

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A) – SUNDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

From Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, all active priests of our diocese will be attending the Diocesan Convocation. It is designed as a time for prayer, presentations, discussion, fellowship, relaxation and rejuvenation. The goal is to nourish body, mind and soul and to return priests to their ministries rejuvenated and encouraged, with a network of contacts to keep them connected and supported. It is mandatory for all active priests to attend. Please remember our Bishop and all our priests in your prayers.

We are very happy to have a beautiful new wood floor around the upper section of the altar. Work will be completed next week with the fitting of the carpets around the lower altar and the aisle. Therefore Mass next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be celebrated at 7 pm. **Fr Peter**

MASS INTENTIONS: 28 <sup>TH</sup> MAY – 4 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE		
<b>Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	Patricia Kusta RIP
	10.30 am	Margaret & Tony Chaplin's Intentions
<b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	Pope Francis' Intentions
<b>Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	12 noon	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	<b>7 pm</b>	Ia Coleman RIP
<b>Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Bernard McCormack RIP
<b>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	10 am	Thomas Walshe RIP & Annie Kate Walshe RIP
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8.30 am	Audrey Welch
	10.30 am	Monica Goncalves RIP
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS:</b>	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>		
<b>“God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.”</b>		

## COLLECTIONS FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017

Gift Aid	£1,218.20
Planned Giving	£106.00
Loose Plate	£256.77
Clergy Training Fund	£4.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£40.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£20.00
Hall Hire	£176.00
Candles	£50.08
Mass Stole Fees	£40.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,926.05</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£110.00
Donations (Altar carpet)	£60.00
Clergy Training Fund	£288.65
SPUC	£354.79

### REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June will be Claude Fearn.

**\*\*Special Collection for World Communications TODAY\*\*.**

### 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](mailto:rcanning@meadowsweet.eu).

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

### MASS BOOKINGS - 2018

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

### CHESS TOURNAMENT INVITATION

On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

A Day with Mary" at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed. Dominic Barberi Church/hall on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. Further details available on green poster in church porch. *All are welcome.*

### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16 - 30) taking place 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://brightlights.org.uk), call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

### 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.

### 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](mailto:brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk).

### SUNDAY TEA DANCE

**TODAY** at English Martyrs Church hall from 2 - 4.30 pm. Tea. Sandwiches and yummy cakes. Music by Billy Whitley. *Everyone welcome.*

READING PA EST to meet on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 pm at St James Presbytery.

### **LETTER TO CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND AND WALES FROM THEIR BISHOPS**

The letter for the forthcoming General Election has been issued in the name of the Archbishops of Westminster, Cardiff, Southwark, Birmingham and Liverpool, has the agreement of all the members of the Bishops' Conference. As we approach the General Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June, it is hoped that this leaflet will be of use to all members of our parish and religious communities as you prepare to cast your vote, offering a framework for your own discernment of the issues at hand. Copies are available at the back of the church.

### **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

This year's Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage will be running alongside the main diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP**

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat such as, ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables. Tinned hot dogs.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks. Disposable razors.
- Family foods, such as cereal, pasta and pasta sauces.

All donated food items must have a long "use by" date, to be of use. Please leave your donations in the church porch next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

### **READING HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REUNION**

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30 pm at St James' Church. For all pilgrims who visited the Holy Land in April 2017.

### **CONCERT**

Reading Male Voice Choir sings with the visiting Harfa Male Voice Choir from Warsaw at the Polish Church on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm, and again at St James Church on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 pm. *Free admission.*

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

There will be a training day for new bereavement support volunteers on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The training will take place at St. John Bosco Parish Centre, Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **FORMATION FOR MISSION TEAM**

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

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

A safeguarding training session for volunteers who were trained earlier in the year, will take place on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July from 2 pm to 3.30 pm at St. John Bosco Parish Centre. Volunteers are asked to inform their parish coordinators if they are able to attend. Any queries should be directed to *Julia Feeney* at [olsabsg@gmail.com](mailto:olsabsg@gmail.com).

Fr Bon is coming to St Joseph's on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate a farewell Mass with all his friends here at St Joseph's parish. Fr Bon will be returning to Bamenda at the end of July, and Fr Peter agreed that it would be appropriate to have a special collection for him as a thank you for all he has done. Envelopes for your donation will be available shortly.

### **HUSTINGS FOR READING WEST CONSTITUENCY**

On Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.*