### **NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST**



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#### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

#### MASS FOR DECEASED & RECENTLY BEREAVED

On Saturday, 1st December, the 10 am Mass will be offered up for the recently deceased and bereaved. Please encourage anyone who has suffered a recent loss to attend. We shall pray for all our dearly departed. May they rest in peace.

#### "ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE.



The next "On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st December from 5 – 7 pm. Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. *All are welcome!* 

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 2 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER					
Sunday, 25th November	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,	10.30 am	Monie Cunningham RIP			
KING OF THE UNIVERSE,					
Solemnity					
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	NO MASS				
Tuesday, 27th November	12 noon	Private Intentions			
Wednesday, 28th November	12 noon	Deceased members of the Parish			
Thursday, 29th November	9.30 am	People of the Parish			
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	7 pm	Joseph Louis Capron RIP			
ST ANDREW, Apostle					
Saturday, 1st December	10 am	Recently deceased & bereaved RIP			
	5 pm	"On Fire!" Prayer & Healing Service			
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	8.30 am	Ellen & Daniel's Intentions			
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10.30 am	Suzette Lobo RIP			
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.					
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.					
Responsorial Psalm:					
"The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed".					

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR 18TH NOVEMBER 2018**

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Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£244.50
Gift Aid (via Bank)	£806.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£41.50
Planned Giving (via Bank)	£42.00
Bamenda Sunday	£5.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£327.17
Candles	£51.51
Donation (Carmelites)	£10.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
UCM Preserve & Card Sale for CAFOD	£156.50
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
Hall Hire	£168.00
TOTAL	£1,972.18
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£206.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,940.72
First Holy Communion Subs	£500.00
Bamenda Sunday	£1,040.08

#### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

- The counters will be Eileen & Richard Hopkins.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eden Tett. 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.

#### **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.* 

#### **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.* 

#### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 28th November at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.* 

#### **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.* 

## SUE RYDER – DUCHESS OF KENT HOSPICE VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDERS NEEDED

Please see posters in church porch for further information.

#### Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, David Dye, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell and Maria. If you would like to add a name to this list or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

#### **NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS**

The 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 28th November will be offered for the departed members of families, parishioners and friends.

#### **PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS**

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up. You can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter. A printed copy of Portsmouth E-News is also available in the church porch.

#### **POSADA (TRAVELLING CRIB)**

Our Posada will be making its journey around the parish again this Advent. If you would like to host the crib for a night, please add your name to the rota in the porch, where you will also find more information about this tradition. *Please sign up – DEADLINE TODAY!* 

#### **SVP PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Following the success of our Senior Citizens' Easter Party, we are pleased to announce that we will be having our very own Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. Please join us on Saturday, 8th December from 1 - 4.30 pm in the large hall where we will be serving a hot Christmas roast lunch, with all the trimmings! Kindly put your name down on the sign-up sheet which you will find at the back of the church. For more information, please contact *Jack Ewins* on *07734 499190* or *Patrizia Chessell* on *07740 547922*.

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#### **CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG**

On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December from 3 – 5 pm. Please join us in the large hall for an afternoon of Christmas music. Sing along with well-known seasonal tunes. Then refresh those vocal chords with hot drinks and mulled wine. And to top it all off, we'll have mince pies and a little quiz to keep you occupied at all times! Free entry. Organised by the Mission Group.

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 2019

Depart: Friday,  $20^{th}$  September - London Heathrow to Split (Croatia). Return: Friday,  $27^{th}$  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.



CAFOD World Gifts – The true spirit of Christmas Giving. Give a gift that will change a life. There are gifts for every budget from Happy Queen Bee at £4 to Help a Refugee child at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. Catalogues are available at the back of the church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

On Friday, 7th December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html

#### **MARTYN JOSEPH - IN CONCERT**

Martyn Joseph is playing All Saints Church, Wokingham on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. He is a regular at the Greenbelt Festival and his songs are fuelled by faith and a strong passion for social justice. Tickets available at www.wokinghamconcerts.co.uk. He is an amazing live performer and will be promoting his new album 'Here Come the Young', available from www.martynjoseph.net.

#### **FEAST OF PRAISE**

English Martyrs Church 1st Friday Praise and Worship Evening on Friday, 7th December at 7.30 pm. Come for 2 minutes or 2 hours. *All are welcome.* 

## REMINDER – DROP-IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday,  $2^{nd}$  December. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar. (Coffee still in short supply at the Drop-in Centre).
- Sandwich fillings.
- Tinned cold meats Tinned vegetables.
- Tinned stew, casserole meats, meat balls.
- Tinned vegetarian meals, Tinned tuna.
- Tinned soup. Tinned hot dogs. Packets of soup and cuppa soup.
- Pasta sauces. Rice.
- Family cereal. Tinned Fruit. Tinned rice.
- Warm coats (in good condition). Warm hats.
- Juice orange or other juice.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We have had a special request this month for Christmas presents for children. The ages are listed below. We would be very grateful if you would be able to give a new toy for: A 2 year old girl. 3 - 4 year old girls and boys. 6 - 8 year old boys and girls. 15 - 16 year old girls. Please do not wrap the presents; it makes it is easier to distribute to the best recipient if unwrapped. They will be wrapped before they are given. Please leave the presents in the porch on Sunday. 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact Margaret Bailie on 941 1483.

#### ST IOSEPH'S IOURNAL

The deadline for the Christmas edition is 12 noon on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please email items to *sjmagazine@yahoo.com*. Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed something.

#### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS**

St John's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. *All are welcome.* 

#### **REPOSITORY**

Advent calendars, Christmas cards, candles and gifts now on sale.