

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 21ST MAY 2017

PARISH MAINTENANCE

The parish is most grateful to Tom McKeown for his 50 years of dedicated service in the work he has done on maintenance issues arising during that period. At the present time, all major items of maintenance are in hand, but looking forward, the parish will badly need some person(s) to help with dealing with maintenance matters. We have already had one kind offer of assistance, but mindful of the numerous building/maintenance matters, it would be extremely helpful to build up a team of volunteers to help with this work. If there is anyone in the parish who is able to help, please talk to *Fr Peter* or *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

HEALTH & SAFETY/CAR PARKING

Unfortunately, we have had numerous complaints from our neighbours in Berkshire Drive following Sunday morning Masses with regard to careless and inconsiderate parking. Please park inside our own car park whenever possible, and only if *absolutely necessary* park *considerately* along ONE side of Berkshire Drive, making sure not to block neighbours' driveways. We must allow clear access to Emergency Services, not only to our own church, but also to the residents of Berkshire Drive.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 21ST MAY – 28TH MAY

Sunday, 21st May	8.30 am	Euri Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Vincent Herbert RIP
	2.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 22nd May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 23rd May	7 pm	Patricia Kusta RIP
Wednesday, 24th May	12 noon	People of the Parish
Thursday, 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	7 pm	Patricia Kusta RIP
Friday, 26th May <i>St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder</i>	7 pm	David de Freitas RIP
Saturday, 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	10 am	Alina Paszko RIP
Sunday, 28th May	8.30 am	Patricia Kusta RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Tony Chaplin's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "Cry out with joy to God all the earth."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 14TH MAY 2017

Gift Aid	£1,100.84
Planned Giving	£88.00
Loose Plate	£346.94
Apostleship of the Sea	£10.00
Bamenda	£15.00
Cathedral Fund	£5.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
Clergy Training Fund	£30.55
Day for LIFE	£10.00
Easter Offering	£30.00
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£10.00
Holy Places	£10.00
Home Mission Sunday	£5.00
Peter's Pence	£5.00
World Communications	£5.00
SPUC	£354.79
World Mission Sunday	£10.00
Candles	£48.39
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TOTAL	£2,139.51
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£95.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Clergy Training Fund	£284.65
Holy Places	£530.75
Easter Offering	£2,029.56
SPUC	£354.79

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 28th May will be Rita McKenna and Peter Nicholson.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 28th May will be Harry McSoley.

****Special Collection for World Communications next Sunday, 28th May**.**

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 24th May 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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Pre-election discussion: At our next meeting on Wednesday, 24th May, we will have the opportunity to discuss the political issues that matter to us ahead of the general election. We will meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm and all ladies are welcome to join us.

CHESS TOURNAMENT INVITATION

On Saturday, 10th June 10 am at Our Lady of Peace. Please let the OLOP Parish Office know if you would like to take part by the end of May on 0118 966 3711.

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*.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic, and if they wish to have Holy Communion they must now request this themselves, otherwise they may not be visited. From now on, all arrangements in RBH must be patient-led. All emergency calls for the RBH should now go directly to *Fr Peter* on 0118 942 8632.

BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16 - 30) taking place 23rd - 26th June in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. To journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear simulating input the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our *website: brightlights.org.uk*, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: *T/FB/IG: BLFestival*

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*.

OUR COMMON FUTURE
GENERAL ELECTION QUESTIONS

Please take a copy of the document from the church porch, which has been prepared by Chris Bain at CAFOD, covering 4 key questions to raise with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, 4th June 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.

CONCERT

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

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage will be running alongside the main diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 18th – 25th August and is for teenagers aged from 14 to 17 years. Bookings are now being taken and places may be secured with a £100 deposit. Total cost of pilgrimage is £625. For further information please contact Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 (ext 222).

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising 8th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday, 3rd June. 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Further details are available in the church porch.

FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM

Portsmouth Diocese – Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on Saturday, 17th June, English Martyrs Hall: 10 am - 1 pm: A training/refreshers 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.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Reading, is looking for a Reception class teacher for September. Further details and an application form are on the school's website at www.christthekingreading.co.uk

SUNDAY TEA DANCE

On Sunday, 28th May at English Martyrs Church hall from 2 - 4.30 pm. Tea. Sandwiches and yummy cakes. Music by Billy Whitley. Everyone welcome. An opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon.

HUSTINGS FOR READING WEST
CONSTITUENCY

On Monday, 29th May at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. WE NEED QUESTIONS. Please think about the questions you would like to put to the candidates and email them urgently to michael@pennyfamily.co.uk who will go through them to see which are the most common themes. It would be good to get a variety of questions from a variety of people from different churches – as we did last time. When you email your questions, please include your telephone number and the church which you attend. If your question is selected you will be informed and be requested to turn up to ask the question in person. Michael Penny - Chair, Churches Together in Reading.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there "for what the Lord had promised" (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to "wait for what the Lord has promised us", namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday, 26th May to Saturday 3rd June for the New Evangelisation in our diocese?

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray at this time for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

SHARING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Day of Prayer for the New Evangelisation on Saturday, 3rd June, 10 am – 3 pm at St Edward's Church, 191 - 193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. The diocese will be hosting a day of prayer for the New Evangelisation, beginning with mass at 10am. Throughout the day, there will be the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be a prayer workshop either side of lunch (please bring your own), centred on the theme of "using the gifts of the Holy Spirit". You are welcome to come for all or just some of the day. Even if you cannot join us, please take time that day to pray for the New Evangelisation in our diocese – it is essential that all our efforts are founded on firm bedrock of prayer.