

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**** THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE MONTH OF JUNE ****

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 5TH JUNE -2022 (YEAR C)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 5TH JUNE – SATURDAY, 11TH JUNE 2022

Sunday, 5 th June PENTECOST SUNDAY	5 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	For Gosia & her mother Krystyna's intentions – For good health & God's protection
Monday, 6 th June ORDINARY TIME RESUMES The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, memorial	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 7 th June	12 noon	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 8 th June	12 noon	The living members of the Mac Mahon family
Thursday, 9 th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, feast	9.30 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Friday, 10 th June	7 pm	Jebson family
Saturday, 11 th June St Barnabas, Apostle	10 am	Mark Swallow RIP

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 12TH JUNE 2022 (YEAR C)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12TH JUNE – SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 2022

Sunday, 12 th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, solemnity	5 pm (Vigil)	Maria Ibañez Ortin RIP
	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP
	10.30 am *	Peter Mooney RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 13 th June St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor of the Church	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 14 th June	12 noon	Maria Hreska RIP
Wednesday, 15 th June	12 noon	People of the Parish
Thursday, 16 th June St Richard of Chichester, Bishop	11 am	Funeral: Archibald Jahans RIP
Friday, 17 th June	7 pm	Grzendziel family
Saturday, 18 th June Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from 7th - 28th June. Telephone messages and emails will be monitored, but please expect delays. Fr Peter will do his best to answer any urgent queries. Any non-urgent matters may be left until the Parish Office is open again. *Thank you.*

CORPUS CHRISTI – 19TH JUNE 2022 (YEAR C)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19TH JUNE – SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE 2022		
Sunday, 19 th June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ], solemnity	5 pm (Vigil)	Patricia and James Mac Mahon RIP
	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	People of the Parish
Monday, 20 th June St Alban, Martyr	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 21 st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 22 nd June Ss JOHN FISHER, Bishop & THOMAS MORE, Martyrs	12 noon	People of the Parish
Thursday, 23 rd June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTISM, solemnity	9.30 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Friday, 24 th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity	7 pm	Vidot Jules François, Marie Thérèse Capron & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
Saturday, 25 th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary, memorial	10 am	People of the Parish

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26TH JUNE 2022 (YEAR C)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26TH JUNE – SATURDAY, 2ND JULY 2022		
Sunday, 26 th June THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish
	8.30 am	Archibald Jahans RIP
	10.30 am *	Kevin Spellman RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 27 th June St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 28 th June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	12 noon	People of the Parish
Wednesday, 29 th June Ss PETER & PAUL, Apostles, solemnity	10.30 am 12 noon - TBC	Open air Mass at St Paul's School (weather dependent)
Thursday, 30 th June	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 1 st July	7 pm	People of the Parish
Saturday, 2 nd July Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions

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

ARCHIBALD JAHANS RIP

† The parish offers condolences to the family of Archibald Jahans who died recently. Archibald's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 16th June at 11 am here at St Joseph's, followed by committal at Henley Road Cemetery at 12.15 pm. *All are welcome.*

MARK SWALLOW RIP

† The parish offers condolences to the family of Mark Swallow who died recently. Mark's Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, 7th June at 11 am at the English Martyrs Church, followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery at 12.45 pm. *Please pray for the repose of Mark's soul.*

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, Pat Knowles, 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 UKRAINE



Loving God: We pray for the people of Ukraine, 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 and for all the world. Amen.

Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Check the diocesan website regularly for updates about the situation, how to help, refugees, etc: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

COLLECTION FOR 29TH MAY 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£130.10
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,428.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£525.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£97.41
Easter offerings	£250.00
Holy Places	£25.00
World Communications	£102.00
"On Fire!" TF9	£136.52
Loose Plate	£538.25
Hall Hire	£88.55
Repository	£130.00
Candle money	£72.45
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
TOTAL	£3,573.28
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,369.83
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
CAFOD Ukraine	£291.25
Easter Collection	£2,832.63
World Communications	£131.00



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

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online for Sunday collections and donations. 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>

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.

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC AT ST JOSEPH'S

Save the date! Sunday, 10th July from 11.30 am. With music and games. Bring a picnic and a blanket. Volunteers please to help on the day. All welcome.

SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

Saturday, 8th October: 6 pm to late:
70s/80s Music Night
Saturday, 12th November: 6 pm to late:
Quiz + Supper night
Tickets on sale from September

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, I would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 2nd July 2022 at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please send an email to *Liz Murphy* at anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you know a couple who qualify and do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at *St Bede's* on 0125 646 5214, and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph. You can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address.

Those without access to the internet you can post a copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN



The CEO of SPUC has asked if I would be willing to take on the role of the Society's official Parish Representative, a role I have gladly accepted. This will mean more frequent bulletins in our newsletter about pro-life issues, signing petitions, encouraging contact with MPs, etc. There are ongoing demands for abortion up to birth with no restrictions, as well as for assisted suicide to be legalised, and we must be ready to face these threats.

Our current local campaign, organised by the Reading SPUC branch, is door to door leafleting along the Oxford Road and its many side roads. This is done in 2s or 3s, never alone. We are delivering two different leaflets, one explaining how a baby grows in the womb from the moment of conception, and the other about the dangers of self-administered abortion by swallowing pills at home. The government has announced that this policy is to continue in spite of SPUC's postcard campaign to stop it. New leaflets are produced regularly. We would very much welcome help with the leafleting. Please contact me if you can give a couple of hours any day of the week, even just once or twice, so that we can continue this campaign. I will leave a few leaflets in the church porch for perusal and to take away. *Christine Wall - Tel. 0118 941 1605.*

VOCATIONS

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP are helping out a refugee family who moved into Reading 2 weeks ago. We have list of items that we are hoping to supply to them (used or new). The items they require are as follows:

- Hoover
- 2-seater buggy
- Adult bike
- Sewing Machine
- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if possible
- Shoe rack
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Large pots (so they can cook rice, etc)
- Pressure washer
- Tea cups x 6
- Laptop for the 16-year-old, as he will be going to college in September
- Microwave oven

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

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The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collections will be on **4th June & 3rd July** 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. *SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190* jackewins9@gmail.com.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

If you would like to join the rota for this, please let me know or speak to whoever is in charge of the teas on any Sunday. We look forward to once again having an opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners. *Ann Epps -* ann.epps@ntlworld.com - 0118 941 1479.

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a Catholic charity which supports marriage through relationship counselling and marriage preparation. We are currently looking to recruit volunteers, couples or individuals, to facilitate our marriage preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic church. Full training and continuing support are provided. Our presenters usually present courses on a Saturday two or three times in a year. If you think you could help to support marriage in this way, please contact Sue Cooper at sue.cooper@marriagecare.org or 0793 949 5774. For further information about Marriage Care visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

GRANTS AND TRUSTS OFFICER

Permanent, Full time: 35 hours per week (or part-time hours considered). Based at St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA (hybrid-working considered). Salary: up to £30,000 per annum, depending on skills and experience. Are you interested in using your writing skills to help the Diocese of Portsmouth to source as many grants and funding opportunities as possible, to help us better resource our mission and ministry, grow our outreach, and so bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church? Would you like at the same time to develop your own aptitude for communications and fundraising, as part of a skilled and supportive team?

We have a fantastic opportunity for someone who writes well to work with us in the Diocese to put together applications for parishes to secure funding that they may not know is available. You do not need to be an expert in fundraising but do need to be able to express yourself well in writing, and we can help you with the rest. If this sounds like a calling you could answer, then please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for Job

Description and details of how to apply. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday, 13th June 2022. Interviews (in Portsmouth): Monday, 20th June 2022. If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact: Richard Norman – Fundraising Manager rnorman@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 0239 421 6503.

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. All welcome.



CLASSROOM TEACHER

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff from September 2022. We welcome applications from people of any faith and ECT's. Part time/Job share may be considered for the right candidate.

The successful candidate will:

- Be fully supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Love working with young children
- Be enthusiastic, imaginative, open and reflective
- Have high expectations
- Enjoy working in partnership with parents.

We can offer you:

- An Outstanding Catholic School in "Overall Effectiveness and all aspects of learning" as judged in our recent Diocesan Section 48 Validation
- "St Paul's has a strong community spirit, pupils enjoy coming to school...providing a calm, friendly and well-ordered environment where pupils make good progress in their learning." according to the last OFSTED report
- Delightful and happy children
- A caring and supportive ethos
- A vibrant, stimulating, well-resourced environment.
- Excellent ongoing support and opportunities for CPD

Please come and visit us to see our lovely school and children. Closing Date: Friday, 10th June 2022 Midday. Interviews: Thursday, 16th June 2022. For an application pack, please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk> St Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. For more information, please contact: Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.



JUNE, THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

The month of June is customarily devoted to the Heart of Christ. Here, is a short article reproduced by Stephen Beale from the highly acclaimed Aleteia website about the unique symbolism of the Sacred Heart.

The Sacred Heart is among the most familiar and moving of Catholic devotional images. But its symbolism can also be strange. Here is a look at the explanation behind some of the features of the Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart most obviously brings to mind the Passion of Christ on the cross. There is the crown of thorns, the cross, usually atop the heart, and the wound from the spear that pierced His side. But why is the Sacred Heart always shown as if it's on fire? That certainly did not happen at the crucifixion. There are three reasons behind this. First, we have to remember that Christ's self-offering on the cross was the one-time perfect consummation of all the sacrifices of the Old Testament. This necessarily includes burnt offerings, which were the highest form of sacrifices in ancient Israel, according to The Jewish Encyclopaedia. An early form of such sacrifices was what Abraham set out to do with Isaac, hence the wood he had his son collect beforehand. Second, fire is always associated with the essence of divinity in the Old Testament. Think back to the burning bush that spoke to Moses, the cloud of fire that settled on Sinai, and the flames from above that consumed the sacrifice of Elijah. This explanation fits with the gospel account of the crucifixion, in which the piercing of Christ's side revealed His heart at the same time that the curtain of the temple was torn, unveiling the holy of holies where God was present. Finally, the image of fire associated with heart represents Christ's passionate love for humankind. One 19th-century French devotional card has these words arched above the Sacred Heart—Voilà ce Cœur qui a tant aimé les hommes, which roughly translates to: "Here is the heart that loved men so much." One traditional exclamation is, "Sacred Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee." We see this actually happen in the gospels, where the disciples on the road to Emmaus realized that their hearts had been "burning" after their encounter with Jesus.



FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

In 2018, Pope Francis established a new feast day in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to be kept on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday. This year, the feast falls next Monday, 6th June. Here is the Decree that was issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship explaining the Pope's thinking and the meaning of this feast.

"The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact, the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross. Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Her Majesty the Queen is the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service, and various celebrations are planned across the land to celebrate Her Majesty's historic reign. The Bishops of England and Wales have approved special prayers for the Queen over the weekend of the 4 - 5th June, Pentecost Sunday.