

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) – 9TH DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT: PREPARING, WAITING, LONGING, PRAYING



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

We are now in a time of waiting, longing and praying for the coming of the Lord. We sing the haunting Advent hymns. We light the second Advent candle. Our liturgical colour is now purple, and the Gloria is omitted during Advent. We adopt the attitude of the Jewish people who longed and waited for the coming of the Messiah – the Saviour of the world. A well lived Advent is the perfect preparation for Christmas. Let us make every effort to give this season our best effort as we begin Advent.

Fr Peter.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday, 10 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 11 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 12 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 13 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 14 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 15 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 17 th	7.30 pm	St James

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, Michael O'Connell, Fr Stan 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*.



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER

Sunday, 9th December <i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Charles Tinsley RIP
Monday, 10th December	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 11th December	12 noon	Mary George RIP
Wednesday, 12th December	12 noon	John Murray RIP
Thursday, 13th December <i>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9.30 am	John Murray RIP
Friday, 14th December <i>St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	7 pm	Eileen Drake RIP
Saturday, 15th December	10 am	Mairin Hayes RIP – Foundation Mass
Sunday, 16th December <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	8.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Jackie Cattigan RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass.	
Responsorial Psalm: “What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad”.		

COLLECTIONS FOR 2ND DECEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£598.21
Gift Aid (via Bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£38.50
Planned Giving (via Bank)	£55.00
Loose Plate	£470.01
Bamenda	£30.00
TF4 (Confirmation fees)	£100.00
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£303.24
Candles	£51.37
Donation	£5.00
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
TOTAL	£2,501.33
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£206.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£2,243.96
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Bamenda Sunday	£1,070.08



DAVID DYE RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to Kathy Dye, wife of David, who died recently, and to all their relatives and friends. *David’s Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, 18th December at 11 am followed by cremation at West Berkshire Crematorium. All are welcome.*



TONY FLINT RIP

The parish offers sympathy and condolences to Jill Flint, wife of Tony, who died recently, and to all their relatives and friends. *Tony’s Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 19th December at 10 am followed by cremation at Henley Road Cemetery. All are welcome.*

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER

- The counters will be Terry Clarke & Jenny Horton.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Eileen Wooller. *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.**

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.*

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.*

CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH CLEAN

A special Christmas church clean will be held on Monday, 24th December at 10 am. *Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.*

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 12th December at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

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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.***

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

TODAY 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, 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.*

REPOSITORY

Advent calendars, Christmas cards, candles and gifts now on sale. Little red robins and snow make pretty pictures; however, Christmas is about the birth of the Saviour of the world; please consider the nature of the card you send this year.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Andrew's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass here at St Joseph's Church on Thursday, 13th December. *All are welcome.*



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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - STELLA MARIS

As you may know the ships of the world which bring us the many goods, we use each day do not stop operating over the Christmas Season. Each year the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, Toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items, in support of the many seafarers who work upon the high seas. As well as those much-needed items, AoS also invites the faithful to donate any extra rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes. Financial donations are most welcomed as well. For more information on how you may be able to help, please contact your local parish AoS representative (*Miriam Fernandes*) or Fr John Lavers (john.lavers@stellamarismail.org). The website is: <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk>. ***Our Lady Star of the Sea. Pray for us!***

EXAM INVIGILATORS

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

Casual Contract. £9.68 per hour. We are seeking to recruit Invigilators to join our existing team. You will be required at key times throughout the year to supervise pupils undertaking examinations, in accordance with the Examination Board regulations. A job description and application form can be downloaded from our website - <http://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/vacancies>. Closing Date - 12 noon on Tuesday, 18th December 2018. Further details available in church porch.

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. *Everyone is welcome.*

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the December collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. Also, thank you to all who gave toys - we were very grateful. The next collection will be on the first Sunday of the month which will be 6th January 2019. *Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection.*