

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 23RD APRIL 2017

DIVINE MERCY AND PRO-LIFE

Pope Saint John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8 - 11 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins.

On behalf of the whole Pastoral Area, St Joseph's Church has the great privilege and honour of hosting the Feast of Divine Mercy **TODAY** at 2.30 pm. The celebration will include prayers and end with Benediction. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Simon Uttley, new Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will visit us next Sunday, 30th April to talk about his plans and hopes for the future of the school. Interested parents and present parents are invited to remain on and meet with Simon during coffee after Mass. Simon's aim is to promote the place of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School in our community as the school of first choice for our catholic families and to build good relationships with all our parish communities.

Visits to housebound for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion are welcomed on Thursday, 11th May from 10 am onwards. Please phone through to the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

On Fire! Saturday, 13th May from 5 – 7 pm. A powerful praise and healing service. *All are welcome.*

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 23RD APRIL - 30TH APRIL

Sunday, 23rd April	8.30 am	Gerard (James) MacDonald RIP
	10.30 am	Billinia McAteer's Intentions
	2.30 pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Monday, 24th April St George, Patron of England	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 25th April St Mark, Apostle	10 am	<i>Easter Mass at St Paul's School</i>
	12 noon	Stasia Langstone RIP
Wednesday, 26 th April	7 pm	Roche Figueira RIP
Thursday, 27th April	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 28th April	12 noon	Peter Hopkins RIP
Saturday, 29th April St Catherine of Siena, Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	11 am	<i>Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral</i>
Sunday, 30th April	8.30 am	Cathy Rodrigues' Intentions -Thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Judith Mary O'Neill RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:		Saturday: 9.30 - 10 am
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:		Saturday: Following 10 am Mass
Responsorial Psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 16TH APRIL 2017

CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£10.00
Easter Offering	£1,894.30
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£5.00
Candles	£38.06
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
Holy Places	£495.75
CAFOD (TF3)	£10.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£39.00
TOTAL	£2,522.11
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£50.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£40.00
CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£2,475.02
Clergy Assistance Fund	£412.87
Holy Places	£501.75
Easter Offering	£1,914.30

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 30th April will be John Macbeth and Rosalind Gilbert.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 30th April will be Eileen Kerrigan.

RBH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

We wish to let you know that Fr Richard Maniak will not be acting as Hospital Chaplain for the time being. All emergency calls for the RBH should now go directly to Fr Peter on 0118 942 8632.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 26th April at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

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, Gene, 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.***

**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*.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!**

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Bartholomew's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 27th April. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Fr Peter has now introduced the practice of asking if there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their seat during Mass. You are welcome to raise your hand at Holy Communion time, at any Mass, if you feel unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, and he will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you. Will you kindly make sure that you sit at the end of the bench, for him to have easy access.

Those wishing to receive gluten free hosts, please simply approach *Fr Peter* in the usual way and say 'gluten free host please'.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a large number of Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 to be collected at the back of the church.

Will parishioners who make donations by Direct Debit or Standing Order kindly note that their boxes will only contain the envelopes for special collections. They are, however, reminded that they too will need to collect their numbered boxes.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

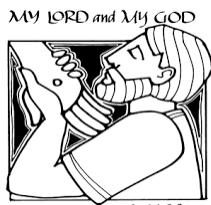
Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 26th April when we will plan the programme for the term. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and all ladies are welcome to join us.

MEETING RE SOCIAL MEDIA

At the recent meeting of the Reading PA EST it was agreed that there would be an evening on the use of Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, etc., and invite "experts" from our parishes to see how we could develop these in our parishes in the future. The aim is to explore different ways of using the new social media for evangelisation and the service of the Gospel. If anyone from St Joseph's is interested in social media, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office, so that you can be invited to the meeting to be planned in the near future.

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*



BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 3rd & 10th May from 8 pm until 9.30 pm in the large church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The courses only run 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, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Phillip* on 0118 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS - MEGA YOUTH POLL

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> or by scanning this QR code with your phone. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link or QR code. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday, 24th June at 11 am. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. Or contact *Liz Murphy* at *St Bede's Parish Office* on 01256 465214. To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph; you can upload it when you complete the form. Alternatively send via email to above email address or by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.

