

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 (YEAR C)



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

### ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN LONDON: SATURDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

This event starts with an indoor prolife festival with various activities for children of all ages as well as adults then continues with a procession through the streets of London ending in parliament square where a stage will have been set up for keynote speeches, and ending with a time for prayer or remembrance. Depending on numbers, we are planning to organise 1 or more coaches to take us there and back and are currently getting quotes. If you are interested and able to come, please contact us via email at [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com) or ring Martin on 0743 601 8688 to let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in going by coach. Once we know how many people will go by coach, we can then work out the cost per person and confirm back to you. Proposed pick up points will be the English Martyr's and St William of York Churches in Reading.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN: 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We are now registered again for our 6<sup>th</sup> campaign of prayer and witness outside the BPAS abortion centre in London Street and the website is back up and ready for you to sign up and choose the hours you can do over the 40 days. Go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>. If you have any questions, please email us at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com). *We hope to see you soon!*

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022

Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August	5 pm (Vigil)	Pat Knowles RIP
<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity</b>	8.30 am	Jack & Theresa Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am *	Teresa Glas RIP
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon	Brigid Wilchusky RIP
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon	Rose Pocock RIP
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>**12 noon**</b>	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August	7 pm	Angel Tom's intentions
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10 am	Lukasz Michalak's intentions
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August <b>St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
	8.30 am	Veronica & Raymond Brown RIP
	10.30 am *	Dominic Clark's intentions – <i>Foundation Mass</i>

\* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

### PLEASE NOTE:

**\*\* Mass on Thursdays will continue to be celebrated at 12 noon for the remainder of August and revert to the usual time of 9.30 am from 1<sup>st</sup> September. \*\***

### 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, 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 RUSSIA & UKRAINE

Please continue to pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, 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, Russia and for all the world. *Amen.*

### SUNDAY COLLECTION – 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£351.50
Planned Giving	£50.00
Loose Plate	£500.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£901.95</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)	£580.75
Day for Life	£125.00
Peter's Pence	£31.25

### 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

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>

### SCHOOL SPACES



We will have spaces available in our Reception Classes from September. If you know of any children who would be interested in joining our school, please let them know. We also increase our intake from 45 to 48 from Year 3, so will also have some spaces available in our junior classes. Telephone No. 0118 942 2003.

### "UNSURE AS TO HOW MUCH TO PUT INTO THE OFFERTORY?"

Please consider calculating and donating your first hour's salary each week, in support of the mission and ministry of our parish. Your first hour can help sustain our first hour, by ensuring Sunday Mass continues to equip Christians for service for generations to come. Please think about offering what's right, not what's left: the average Offertory across our Diocese is less than £3 per person per week – whereas the national minimum hourly wage (national living wage) is £9.50 . . ."

### TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We will resume on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to join our rota and take a turn at running a session, please do let me know. *Ann Epps* – 0798 919 2833 [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com)

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will resume on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. However, depending on the availability of the Leaders, there *may* be some ad hoc sessions over the holidays. If you would like to be part of our team, please come along to one of our sessions on a Sunday morning and speak to the catechists. *Ann Epps* - [ann.epps@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com) – 0118 941 1479.

### 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. We will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> September. *All welcome.*



### RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT DIOCESE

The relics of St Bernadette are coming to visit the Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed. The relics of St Bernadette will be in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8<sup>th</sup> September and on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. **The reservation system is now open and can be accessed at**

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of St Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion. *(Image credit to Portsmouth Diocese e-News Issue 372).*

### VOCATIONS

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." Are you attracted to carry the word of God to his flock as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact *Cn John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

Aged 16 - 30? You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD in Lisbon from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a week-long youth festival with Pope Francis and young people from across the world! Cost £1,200 which includes accommodation, travel, WYD package and more! To apply and for more details: [wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### FLAME NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT 2023

The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at Wembley Arena in London on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 with the theme 'Rise Up!' For further questions, ring 0778 022 1686 or email [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

If you're away from your church or the Diocese, you can still keep in contact with all the latest news from the Bishop or the Diocese via:

E- News

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>  
*(subscription service available)*

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### BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON RC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE - OPEN DAY - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022

Fawley Road, Southcote Reading, RG30 3EP. Tel. 01189 574 730

[www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org) [admin@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.org)

'Outstanding School - Section 48 Inspection' @bhfcs bhfcs. Morning 9 am – 12 noon. Evening 5 - 7.30 pm. Serving the Community in Reading since 1958. (10.15 am, 5.45 pm & 6.30 pm Headmaster's Address).

### TILEHURST ST CATHERINE'S MOTHERS' UNION

Stephanie Walklate writes:

*Dear Friends,*

*We, at St Catherine's Mothers' Union, would very much like to invite you and your branch members to our Anniversary Service which will be held at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2.30 pm. As usual, this will be followed by tea and cakes, a time to chat and catch up with old friends. To assist with catering, it would be helpful if you could let me know how many people would like to come by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. We look forward to seeing you and your members. Telephone No. 0118 941 5871 Email: [sandrawalklate@outlook.com](mailto:sandrawalklate@outlook.com)*

### PATRICIA DAY RIP

✠ The parish offers condolences to the family of Patricia Day, a former parishioner, who passed away late evening on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022. She leaves behind her husband of 52 years Colin, her two sons Brian and Mark, and 2 grand-daughters. Both Brian and Mark served Father Kelleher for many years as altar servers in the 1990's. Please pray for Patricia's family and for the repose of her soul. The Funeral service will be held at English Martyrs, where Patricia & Colin were married. Any parishioners who remember Patricia and her family would be more than welcome to attend the service. *Further details will follow shortly.*

### CISS CUMMINS RIP

✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ciss Cummins. Remains to be received into Our Lady & St Anne's Catholic Church on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 4 pm; Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30 am.



# St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

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

- Tumble dryer
- Kids bike with stabilisers. if possible
- Hosepipe
- Lawnmower
- Pressure washer
- Laptop for the 16-year-old, as he will be going to college in September

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

The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September** 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](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk). SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).*

SVP Summer Raffle Tickets will be on sale after 10.30 am Sunday Mass, providing you with a great opportunity to win some fantastic cash prizes while helping your conference raise much needed funds. The draw will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September and all winners will be notified by phone call or email.

### BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism preparation course will take place in the next few weeks. Exact date to be confirmed. The course only runs 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 baptized fairly soon.

If you are considering Baptism for your child, please register for the course by contacting *Sheila* in the Parish Office (*details on the front of the newsletter*).

### ST JAMES' WAY

Sponsor a square for St James UK (Camino walk): David Sinclair and Adrian Croft walked the St James' Way from Reading to Southampton over 3 days from Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 to raise funds to install a stone distance marker (a "mouteira" in Galician) and a St James' cross monument along its route. If you would like to sponsor a square and help complete its painting as well as support the cause, please visit the link: [www.csj.org.uk/Appeal/st-james-way-fund](http://www.csj.org.uk/Appeal/st-james-way-fund) & select the 'Donate' box in blue for this fund (*not at the 'Donate' at the top of the CSJ website*).



### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Peter's Church in Winchester. An opportunity for prayer, reflection, discussion and exploring the guidelines and principles of Children's Liturgy of the Word and Catechesis, sharing ideas, good practice, and resources. Please book here [www.pffm.org.uk/catechists](http://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists)

### SAVE THE DATES! ST JOSEPH'S HALL

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October: 6 pm - late:  
70s/80s Music Night  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November: 6 pm - late:  
Quiz + Supper night.  
*Tickets on sale from September.*

### YOUTH GROUP

Age 11+ starting in September. The first activity will be on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm. *Save the date!*

## **PASTORAL COORDINATOR FOR EVANGELISATION**

Required to work part time (14 hours per week) to be worked on a flexible pattern to include some evening and weekend work.

Based at: Pastoral Centre, St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants SO23 8RY. Salary £12-13 per hour depending on experience. We are seeking a Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation to support the Director of Evangelisation and Leadership in delivering and developing the parish Evangelisation Ministry and its programmes and initiatives, with a particular focus on our primary tool for evangelisation, Alpha.

Values: The post holder will be required to work within and represent the principles, ethos and values of the Diocese of Portsmouth and the Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs in all aspects of their work.

Policies and procedures: The post-holder will work in line with the Policies & Procedures of the Diocese of Portsmouth. They will also be required to ensure that service users/clients, staff and volunteers are treated in accordance with the Equal Opportunities policy of the Diocese of Portsmouth with particular emphasis on anti-discriminatory practice and the promotion of the rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding: The post-holder will be required to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded, and must be aware that everyone has a safeguarding responsibility and a duty to refer any safeguarding concerns they may have to their line manager.

Closing date: Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12 noon. For Job Description, Person Specification and details of how to apply, please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you would like a confidential discussion about the role please contact: *Father Mark Hogan – Parish Priest* [mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) 0196 285 2804

### **SAN LORENZO FILIPINO MASS**

Bishop Philip Egan invites you for an ETHNIC Filipino Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1<sup>st</sup> Filipino-Chinese Saint) on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HQ. 1.30 pm Procession then Mass. Wear your Ethnic costumes Contact: Filipino Deacon KIM CABATANA @ fb Dcn Kim Cee, email [Cabatanak@gmail.com](mailto:Cabatanak@gmail.com) or Fr Claro Conde @ fb Claro Conde, email [filipinochaplaincy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:filipinochaplaincy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



## **RETROUVAILLE: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES**

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue . . . . . or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 or a face-to-face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023, call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk). (Image credit to <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>)

## **BIKE FOR LEPROSY IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE LIVING AT MUTEMWA LEPROSY CARE CENTRE IN ZIMBABWE**

A charity bicycle ride will take place this August in support of the people living with leprosy at Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre where John Bradburne (the next potential English Saint) cared for them.

Alex Macpherson and John Paynter, teachers based in Surrey and Bristol who are supporters of the John Bradburne Memorial Society, are embarking on a sponsored 600-mile bike ride from Bristol to Liverpool along the Welsh Coast in August. They will be raising awareness about leprosy and support of the people living at Mutemwa.

The Ride for Leprosy will start in Bristol on 12<sup>th</sup> August, cycling along the Welsh Coast and finally finishing in Liverpool on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

For details about Bradburne's remarkable life, visit [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com). Professor David Crystal has compiled an online database of Bradburne's poetry at [johnbradburnepoems.com](http://johnbradburnepoems.com)

To donate to Alex and John's ride for leprosy please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rideforleprosy>

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