

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 19TH MAY 2019



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to recommend to you our parish school, St Paul's. It is currently the Number One school in Berkshire and has been rated as Outstanding. Unusually, there are still a few places for children to join for September 2019. If you know of anyone, whether they are catholic or non-catholic, who would be interested in sending their child(ren) to St Paul's School, please give them the school telephone number which is 0118 942 2003. I strongly suggest they pay a visit to our wonderful primary school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

A big **THANK YOU** to the children, to their parents and the team of catechists who prepared the children, and to all involved in preparing the Church and the Liturgy for yesterday's beautiful celebration.

Oscar Aram	Ewan Bolger
Henry Bone	Ian Campbell-Navarro
Anthony Carlyle	Isabella Carlyle
Orla Conroy	Giorgio Crisafi
Megan Cunningham	Roberta Di Pasquale
Megan Donnelly	Kurt Favato
Alyk Fernandes	Kaitlyn Fernandes
Luca Reilly-Fletcher	Leonardo Guerreiro
Ruby-Marie Hogan	Sofia Itraj
Annabel Jennings	Wiktoria Kubala
Naia Lemos Sainz	Albert Maslewski
Charlie Morris	Kai McCready
Charlie Meaden	Rhian McSoley Oshodi
Sophia Ogunlaja	Seamus O'Connor
Ronan O'Leary	Oliver O'Mahoney
Lauren Panganiban	Ruby Pearson
Riccardo Porcelli	Elizabeth Roberts
Clayton Toussaint	Hindolo Turay

Please also pray for me as I celebrated my 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood last Thursday, and please join me and the First Holy Communion children, for my Anniversary celebration cake and some First Holy Communion cake in the large hall after the 10.30 am Mass today. God bless you all. **Fr Peter.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19TH MAY – SUNDAY, 26TH MAY

Sunday, 19 th May	8.30 am	Joseph O’Sullivan RIP
	10.30 am	Catherine Hopes RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 20 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 21 st May	12 noon	Private Intention
Wednesday, 22 nd May	12 noon	Michael English’s Intentions
Thursday, 23 rd May	9.30 am	Anne Tudor RIP
Friday, 24 th May	7 pm	Fr Richard’s Intentions
Saturday, 25 th May <i>St Bede the Venerable, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	10 am	Jacqueline Stobbart’s Intentions
Sunday, 26 th May	8.30 am	Theresa Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Jerzy Potoczek RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: “I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King”.		

COLLECTION FOR 12TH MAY 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£1,184.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£43.00
Loose Plate	£501.94
Candles	£52.43
Hall Hire	£112.00
Mass Stole Fees	£100.00
Bamenda Sunday	£5.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£11.00
Clergy Training Fund	£398.44
Christmas offerings	£20.00
Day for Life	£5.00
Easter offerings	£30.00
Holy Places	£1.00
Home Mission Sunday	£10.00
World Mission Sunday	£8.00
Peter’s Pence	£10.00
World Communications	£5.00
TF6 Divine Mercy	£116.97
TOTAL	£2,614.28
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£66.25
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£1,722.36
First Holy Communion Subs	£813.52
Easter Offering	£2,737.06
Clergy Training Fund	£481.54
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97

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.**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are ‘patient led’. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105.* Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 26TH MAY

- Pastoral Letter – next weekend - the Sixth Sunday of Easter.
- **Counters:**
Rita McKenna & Peter Nicholson.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – M Tomas.
2nd Reading – M Livingston.
10.30 am
1st Reading – G Heenan.
2nd Reading – A Archer.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
J Fernandes, M Ogbuagu & M Tomas.
10.30 am
S Collier, A Epps & B Dent.
- **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**.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Dick O’Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Wendy Kelly, Mary O’Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O’Connell, Carmela Garzia & Colleen Collins.

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 22nd May at 9.30 am at St Catherine’s. *All are welcome.*



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

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 6th July at 11 am. Please visit the Cathedral website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ and complete the online forms, or see *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*

READING PASTORAL AREA DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be held on Saturday, 6th July at St Dominic Savio School, Western Avenue, Woodley, from 10.30 am - 3 pm. Registration and coffee - 10 am. Attendees must complete an application form (available from St Joseph's Parish Office), and return it to St John Bosco's Parish Office.

READERS' ROTA

The present rota runs out at the end of the month. New readers are always welcome. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass, please contact me. Training and guidance are available if required. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN AND WOMEN ON SUNDAY, 26TH MAY AT 6.30 PM.

Are you a single man or a single woman? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest or a sister and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood or religious life? We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests and sisters from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood and religious life is about and to ask any questions you have.

PARISH/SVP SENIOR PARISHIONERS' AFTERNOON TEA

Please come to our Afternoon Tea in the large hall on Wednesday, 12th June from 2 - 4 pm. A list is available at the back of church; please let us know if you have any food allergies and whether you require transport. Thank you. *Jack Ewins.*

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

A big thank you to everyone who contributed articles for the Easter edition. The next one will be published on 15th September. The deadline is 25th August but we will be happy to receive items from now onwards. They can be emailed to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or handed in to the Parish Office.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

Our friendly group runs on the first Friday of the month in the parish hall 19.30 - 21.00 and is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. We are currently looking for adult volunteers to join us - if you would like to find out more, please contact rebecca@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. DBS clearance will be required but can be arranged via the church.

EXAM SEASON IS HERE

Please pray for all those taking exams in schools, colleges and universities across the country. As we journey through Eastertide to the Feast of Pentecost, ask the Holy Spirit to help them.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Theresa Kerrigan would like to thank everyone who offered their condolences sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy, or helped in any way, following their recent loss. A very special thanks to Fr Peter and Fr Richard. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions on Saturday, 27th July at 10 am.

SINGLE PERSON SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

We have received a request from a professional single person seeking accommodation in a Catholic home from 1st June onwards. The person concerned would be happy to occupy a spare room to rent. If you are able to assist, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office* for further details.

Happy Birthday, Breda!

We would like to wish Breda Williams a very Happy 90th Birthday on Friday, 24th May. Congratulations & Happy Birthday to you, Breda! God bless you.

THE TIME IS NOW!

"The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth" - Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Care for our Common Home, Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on Wednesday, 26th June for the Time is Now Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

A new booklet entitled 'Abortion and Abortion Care Fact sheet', targeted at secondary schools in England, is presenting some inaccurate and misleading information to pupils about abortion. Unbelievably this booklet has been produced by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Sadly, the RCOG supports extremely wide access to abortion. It was their president who, in 2017, likened abortion 'to getting your bunions sorted'. SPUC is calling on the Secretary of State for Education to ban this new booklet being used in Relationships and Sex Education lessons. We can all voice our concern by signing their petition at www.spuc.org.uk/petition before 31st May.