

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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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (C) – 30TH DECEMBER 2018



The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honour to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honour to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

I would like to thank you all for your generosity over the Christmas period. I am very grateful for the many cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes that I received as well as your generosity in the Christmas collection. Sincere thanks to you all for your kindness and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 30TH DECEMBER – 6TH JANUARY

Sunday, 30th December <i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</i>	8.30 am	Ellen McCormack RIP
	10.30 am	Dan McCarthy's Intentions
Monday, 31st December	12noon	All those with mental health problems.
Tuesday, 1st January <i>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	12noon	Michael Lanigan RIP
Wednesday, 2nd January <i>SS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN</i>	11am	Funeral Mass: Mary Ellen Murphy RIP
Thursday, 3rd January	9.30 am	Tony Flint RIP
Friday, 4th January	7 pm	David Dye RIP
Saturday, 5th January	10 am	Thomas Walshe RIP & Annie Kate Walshe RIP
Sunday, 6th January <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>	8.30 am	Doris and Bill Cordaroy RIP
	10.30 am	Renato Goncalves RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm: "They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 23rd DECEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£272.91
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£56.20
Loose Plate	£503.61
Gift Aid (via Bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (via Bank)	£55.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Candles	£43.73
St Joseph's Nursery	£1512.00
Funeral Expenses	£292.00
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
TOTAL	£1,871.97
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£376.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2197.47
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JANUARY

- The counters will be Harry & Liz McSoley.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Anne Macdonald. 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, 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.

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.**

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

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Wednesday, 15th - 22nd May 2019. Cost: £1360pp. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to St James', Reading on 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT - DON'T DELAY!



MARY ELLEN MURPHY RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to the family of Mary Ellen Murphy who died recently. Mary Ellen's Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 2nd January at 11 am followed by burial in St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 2nd January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

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.*

PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS

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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.*

2019 CALENDAR - THE HANDS OF TIME

Hands tell the story of life – of laughter, of longing and of love. Cost £5 each – all proceeds to the Hibernian Society – on sale from the Repository.

THANK YOU

The Drake Family would like to thank St Joseph's parishioners for their kindness on the death of Eileen.

HIBS SUPPER CLUB & CABARET

At Reading Irish Centre on Friday, 18th January 2019. Music by Simon Mayor & Hilary James, plus a 3-course meal. £10 per head. Tickets only available from Ann Morris - 0788 899 7293.

On Saturday, 5th January 2019, Fr Leon Pereira, Chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje is visiting Our Lady of Peace parish to give a talk entitled "Experience Medjugorje and Our Lady's Messages". We will start with adoration at 11 am, Holy Mass at midday, followed by lunch (please bring packed lunch), talk and Benediction. Further details on poster in church porch. *Everyone is welcome.*

CLERK TO GOVERNORS

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

**Grade 5 points 22 - 25 (£10.92 - £11.98 p/h)
approx 400 hours per annum**

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School is a successful and oversubscribed school judged as "Good" by Ofsted in 2017.

For further information and an application pack please contact Karyn Stiles, Human Resources Officer on 0118 918 3806 or email k.stiles@hughfaringdon.org
Closing Date - Friday 11 January 2019

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 16th & 23rd January from 8 - 9.30 pm in the large Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism - Helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Philip* on 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

APF

It is time to empty the mission boxes once again. Could I have your contributions by 30th December at the latest please? Any money received after this date will not be included in the 2018 accounts. There are still a few APF calendars at the back of the church. Please take one even if you are not a box holder. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact *Fr. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

SVP REMINDER

The next Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday, 31st January 2019. This will be held in the small hall from 2 - 4 pm. *All are welcome.* Please contact an SVP member or Jack Ewins if you would like to attend or if you require transport. Many thanks. *Jack Ewins President, SVP St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.*

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2019

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi are planning a pilgrimage to Poland in 2019 (June 5th - 11th); the group, under the leadership of Father Stan, will be visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa (the Shrine of the Black Madonna), the Salt mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice (the home town of St John Paul II), and other places of interest. For more information, please contact *Nancy Johnson* (0118 9262315/07745 434888/
e-mail nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

Level 2/3 Temporary Teaching Assistant. Required as soon as possible. 27.5 hours per week (term time only for 6 to 8 weeks). Grade/Salary Range C/D depending on experience. With a possibility of lunch time cover. *Please see notice board for further details.*

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REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP is **Next Sunday the 6th January**
The items that are most useful are listed below;
Tea bags, instant coffee, Sugar, Tinned cold meats
Tinned vegetables, Tinned stew and casserole meats, Tinned vegetarian meals, Tinned tuna, Tinned soup, Tinned hot dogs, Ketchup, Rice Biscuits, Family cereal, Tinned Fruit.
Men's boxer shorts, Warm coats and hats 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 the 6th January

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