

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

28TH JANUARY 2018

SEMINAR ON HEALING

SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY: 11 AM – 4 PM IN ST JOSEPH'S LARGE HALL

Father Nicholas Broadbridge OSB, Benedictine Monk from Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Berkshire, will lead a special healing seminar and teach us all about the healing ministry. Please bring food to share for lunch. *All are welcome.*

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The Lent Family Fast Day will be held on Friday, 23rd February with the donations being collected as a second collection on Sunday, 25th February. This Lent, for every pound you donate, the UK government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5,000,000. *Please give generously.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 28TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY

Sunday, 28th January	8.30am	Terry Hadland RIP
	10.30 am	Martin & Kathleen Gaynard, John Nevin & Michael Heneghan RIP
Monday, 29th January	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 30th January	12 noon	Maureen Kavanagh RIP
Wednesday, 31st January <i>St John Bosco, Founder</i>	12noon	Ellen McGrael RIP
Thursday, 1st February	9.30 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
Friday, 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	7 pm	Reg Bourdon RIP
Saturday, 3rd February	10 am	Bernadette Ward RIP
Sunday, 4th February	8.30 am	Seamus Hoban RIP
	10.30 am	Trevor & Cyril Williams RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts".		

COLLECTIONS FOR 21ST JANUARY 2018

Gift Aid	£271.08
Planned Giving	£30.60
Loose Plate	£286.70
TF3 CAFOD	£5.00
Candles	£29.27
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£692.65
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£160.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,089.43
Harvest Fast Day (CAFOD)	£30.00
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

REMINDER

The counters next Sunday, 4th February will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 4th February will be .Claude Fearn.

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.

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 Catherine's on 31st January at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL

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

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.**

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, Margaret Chaplin & Rita Boyce.

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.*



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Due to families re-locating, unusually, St Paul's School has space in their current Year 2 Class. Please contact the school if you would like to register your interest - office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk.

St Thomas' Class will be attending Mass on Thursday, 1st February at 9.30 am. All parents and families are welcome to join them.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

- LIVERPOOL: 7TH - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

If you would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, application for tickets is now open by contacting *Fr John O'Shea, Co-ordinating Pastor* at *St James' Church* on 0118 957 4171 email: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. This three-day event is expected to be the largest gathering of Catholics in the UK in many years.

Fr John is particularly interested to talk to those aged 18 - 35 years who would like to attend. Bookings must be completed by the end of January. The parish will help with the costs. *Further details are available in the church porch.*

ST BLAISE'S DAY - SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY

Fr Peter will carry out blessing of the throats during the 10 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

CAFOD FAST DAY BRIEFING

On Thursday, 8th February from 7.15 - 9.15 pm at the English Martyrs Church. CAFOD Portsmouth invite you to join them to find out more about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe tackling malnutrition. To book your place call 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH - VACANCY

English Martyrs parish wishes to appoint an Office Business Manager to work in the Parish Office full-time for 35 hours per week. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday, 9th February. Interviews will be held w/c Monday, 19th February. For informal enquiries please contact the *Parish Office* on 0118 957 2149. Further details are available in the church porch.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY EVENT

Wednesday 7th February, 7 pm – Play: “This Evil Thing” - Being a pacifist in WW1. University of Reading, London Road Campus, LO22. Book for free tickets: events@reading.ac.uk

The Catholic Chaplaincy at the Reading University has also organised “Theology of the body” based on the teaching of St John Paul II. Every Thursday in February, lunch time (1 – 2 pm), at the Chaplaincy on Campus. There are sessions on theology of the body from Catholic perspective suitable for people aged 18 – 25 years. Covered topics include: Created in the image of God, Freedom, The human person, Fall and Redemption, What is love? Chastity, Vocations.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

To welcome in the New Year, IGNITE Youth Group would like to invite all its members to a Bowling Party **TODAY**. Members will enjoy a game of bowling, ‘mocktails’ and a meal in the diner afterwards leaving with a snazzy wristband to mark the occasion! At Hollywood Bowl, The Point, Skimped Hill, Bracknell, RG12 1EN. We will be meeting in the foyer at 4 pm for a 4.30 pm start. Members £2pp; siblings and friends most welcome – just remember to ask them to bring a little pocket money! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at igniteyouth16@outlook.com.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

IGNITE Youth Group is always looking for new members to join their family. Therefore, if you have ever thought about joining a youth group but have always felt a little shy, let God hold your hand, invite a friend or two and join us! Our sessions are very relaxed and informal with opportunities to make new friends and have fun! Sessions are usually held in St Joseph’s parish hall on the last Friday of each month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We also run several offsite activities throughout the year too, such as bowling and swimming parties. IGNITE Youth Group is open to all young people of secondary school age. The annual membership fee is £22 or you can opt to pay £2 per session. If you would like to find out more, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at igniteyouth16@outlook.com or better still, come along to one of our sessions.

Would anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Dates for training are being arranged and commissioning will take place on Maundy Thursday.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

This month it is 54 years since the Tilehurst UCM foundation held its first meeting. To mark this anniversary, we will be having lunch at the Mansion House at 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 31st January. If anyone needs transport, please contact *Marian* (0118 941 6068).

Birthday greetings to Eileen Marshall, who will celebrate her 90th Birthday on Saturday, 27th January.

REMINDER

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held **next Sunday, 4th February**. 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. Tinned vegetables
- Family cereal. Tinned fruit
- Men’s boxer shorts
- Warm hats and warm coats in good condition

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, 4th February. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY

The Hibernian Society was established in 1994 to improve the quality of life of retired members of the community. Based at Reading Irish Centre, there is a tri-weekly Lunch Club providing hot meals on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. If you would like to join the Lunch Club, please contact *Anne Morris* on 0788 899 7293 or nansheen@btinternet.com Further details are available in the church porch.

ALTAR SERVERS’ PRACTICE – 1ST FEBRUARY

There will be the usual first Thursday of the month practice but unfortunately the time will be at 4.30 pm and not at the usual time.

If this time is not popular, then we will have to choose a more suitable time/day for the forthcoming months. *Mike Tomas* – 0770 803 2743.