

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

## YOUTH LENTEN CAMPAIGN

'Love in Action' is going to be our Lenten theme this year and, in the spirit of almsgiving, we are launching a Youth Lenten Campaign to treat the elderly members of our parish to a lovely EASTER LUNCHEON on SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH in the large hall from 1 - 4 pm. Please add your details to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to attend. To facilitate this wonderful initiative, we are looking for volunteers, both young people and adults, to help with the following: Hall arrangements/decorations, preparing & serving the lunch/drinks and clearing away and tidying up afterwards! This is a wonderful opportunity to put "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" into practice and there is no better time to introduce this than during Lent. For more information, please contact: *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at [igniteyouth16@outlook.com](mailto:igniteyouth16@outlook.com).

## WANTED

### NEW VOLUNTEERS - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Our Sunday Masses require more people to help with the distribution of the Sacred Host and Chalice. Please consider being of service to our community in this important ministry. Training for new volunteers from all of the parishes in Reading will be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT, led by Fr John O'Shea. Please complete the application form which is at the back of the church and submit it to Fr Peter for approval before Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The training programme for the morning is on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, there will be a *mandatory* parish training day for new volunteers and existing Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March following 10 am Mass here at St Joseph's**, with the commissioning and recommissioning process taking place at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

## NEWSLETTER

Although we do our best to include *all* items submitted for publication in the newsletter, space is often at a premium, which means omitting/editing particular pieces. *Apologies if this causes disappointment, on occasion.*

**Fr Peter**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>		
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am	Dan Cronin & Maureen Cronin RIP
	10.30 am	Reg Bourdon RIP
<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Richard O'Connor's Intentions
<b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12 noon	Terry Hadland RIP
<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30 am	Mark Tracy RIP
<b>Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Patrick Joseph Morton RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10 am	Greta Lam RIP
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30 am	Karin Cronin RIP
	10.30 am	Stephanie & Emma's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS	Saturday: Following 10am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <b>"You, Lord, have the message of eternal life".</b>		

### **COLLECTIONS FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

Gift Aid	£1,134.70
Planned Giving	£100.00
Loose Plate	£316.52
CAFOD Lent Family Fast	£958.24
Candles	£41.45
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,610.91</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£190.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,006.45
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£958.24
First Holy Communion Programme	£775.00

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection in support of the Clergy Assistance Fund next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### **REMINDER**

The counters next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March will be Carmen.

*\*\*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. \*\**

### **GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

On admission to hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest they must request this themselves as all arrangements in RBH must be 'patient led'. You can also telephone the *RBH Chaplaincy* on 0118 322 7105.

### **WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP**

The next Prayer Group meeting will be held at St Joseph's on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am. *All are welcome.*

### **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, and each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. Please **DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

### **SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL**

Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4 pm. *Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary O'Shea, Mary Hoban, Margaret Chaplin, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly & 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. *Thank you.*

### **VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND**

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10 am onwards. Please phone through to the Parish Office and leave your details with Sheila.

### **ST JOSEPH'S - REPOSITORY**

We urgently need volunteers to staff the Repository after 8.30 am & 10.30 am Masses. If you would like to help, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office as soon as possible.



### **ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - RECYCLE CLOTHING BIN**

There is now a recycle clothing bin situated just outside the car park gate at St Paul's School for adults' and childrens' clothing including underwear, linen, handbags, shoes in pairs. Recycle it. Don't bin it. *Help raise funds for St Paul's School.*

### **IGNITE YOUTH GROUP**

Our next session will be full of exciting games to keep you all on your toes! For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922 or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

Jenny Gouk's handmade card sale in support of CAFOD Family Fast Day raised a total of £93.50. *Many thanks Jenny.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

As previously requested, will all Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound please let *Miriam Fernandes* have the details of who they visit as soon as possible on 0118 943 3524. *Many thanks.*

### **OFFICE BUSINESS MANAGER (COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE & PROJECT MANAGEMENT)**

English Martyrs, wishes to appoint an Office Business Manager to work in the Parish Office full-time for 35 hours per week. Applicants should be diligent, reliable and able to work under pressure and unsupervised to deliver a high standard of administrative and Parish support. An experienced professional with excellent administrative, secretarial, time management, communication and prioritisation skills are essential for this role. The application form/job description/Equal Ops Monitoring form are available on the Diocesan website - *www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Interviews will be held w/c Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018. For informal enquiries please contact the *Parish Office* on 0118 957 2149. Please return completed application forms to *Canon Michael Dennehy, English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2EB.*



### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

For our next meeting, we will gather in the small hall after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March for a shared lunch. Please bring along a small plate of food to share. *All ladies are welcome to join us.*

### **MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT**

St Joseph's parish hosted the MacMillan Cancer Charity Quiz Night last Saturday. Both the quiz night and sale of beautiful handmade cards, courtesy of Jenny Gouk, raised approximately £700. The local organisers offer their sincere thanks for the use of St Joseph's hall, free of charge.

### **THURSDAY MORNING MASS**

St Matthew's Class will be attending Mass here on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am. *All parents and families are welcome to join them.*

### **SUNDAY MASS BOOKLETS**

At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September, St Joseph's Co-ordinating Team took the decision to reduce the number of Sunday Mass booklets to 75 because of our new audio-visual screen, with effect from Easter Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April.

*For those of you who prefer to use the booklets, this small supply will be available in two containers on the tables at the back of the church. Please return these booklets at the end of Mass, so that they are available for use in the following Mass. Thank you.*

### **'LAUDATO SI' - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME STUDY/ACTION EVENINGS**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at St James' Church at 7.30 pm. Each session will have video clips on Laudato Si, discussion in small groups, agreed action. ACTION: Take stock of your plastics and see if you can reduce the amount you use.

**WALKING THE CAMINO** from Reading, 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September. Flight: Stanstead - Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 - 25 km per day. Thousands of people do this walk every year. Closing date: 24<sup>th</sup> March. BOOK NOW via St James' Parish Office: *stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*. Initial enquiries to *Terry Clarke* on 0118 942 7858.

### **APF**

National Novena to St Joseph, 10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>. Each year the Mill Hill community prepares for the feast of St Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. The Novena is a positive way to pray for missionaries and the people they serve. You can join in at home by praying the daily Novena. A free booklet can be obtained by emailing *novenamhm@gmail.com*. The society would be happy to receive any petitions. A petition slip is available to download from *millhillmissionaries.co.uk*. The springtime magazines will be available next Sunday. Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.

### **ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE**

The next practice has been re-scheduled for this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4 pm. New and inexperienced servers are invited to attend. Holy Week ceremonies will form part of the practice session to conclude at 4.45 pm. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*