

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 (YEAR C)**



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

### **APPEAL FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF SPUC READING BRANCH, MARTIN MARTINEZ:**

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of years, the prolife struggle against the culture of death has not been easy; there have been various setbacks, most notably the temporary introduction of home DIY abortion using the Covid pandemic as a pretext, then making it permanent despite the overwhelming negative response to the consultation. And then the imposition of the most draconian abortion laws on Northern Ireland by our UK Government. But not a time to lose heart, not now, not ever! Record numbers of 40 days for life vigils established outside abortion centres have resulted in thousands of babies' lives being saved, abortion workers leaving the business and some even joining the prolife movement. But most encouraging of all was the US Supreme Court judgement overturning Roe V Wade and establishing there was never a constitutional right to abortion with the result that many states have now been able to pass laws banning or restricting access to abortion.

Therefore, we need to take advantage of this new momentum against the Culture of Death by getting involved with various prolife activities: praying outside the abortion clinic, leafleting, joining our local SPUC branch for other campaign activities, attending the march for life event, etc. It will take some effort, sacrificing our valuable time, perhaps suffering insults, verbal abuse, mockery, disapproval. At the end of the day, what will our Lord say to each of us when we appear before him in judgement at the end of our lives? I hope it will be the following words: "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25, v37-40)

We have therefore a couple of important events coming up that we hope you will not only get involved with but also encourage your family members, relatives, and friends to also participate:

#### 1. **ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN LONDON: SATURDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER**

This event starts with an indoor prolife festival with various activities for children of all ages as well as adults then continues with a procession through the streets of London ending in parliament square where a stage will have been set up for keynote speeches, and ending with a time for prayer or remembrance. Depending on numbers, we are planning to organise 1 or more coaches to take us there and back and are currently getting quotes. If you are interested and able to come, please contact us via email at [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com) or ring Martin on 07436 018688 to let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in going by coach. Once we know how many people will go by coach we can then work out the cost per person and confirm back to you. Proposed pick up points will be the English Martyr's and St William of York Churches in Reading.

#### 2. **40 DAYS FOR LIFE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN: 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

We are now registered again for our 6th campaign of prayer and witness outside the BPAS abortion centre in London Street and the website is back up and ready for you to sign up and choose the hours you can do over the 40 days. Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>. If you have any questions, please email us at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com). *We hope to see you soon!*

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022**

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Patrick & Kathleen Shaughnessy RIP
	8.30 am	Domingo Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am *	Renata's family's intentions
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August <b>St Dominic</b> , Founder	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August <b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</b> , Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe	12 noon	Porferio Gaan RIP
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August <b>ST LAURENCE</b> , Deacon, Martyr	12 noon	Margaret Chaplin RIP
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August <b>St Clare</b> , Foundress	12 noon	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August	7 pm	<i>Intention available</i>
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> , Solemnity	5 pm (Vigil)	Pat Knowles RIP
	8.30 am	<i>Intention available</i>
	10.30 am *	Teresa Glas RIP

\* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

MASS ON THURSDAYS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 12 NOON WHILST FR PETER IS AWAY.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Mary O'Carroll & Helen. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

**CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL**

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr Pat Madden (0751 018 2722) and the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). Fr Pat covers every Monday from 12 noon until Thursday 12 noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 noon until Monday 12 noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are *patient-led*.

**PRAYER FOR RUSSIA & UKRAINE**

Please continue to pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. *Amen.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTION - 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£190.50
Planned Giving	£33.00
Loose Plate	£333.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£556.66</b>
<b><u>Running Totals</u></b>	
Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)	£577.00
Day for Life	£125.00
Peter's Pence	£31.25

**NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**



You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It can be used for regular Sunday offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

## **OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

### **"UNSURE AS TO HOW MUCH TO PUT INTO THE OFFERTORY?"**

Please consider calculating and donating your first hour's salary each week, in support of the mission and ministry of our parish. Your first hour can help sustain our first hour, by ensuring Sunday Mass continues to equip Christians for service for generations to come. Please think about offering what's right, not what's left: the average Offertory across our Diocese is less than £3 per person per week – whereas the national minimum hourly wage (national living wage) is £9.50 . . ."

### **TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS**

We will resume on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to join our rota and take a turn at running a session, please do let me know. *Ann Epps* – 0798 919 2833 [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com)

### **AMAZON SMILE**

There are all sorts of ways in which you can support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese. The full name of the charity to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We will resume on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. However, depending on the availability of the Leaders, there may be some ad hoc sessions over the holidays. If you would like to be part of our team, please come along to one of our sessions on a Sunday morning and speak to the catechists. *Ann Epps* - [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com) – 0118 941 1479.

### **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go: Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. We will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> September. *All welcome.*



### **RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT DIOCESE**

The relics of St Bernadette are coming to visit the Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed. The relics of St Bernadette will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8<sup>th</sup> September and on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. ***The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at***

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of St Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion. (Image credit to Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 372).

### **VOCATIONS**

"Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023**

Aged 16 - 30? You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost £1,200 which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! To apply and for more details: [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **FLAME NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2023**

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 with the theme 'Rise Up!' For further questions, ring 0778 022 1686 or email [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **SCHOOL SPACES**

We will have spaces available in our Reception Classes from September. If you know of any children who would be interested in joining our school, please let them know. We also increase our intake from 45 to 48 from Year 3, so will also have some spaces available in our junior classes. Telephone No. 0118 942 2003.





If you're away from your church or the Diocese, you can still keep in contact with all the latest news from the Bishop or the Diocese via:

E- News

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>  
(subscription service available)

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St Vincent  
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

SVP are helping out a refugee family who moved into Reading recently. We have list of items that we are hoping to supply to them (used or new). The items they require are as follows:

- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if possible
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Pressure washer
- Laptop for the 16-year-old, as he will be going to college in September

Please contact *Rita Boyce* on 0798 464 3250, if think you can help. Many thanks in advance.



**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON RC  
SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE -  
OPEN DAY - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022**

*Fawley Road, Southcote Reading, RG30  
3EP. Tel. 01189 574 730*

[www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org) [admin@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.org)

'Outstanding School - Section 48 Inspection' @bhfcs  
bhfcs. Morning 9 am - 12 noon. Evening 5 - 7.30  
pm. Serving the Community in Reading since 1958.  
(10.15 am, 5.45 pm & 6.30 pm Headmaster's  
Address).

**YOUTH GROUP**

Age 11+ starting in September. The first activity will be on Saturday, September 17th from 1 pm. *Save the date!*

**TILEHURST ST CATHERINE'S MOTHERS' UNION**

Stephanie Walklate writes:

*Dear Friends,*

*We, at St Catherine's Mothers' Union, would very much like to invite you and your branch members to our Anniversary Service which will be held at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2.30 pm. As usual, this will be followed by tea and cakes, a time to chat and catch up with old friends. To assist with catering, it would be helpful if you could let me know how many people would like to come by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. We look forward to seeing you and your members. Telephone No. 0118 941 5871 Email: [sandrawalklate@outlook.com](mailto:sandrawalklate@outlook.com)*

**VIVA VOCE - IT'S HERE!**

The summer edition of Viva Voce, our quarterly Diocesan Newsletter, is available in the church porch. Many thanks to all those who have offered to help with the delivery. This summer edition will be focusing on the charitable work going on around the diocese, especially under the aegis of our diocesan Caritas, including support for HongKongers, the environmental justice programme they are promoting on our behalf, news from the Andover foodbank and a science and engineering day festival at the University of Southampton. A round-up of the Jubilee celebrations across the Diocese and a focus on the Syro-Malabar community ensures there will be much to read. Make sure you pick up a copy of the Viva Voce newsletter from church!

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The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August** from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. *These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month.* We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers).

You can also donate directly to our bank account; Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

**SVP DONATIONS**

If you wish to donate to the SVP by Standing Order, please take a donation form, *available in the church porch.* The completed form should be returned to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Key contacts: *SVP President: Rita Boyce - 0798 464 3250 [ritaur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk). SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

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**ST JAMES' WAY**

You are invited to join David Sinclair and Adrian Croft at any point of the St James' Way as they walk it over this weekend to raise some funds to develop this UK Camino. Their timetable is on the noticeboard in the church porch.

**SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October: 6 pm - late:  
70s/80s Music Night

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November: 6 pm - late:  
Quiz + Supper night.

*Tickets on sale from September.*

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops. Please contact Jo at [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) for more information.

**7<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND**

Theme: “The Communion of Saints’ prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics”. During the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, there will be two talks – Rachael Mackenzie from “Rachael’s Vineyard” will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints’ prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun). YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). It’s possible to stay the whole weekend (full board) or to come for the day (bring a packed lunch). Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022). For More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>  
To book go to: <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

**DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Peter’s Church in Winchester. An opportunity for prayer, reflection, discussion and exploring the guidelines and principles of Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Catechesis, sharing ideas, good practice, and resources. Please book here [www.pffm.org.uk/catechists](http://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists)

**BAPTISM COURSE**

The next Baptism preparation course will take place in the next few weeks. Exact date to be confirmed. The course only runs 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, please register for the course by contacting *Sheila* in the Parish Office (*details on the front of the newsletter*).

**PASTORAL COORDINATOR  
FOR EVANGELISATION**

Required to work part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

Based at: Pastoral Centre, St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8RY. Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience. We are seeking a Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation to support the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership in delivering and developing the parish Evangelisation Ministry and its programmes and initiatives, with a particular focus on our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha.

Values: The post holder will be required to work within and represent the principles, ethos and values of the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs in all aspects of their work.

Policies and procedures: The post-holder will work in line with the Policies & Procedures of the Diocese of Portsmouth. They will also be required to ensure that service users/clients, staff and volunteers are treated in accordance with the Equal Opportunities policy of the Diocese of Portsmouth with particular emphasis on anti-discriminatory practice and the promotion of the rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding: The post-holder will be required to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded, and must be aware that everyone has a safeguarding responsibility and a duty to refer any safeguarding concerns they may have to their line manager.

Closing date: Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12 noon. For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact: *Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest* [mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 0196 285 2804