeting will be a Christingle Service for Advent on Wednesday, 5th December. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm *and all ladies are welcome to join us.*