

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Visits to housebound for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion are welcomed on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10 am onwards. Please phone through to the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

**On Fire!**

**A powerful praise and healing service on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May from 5 – 7 pm.**

*All are welcome.*

*Fr Peter*

MASS INTENTIONS: 7 <sup>TH</sup> MAY – 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		
<b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	Fr Michael Craig McFeeley RIP
	10.30 am	Mr O J Cherian RIP
<b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	Phil Hastings RIP
<b>Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima	10 am	David Naughton RIP
	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>ON FIRE! Prayer, Worship &amp; Healing Service</b>
<b>Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	Mary & John English RIP
	10.30 am	Addia Cachia 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: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017

Gift Aid	£1,235.55
Planned Giving	£146.50
Loose Plate	£262.14
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
Easter Offering	£22.76
Candles	£39.92
Hall Hire	£299.00
Donation (Church carpet)	£20.00
Funeral Expenses	£348.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Holy Places	£2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,400.87</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£65.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£423.87
Holy Places	£520.75
Easter Offering	£1,994.56

### **\*\*Collection for Clergy Training Fund TODAY\*\***

#### **REMINDER**

Counters next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May will be *Harry & Liz McSoley*.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May will be *Harry McSoley*.

#### **RBH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY**

We wish to let you know that Fr Richard Maniak will not be acting as Hospital Chaplain for the time being. All emergency calls for the RBH should now go directly to *Fr Peter* on 0118 942 8632.

#### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am at St Joseph'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. \*\**

## **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'.

#### **GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

There are still a large number of Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 to be collected at the back of the church.

#### **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.

#### **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

### **2017 LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

The 2017 Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August) is now open for bookings. *Further details are available on the poster and postcards in the porch.*

### **LIVING BREAD**

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

### **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.

### **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](http://brightlights.org.uk), call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

### **DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACES**

The Disabled Parking Spaces in the church car park are specifically reserved for Disabled Drivers displaying their Blue Badges.

### **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 6th 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>.

### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS**

St Matthew's Class will be attending the 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

### **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).

### **SISTERS OF ST ANN**

#### **DIVINE MERCY CENTRE, BAMENDA**

We have received a letter of thanks from the Sisters of St Anne for the £850 sent from this parish to them for the upkeep of their Medical Centre. They have assured us of their prayers for all of our intentions.

### **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.*

### **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!

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The topic for the next UCM meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May will be Fatima and the apparitions of Our Lady there. This is apt for the centenary year and in the month of May, traditionally dedicated to Mary. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*