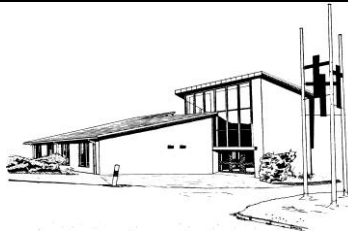


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) – SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

### **MASS WITH SACRAMENTAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

A Mass with Sacramental Anointing of the Sick will be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm. Tea, coffee, cake, etc., will be available in the hall after Mass. *Everyone is welcome.* Should you require transport, please contact *Jack* or other members of the SVP.

### **“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE - SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 5 – 7 PM**

Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*

*Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive; instead, park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly.* **Fr Peter.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020**

Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30 am	John & Mary English RIP
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.30 am	Graham Ward RIP
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Mary, Breda, Siobhan, Michael, John & family's intentions
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>6.30 am</b>	Private intention
	12 noon	Graham Ward RIP
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am	Margaret Tomkins RIP
	2 pm	Sacramental Anointing of the Sick
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Rita Hayes RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	10 am	Angela Macbeth RIP
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30 am	Maria Rodrigues RIP
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.30 am	Ann Goodwin's intentions
<b>Exposition following Masses</b>		
	4 pm	Syro Malabar Catechism Class
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.

**ROSARY & CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.

**Responsorial Psalm: “May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you”.**

## COLLECTION FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£304.70
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£23.00
Loose Plate	£387.56
Lenten Appeal (Divine Mercy Centre)	£64.60
Candles	£57.09
Confirmation fees	£56.00
Mass Stole fees	£40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£932.95</b>
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£116.25
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
Divine Mercy Centre	£288.96
Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)	£388.85
Lenten Appeal (Divine Mercy Centre)	£64.60

## REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

- **Counters:**  
M O'Brien & R Hawkins.
- **Mass readers\*\*:**  
8.30 am.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Hurst.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – H Glover.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Wall.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M O'Brien.  
**Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
E Wooller, J Fernandes & J Scarpa.  
10.30 am  
C Dias, J Macbeth & M Nevin.  
**Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**  
Carmen.

**\*\*Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. 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.**

## WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP – 9.30 AM

The next prayer group will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March here at St Joseph's in the small hall. *All are welcome.*

## TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will be served after 10.30 am Mass. *All are welcome.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Helen, Natasha, Marek, Bridget, Iga, Mimi Furnell, Bob Goodwin, Maggie Tranter, Jadwiga Wlasak, Chris Quinn, Anne Rees, Ged & Maureen Murphy.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

Please note that there is a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.



## GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you know in advance that you are going into hospital, please inform Fr Peter. In case of emergency, inform hospital staff and they will take the necessary action of contacting a priest for you. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 4 pm in the Royal Berkshire Hospital chapel. *Patients, staff & visitors are all welcome.*

## VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

## ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - 50TH CELEBRATION

There will be an open afternoon on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, to commemorate the opening of St Paul's School, from 12 noon - 2 pm. If anyone has any old group or team photos that we could borrow for our open day, please drop these into the school office.

## PARISH LIFE & WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING

An illustrated talk by a leading local historian, Joan Dils, at Our Lady of Peace Church on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. *Everyone welcome.*

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE

If you would like to consider travelling to Medjugorje as a parish, please add your name and telephone number to Fr Peter's list. Details are set out below:  
16<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - 9 nights. Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned. Tariff: Single occupancy: 35 Euros per night = 315 Euros per person. Shared occupancy: 25 Euros per night = 225 Euros per person. (Note: any possible increase on these rates in due course will be very minimal). Also, there will be an additional total return payment of 40 Euros per person for coach transfers between the airport and Medjugorje. Flight details: Outbound: BA0842 LHR - SPLIT (Terminal 5) departing at 13.35 - 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Return: BA0843 SPLIT - LHR (Terminal 5) departing at 14.20 - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE DAY

On Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am - 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church: 'BREAKTHROUGH'. For more information go to [www.smartloving.org/breakthrough](http://www.smartloving.org/breakthrough).

## THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to *Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT* or email: [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

## LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Laity led Stations of the Cross before Mass on Tuesdays, (Wednesday in Holy Week), have been well attended over the last few years. However, finding people to lead them has proved difficult. There are no set prayers to accompany the Stations, so whoever leads, decides the format to adopt. Guidance can be given if you would like to lead but have never done so before. If you are able to lead, please contact me, *Mike Tomas* - 0770 803 2743.

### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Come along to our next meeting to find out more about 3D Printing. We will meet in the small hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. *All ladies are welcome.*

### **LENT 2020**

Traditionally, Lent has been a time when we give up something we enjoy: biscuits, sweets or alcohol, for example. However, Lent is about self-discipline. Self-discipline doesn't have to be "giving something up", it can take the form of "doing something extra". During Lent last year, Fr Peter introduced a 6.30 am Mass on Wednesday mornings, giving us all the opportunity to practise self-discipline - to do something extra. The last of these Masses will be on 1<sup>st</sup> April (there will not be one in Holy Week). This Holy Season of Lent, why not give it a go? It really is good for the soul.

### **PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 7 PM**

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover Supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration including some singing/music. Ticket prices are Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Ann Epps, Sue Collier* or *Wendy Earley*.

### **MARRIAGE CARE**

Are you passionate about supporting marriage? Marriage Care volunteers run marriage preparation days for couples getting married in the Catholic Church and also offer relationship counselling when difficulties come along. In order to continue our invaluable work, we require volunteers for the following roles:

Marriage Preparation facilitators (training is provided); people to serve tea, coffee, etc., at our marriage preparation days (held in Reading and Maidenhead); treasurer; admin support; relationship counsellors (relationship counselling training is available for qualified counsellors); receptionist for counsellor (Monday evenings in Woodley). To find out more about any of these opportunities contact *Sue Cooper* at [reading.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or phone 0793 949 5774. For further information on Marriage Care visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk).

### **'YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'**

In this special year, St Paul's Primary School would like to offer parents and families the opportunity to learn more about the Bible. We aim to run four sessions starting on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm, and it is expected that each session will last around one hour, 15 minutes. Dates of future sessions will be confirmed at a later date. Sessions will take place at St Paul's School. Each session consists of a video and time for discussion. There is no homework and no prior knowledge is needed! Our teachers have already started the course and have found it enjoyable and informative. There is no cost, but a small contribution towards tea and coffee would be appreciated, and will be donated to charity. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a space on [office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk) or 0118 942 2003.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Reading, during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. For full details and to sign up now to pray with them see our website at [40daysforlife.com/reading-2](http://40daysforlife.com/reading-2), or contact them at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com).

### **THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY - "BEHOLD"**

This Re-dedication on March 29<sup>th</sup> is both a personal promise by the people of England, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey in 1381. England received the title 'Mary's Dowry' when Richard sought Our Lady's protection in the face of great political turmoil. This meant England was 'set aside' as a gift for Our Lady under her guidance and protection. On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, the Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. Like King Richard we are invited to give ourselves, the people of this country, as a gift to Mary. We can respond in two ways; making a personal pledge (the "Angelus Promise" in which we proclaim our union with Mary through the words of the Annunciation) and a communal entrustment (a prayer of profoundly historic and spiritual nature, bringing together the prayers of surrender and dedication that have echoed throughout our history). All parishes, schools and Catholic organisations are invited to host this dedication and mark the occasion in their own way. For more details go to <https://www.behold2020.com/take-part>. The re-dedication comes as we celebrate God's Word becoming Flesh during "Year of the Word - the God Who Speaks". To link the two events, more can be found at [www.godwhospeaks.org](http://www.godwhospeaks.org) or the national site <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>

### **CORONA VIRUS ADVICE FROM CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

Following advice from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we are following the guidance given for a Stage 1 situation (defined as very few cases in the UK, and no cases in local parishes).

For details of the Stage 1 and the heightened Stage 2 guidance are given in this week's e-news from Bishop Phillip, a copy of which is available in the church porch. To summarise:

- Fr Peter and the Eucharistic Ministers will now use hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion. The Chalice will still be offered, but obviously it is an individual's decision whether or not they choose to receive from it.
- Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms should not take Holy Communion from the Chalice and should receive the Host in their hand only; this should be the practice anyway during the cold and flu season.
- We will continue to offer the Sign of Peace, but this does not have to be done with a handshake; a simply bow, nod or smile will suffice instead. Please respect the choice that individuals make in this regard, and do not be offended if a fellow parishioner is unwilling to shake your hand; it's important that no-one feels awkward about the choices they make.

It goes without saying that these procedures will be revised as and when necessary, and all appropriate advice and guidelines will be followed.

### **DROP-IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the March 2020 Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP collection. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which will be Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie*.