

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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PENTECOST SUNDAY (A) – 4TH JUNE 2017

From Tuesday, 13th – Thursday, 15th June, all active priests of our diocese will be attending the Diocesan Convocation. It is designed as a time for prayer, presentations, discussion, fellowship, relaxation and rejuvenation. The goal is to nourish body, mind and soul and to return priests to their ministries rejuvenated and encouraged, with a network of contacts to keep them connected and supported. It is mandatory for all active priests to attend. Please remember our Bishop and all our priests in your prayers.

We are very happy to have a new wood floor around the upper section of the altar and beautiful carpet on both the lower section of the altar and aisle.

There will soon be a short video displayed on our web site following the recent On Fire Healing Service – Watch This Space!

Fr Peter

| MASS INTENTIONS: 4TH JUNE – 11TH JUNE | | |
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| Sunday, 4th June | 8.30 am | Audrey Welch RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Monica Goncalves RIP |
| Monday, 5th June <i>St Boniface, Religious, Bishop & Martyr</i> | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, 6th June | 12 noon | Gerard Lawrence RIP |
| Wednesday, 7th June | 12 noon | Mr V V George RIP |
| Thursday, 8th June | 9.30 am | Gene Ignatowski RIP |
| Friday, 9th June | 7 pm | People of the Parish |
| Saturday, 10th June | 10 am | Michael Mullahey RIP |
| Sunday, 11th June | 8.30 am | Ramano Rato RIP |
| | 10.30 am | Peter Mooney RIP |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: | Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am | |
| ROSARY & CONFESSIONS: | Saturday: Following 10 am Mass | |
| Responsorial Psalm: | | |
| “Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.” | | |

COLLECTIONS FOR 28TH MAY 2017

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| Gift Aid | £241.00 |
| Planned Giving | £38.05 |
| Loose Plate | £266.17 |
| Clergy Training Fund | £1.00 |
| World Communications | £208.60 |
| Hall Hire | £88.00 |
| Candles | £36.33 |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £10.00 |
| TOTAL | £889.15 |
| <u>RUNNING TOTALS</u> | |
| TF3 (CAFOD) | £120.00 |
| Donations (Altar carpet) | £60.00 |
| Clergy Training Fund | £289.65 |
| World Communications | £208.60 |

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 11th June will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 11th June will be Eden Tett.

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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 7th June at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

MASS BOOKINGS - 2018

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1st September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

"A Day with Mary" at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed. Dominic Barberi Church/hall on Saturday, 24th June. Further details available on green poster in church porch. *All are welcome.*

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

TODAY at 2.30 pm at Our Lady of Peace, Earley. Hymns, meditations, the Chaplet will be sung at 3 pm. Refreshments afterwards. *All are most welcome.*

Sunday, 25th June at 11 am Fr Shaun Budden will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination with the parish of Our Lady of Peace. *All are welcome.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

At our next meeting on Wednesday, 7th June, we will be having a quiz evening. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and *all ladies are welcome to join us.*

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, 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. ***

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you would like to see either the Catholic Priest or one of the Chaplaincy Assistants, please make certain that you, or one of your relatives asks the staff to ensure that your religious affiliation is recorded on your notes, and that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. It is also important to remember that this must be done at each admission. If there is no response within 48 hours then you or a relative should call the Chaplaincy Department directly on 0118 322 7105. This procedure should be followed only for **non urgent** requests. For emergency call outs the on call Priest can be contacted by phoning the hospital main switchboard and asking them to bleep the on call RC Priest.

Why Catholic Chaplaincy Care in hospital?

1. Being in hospital can be an alienating and lonely time. Contact with Catholic community.
2. We can provide pastoral care for yourselves and your families during your stay in hospital.
3. We are able to offer those sacraments associated with healing, i.e. Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession.

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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
TRAINING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

There will be a training day for new bereavement support volunteers on Saturday, 1st July. The training will take place at St. John Bosco Parish Centre, Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned by Friday, 23rd June.

FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM

Portsmouth Diocese – Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on Saturday, 17th June, English Martyrs Hall: 10 am - 1 pm: A training/refresher for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. 2 - 3.30 pm: a workshop for parents who wish to help their children understand and participate in the Mass.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

A safeguarding training session for volunteers who were trained earlier in the year, will take place on Saturday, 1st July from 2 pm to 3.30 pm at St. John Bosco Parish Centre. Volunteers are asked to inform their parish coordinators if they are able to attend. Any queries should be directed to *Julia Feeney* at *olsabsg@gmail.com*.

Fr Bon will be coming to St Joseph's on Friday, 14th July to celebrate a farewell Mass with all his friends here at St Joseph's parish. Fr Bon will be returning to Bamenda at the end of July, and Fr Peter agreed that it would be appropriate to have a special collection for him as a thank you for all he has done. Envelopes for your donations are now available at the back of the church. *Please give generously.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th June at 7 pm at the home of Lilian Campbell: 26 Gordon Palmer Court.

Tuesday, 6th June, 7.30 pm: Annual University Chaplaincy lecture: 'Pope Francis and the Struggle for the Soul of Catholicism'. Journalist and biographer Paul Vallely talks about what's going on in the Vatican. Email for free tickets: *events@reading.ac.uk*. Venue: Henley Business School lecture theatre, Whiteknights Campus, University of Reading.

Monday, 5th June, 7.30 pm: Cafe Theologique: 'Crossings and dwellings: Jesus's healing miracles - Political and Interfaith Perspectives'. Rev Dr Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church Oxford. Venue: Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street, Reading.

GENE IGNATOWSKI RIP

The parish offers condolences to Carmen and the family of Gene who died on Friday, 2nd June. Please remember her in your prayers. *Further details to follow.*

MANCHESTER ARENA ATTACK

Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Inter Faith Network for the UK and Moderators of the IFN Faith Communities Forum. "Our thoughts and prayers are with those who lost their lives or were injured in the terrorist murders at the Manchester Arena, as they are with their families, all others affected and those responding with assistance. We deplore and condemn this wanton, brutal and cowardly taking of the lives of young and old. Let us stand together to oppose terrorism and the ideologies that promote it. Let us also uphold and strengthen the unity of our society and work to ensure that it is a positive and harmonious one where all children and young people can grow up safely and without fear. It is vital that we all – of every age and background - work to build bridges and positive relationships and to enable difficult issues to be addressed and worked on – always seeking to avoid the use of violence to resolve issues. We know that each time a terrorist attack occurs, groups within society become the target of abuse or even attack because of terrorist actions which claim, or are perceived by some, as having a link to them. We must stand, likewise, against this. An attack on one is an attack on all.

LIVING BREAD

A Day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, 24th June at the English Martyrs School from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. This is an opportunity to confirm your commitment to this ministry. Every minister has received a personal invitation letter by email. It includes a keynote talk by Fr Peter Bowe OSB and a variety of prayer workshops. Please reply to the *Sheila* in *St Joseph's Parish Office* by Monday, 19th June. Some extra invitation letters are available at the back of the church.

NEW PLAYERS WANTED FOR CATHOLIC FOOTBALL SESSIONS

7.45 pm to 9 pm at Rivers/IBIS Club on Scours Lane, Reading. For males 18 years and over. All abilities welcome. For more information, please contact *Ian* on 0779 983 8959 or email *kozisouthcote@yahoo.co.uk*

CONCERT

Reading Male Voice Choir sings with the visiting Harfa Male Voice Choir from Warsaw at the Polish Church on Saturday, 10th June at 7.30 pm, and again at St James Church on Sunday, 11th June at 3.30 pm. *Free admission.*