

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – 7TH APRIL 2019

CAFOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



There will be a special second collection today for CAFOD, in response to the suffering that has been caused by the severe floods in East Africa. Most parishioners are already aware of this disaster which has been broadcast on TV and radio. Hundreds of people have died so far and more are still missing. *Please be as generous as you can.*

PARISH LENTEN APPEAL

As announced previously, our Lenten Appeal is in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope, and place it into any collection plate over the coming Lenten weekends. *Thank you.*

GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019 – 2020

Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the church porch for the new financial year. Please ensure that you collect your individual box. Thank you for your ongoing donations - they are much appreciated. Even if you donate by Direct Debit or Standing Order, please take your box which contains envelopes for special collections.

PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27th April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick-up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.

PASSOVER SUPPER: SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL: 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale after both Masses throughout Lent for a Passover Supper. We follow a popular script for a Passover celebration, including some singing/music. Ticket prices are: Adults £6, Children £3, Family £15 (2 adults + children). This will include a meal and drink. Please bring your own plate, cutlery and glass and a bag to take your dirty plates home afterwards. The main meal will be savoury lamb mince but a vegetarian alternative can be reserved in advance. We need a few volunteers to cook a pot of food and we would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to accompany us. Please contact *Stephen Newbury, Wendy Earley, Ann Epps, Sue Collier or Carmen Ybanez-Mate.*

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL

Sunday 7 th April	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Michael Heneghan, Martin & Kathleen Gaynard & John Nevin RIP
Monday, 8 th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 9 th April	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Sylvia Basford RIP
	7.30 pm	Penitential Service
Wednesday, 10 th April	6.30 am	Private Intention
	12 noon	Lucas Dias RIP
Thursday, 11 th April	9.30 am	Jasmine Jones' Intentions
Friday, 12 th April	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 13 th April	10 am	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
Sunday, 14 th April	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Brendan Ceiron Ryce RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass		
Responsorial Psalm:		
“What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.”		

COLLECTION FOR 31ST MARCH 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£295.50
Gift Aid (via bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£25.50
Planned Giving (via bank)	£55.00
Loose Plate	£378.28
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£20.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£383.21
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£80.37
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£53.67
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
TOTAL	£2,136.53
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£2,497.51
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£823.73
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£761.24

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 & Theresa Kerrigan.

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



Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area situated beside the choir.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 10th April at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 14TH APRIL

- Counters:
Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading – J Horton.
2nd Reading – J O'Connell.
Passion:
Narrator – C Ogbuagu
Other – M Livingston
10.30 am
1st Reading – G Heenan.
2nd Reading – M Jones.
Passion:
Narrator – A Goncalves
Other - C Parkes
- **Eucharistic Ministers**:**
8.30 am
M Fernandes, E Wooller & M Tomas.
10.30 am
S Collier, M Forestiero & C Fernandes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
A MacDonald.

****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**.**

2019 DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS are now available from the Repository £4 each.

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.*

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular in the past, especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. *All are welcome.*



ANNE TUDOR RIP

Anne Tudor peacefully passed away at St Bartholomew's Hospital on Wednesday, 20th March 2019. Her Requiem Mass will take place at the English Martyrs on Thursday, 11th April (arrive 12.15 for 12.45 pm service). Followed by a private, family cremation service. *May she rest in peace. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.*



**RICHARD BRENDAN REYNOLDS RIP
(KNOWN AS BRENDAN)**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Richard Brendan Reynolds who died recently. Brendan's coffin will be received into St Joseph's Church at 7 pm on Tuesday, 23rd April, and the Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 24th April at 12 noon, followed by a burial at Reading Cemetery. *All are welcome.*



ALFRED TURNER RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Alfred Turner who died recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Alfred's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 25th April at 12 noon here at St Joseph's, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. *All are welcome.*

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.

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41 - 43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. (Easy access via road, train & bus). Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: *Fr. John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

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.**

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES APRIL 2019

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 8 th	7.30 pm	St John Bosco
Tuesday, 9 th	7.30 pm	St Joseph's
Wednesday, 10 th	7.30 pm	Christ the King
Thursday, 11 th	7.30 pm	St Anne's
Friday, 12 th	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Peace
Saturday, 13 th	11 am	English Martyrs
Monday, 15 th	7.30 pm	St James

PRAYER GROUP LENT 2019

Journey through the Lord's Prayer - Six interactive sessions at St Catherine's Church, Tilehurst on Thursdays (2.45 for 3 pm) from 7th March; repeated on Sundays (6.45 for 7 pm). Each session lasts for one hour. *Open to everyone.*

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

In preparation for the Holy Week ceremonies, there will be Altar Servers' practices this Saturday, 13th at 10.45 am and on Wednesday, 17th after midday Mass. If you want to serve, then you must attend, as the ceremonies are completely different from any other time of the year. Please contact me if you want to serve but cannot make either of these dates. If you are not present and I don't hear from you, then I will presume that you are unavailable. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

BROWN SCAPULAR

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, Earley, parish has successfully started preparations to receive Brown Scapular this summer. The course is led by one of the Carmelites Friars from Oxford - Fr Kevin. We would like to invite anyone interested to the next meeting on 29th April at 7.10 pm in our church in Dominic Barberi Room. For more information please contact *Parish Office* on 0118 966 3711.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

- Would you like to be a member of the Reading Branch of the above organisation and attend our meetings and other events?
- Join the peaceful vigils that are held on the first Saturday of each month at 9.00 am when prayers are said outside the British Pregnancy Advisory Service Abortion Clinic at 121 London Street, Reading, RG1 4QA?
- Be a parish representative for the Reading Branch.
- If you do not wish to attend the meetings, then you can, if you wish, become an activist, i.e., helping with delivering leaflets, coffee mornings and such like.
- If you cannot do any of the above then it will be a big help if you can please pray for the babies and their parents.
- We meet at the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Earley, from 8.15 pm to 9.30 pm once a month on a Tuesday.

If you have any queries about the above or would like to join then please telephone me, *Mary Holland*, on 0118 926 8860 or email me on *antoinette.holland@virginmedia.com*.

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

The Federation of St Martin's and St Anne's Primary Schools seeks applications for the role of Clerk to the Governors. Please see our advert at *www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk*. and request an application form from *Jacqueline Campbell (School Business Manager)* at *bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk*, or by phoning 0118 937 5597.

ADORE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL)

On Saturday, 27th April from 11 am - 4 pm, you are warmly welcomed to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NG. 11 am Rosary; 11.30 am Mass; 12.15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1 pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2 pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 pm Talk "Praying for the Power of the Holy Spirit." - Geoff and Gina Poulter; 3.30 pm Prayer for healing. We end about 4 pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: *www.altonrenewal.com*, or telephone *Alastair Emblem* on 0125 271 4809.

Next month's meeting will be held on 18th May: "Prayer for Healing and Deliverance" - 0118 937 5597.