

## NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

**Safeguarding Representative:**

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) – SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020**

#### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

- All public Masses are suspended.
- St Joseph's Church will be open on the following days and times, although this cannot be guaranteed, due to the constantly changing situation:  
Monday – Saturday: 9.30 am – 2 pm, and on Sunday from 8 am – 11 am.
- The Diocese of Portsmouth offers live streaming of Daily Mass and Sunday Mass via the following link: <https://www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk/live-mass.php>
- Please continue to check our website and Facebook page. We will try to keep them up to date with new information and spiritual help: <http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/index.php>.  
<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephstilehurst/>
- If you are able to continue to support St Joseph's Church financially and would like to do so online, please note our parish bank details:

***Lloyds Bank - 30 93 04 - 00885992 - PRC DTR Reading St Joseph - Ref: Parish/Your name.***

Alternatively, please post your offering envelope through the letter box of the Parish Office.

There should have been a Second Collection this weekend for the CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND. This collection forms a significant part of their income. If you are able to donate, please do so using one of the above options.

- Age UK has set up a phone friending service called "call in time". The service matches elderly people with a "friend" who calls once a week for a 30-minute chat at a time that suits. To set this up the phone number is 0800 434 6105 or the website is: [www.ageuk.org.uk/callintime](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/callintime) and this service is for anyone over 60.

#### **VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND – THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

I hope to make visits to the sick and housebound, those who are normally unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion from 10 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

***Fr Peter.***



**\*\* REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS – CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND! \*\***

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<p><b>No public Masses.</b></p> <p><b>Fr Peter will celebrate these Mass intentions in private.</b></p>	Kathleen Mageean RIP
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March		Graham Ward RIP
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity</i>		Graham Ward RIP
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March		Jenny Scarpa's intentions
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Ray Cody RIP
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March		Kathleen Mageean RIP
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		Brendan Reynolds RIP
		John & Bridget O'Driscoll RIP
		Kathleen Cunningham's intentions
		Deceased members of the Quinn & Campbell families RIP

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 11 am – 3 pm:  
"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD"**

**Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£225.97
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£24.00
Loose Plate	£237.25
Lenten Appeal (Divine Mercy Centre)	£155.00
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£141.00
Candles	£58.66
Hall Hire	£150.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Mass Stole Fees	£85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,136.88</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Lenten Appeal (Divine Mercy Centre)	£618.20
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£808.83

**COLLECTION FOR 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Chris Quinn, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

*There will be no further prayer group sessions until further notice.*

**REMINDER FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**  
C Fearn.

Knitwits will not be meeting for the foreseeable future – *Margaret Chaplin*.

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER**

The Church will be cleaned for Easter on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am. Any help from parishioners would be most welcome. *"Many hands make light work!"*

**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.**



**MIMI FURNELL RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Mimi Furnell who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Mimi's soul. *Funeral details to be confirmed.*

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

If you know in advance that you are going into hospital, please inform Fr Peter. In case of emergency, inform hospital staff and they will contact a priest for you. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm in the Royal Berkshire Hospital chapel. *Patients, staff & visitors are all welcome.*

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

If you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below:  
16th - 25th September 2020 - 9 nights. Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person. Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje. Flight details: Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## **PASSOVER SUPPER - SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 7 PM**

*This event has been cancelled.*

### **'YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'**

In this special year, St Paul's Primary School would like to offer parents and families the opportunity to learn more about the Bible. We aim to run four sessions starting on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm, and it is expected that each session will last around one hour, 15 minutes. Dates of future sessions will be confirmed at a later date. Sessions will take place at St Paul's School. Each session consists of a video and time for discussion. There is no homework and no prior knowledge is needed! Our teachers have already started the course and have found it enjoyable and informative. There is no cost, but a small contribution towards tea and coffee would be appreciated, and will be donated to charity. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a space on [office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk) or 0118 942 2003.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Reading, during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. For full details and to sign up now to pray with them see our website at [40daysforlife.com/reading-2](http://40daysforlife.com/reading-2), or contact them at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com).



God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who have children they do not want;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

*(Larry S. Chengges)*

## **CHRIS QUINN**

A word of thanks to all those who has been remembering him, visiting him and praying for him during this difficult time of ill health. *Thank you very much.*

### **THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY – "BEHOLD"**

This Re-dedication on March 29<sup>th</sup> is both a personal promise by the people of England, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey in 1381. England received the title 'Mary's Dowry' when Richard sought Our Lady's protection in the face of great political turmoil. This meant England was 'set aside' as a gift for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, the Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. Like King Richard we are invited to give ourselves, the people of this country, as a gift to Mary. We can respond in two ways; making a personal pledge (the "Angelus Promise" in which we proclaim our union with Mary through the words of the Annunciation) and a communal entrustment (a prayer of profoundly historic and spiritual nature, bringing together the prayers of surrender and dedication that have echoed throughout our history). All parishes, schools and Catholic organisations are invited to host this dedication and mark the occasion in their own way. For more details go to <https://www.behold2020.com/take-part>. The re-dedication comes as we celebrate God's Word becoming Flesh during "Year of the Word – the God Who Speaks". To link the two events, more can be found at [www.godwhospeaks.org](http://www.godwhospeaks.org) or the national site <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

### **AV SCREEN VOLUNTEERS**

We need more volunteers to help run the presentation on the screen for 8.30 am Mass. You don't need to be confident with computers. Full training and support will be given. Please consider helping so that we can share the load better. Commitment will be once a month or less. If you would like to know more, please introduce yourself to the person running the presentation at any Mass.

### **MARRIAGE CARE**

MARRIAGE CARE requires volunteers for the following roles: Marriage Preparation facilitators (training provided); treasurer; admin; counsellors; receptionist (Monday evenings - Woodley). Contact *Sue Cooper*: [reading.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or phone 0793 949 5774. For info on Marriage Care visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)



*Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.*