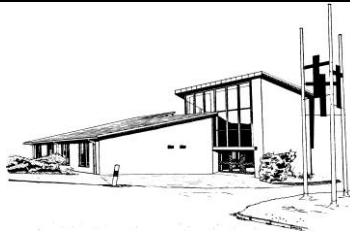


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2019

It is with great pride that I write to inform you that our parish school, St Paul's, has been judged not only the best school in its Local Authority, West Berks, but best school in the whole of Berkshire.

“St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Tilehurst is the best primary school in the county, according to a comprehensive new guide. The Real Schools Guide 2019, compiled by the Reach data unit, aims to give a far more comprehensive picture than traditional league tables. It takes into account 44 different data points - including not just Key Stage 2 results but other factors like progress, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates”.

This is a truly wonderful achievement and we as a parish wish to congratulate all the staff and children for their hard work and commitment.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY – SUNDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2019		
Sunday, 20th January	8.30 am	Violet Wickens – Foundation Mass
	10.30 am	Maria Costa RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 21st January <i>St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 22nd January	12 noon	For all those who have no-one to pray for them
Wednesday, 23rd January	12 noon	Bernard McCormack RIP
Thursday, 24th January <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 25th January <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</i>	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 26th January <i>St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & St Titus, Bishop</i>	10 am	Michael Griffin's Intentions
Sunday, 27th January <i>Exposition following both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Maureen & Martin Tomas RIP
	10.30 am	Trevor & Cyril Williams RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm:		
“Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.”		

COLLECTION FOR 20TH JANUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£295.40
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£46.50
Loose Plate	£294.93
Gift Aid (via bank)	£751.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£42.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Candles	£31.46
Mass Stole Fees	£140.00
Christmas Collection	£15.00
TOTAL	£1,626.29
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£416.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,197.47
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Christmas Collection	£2,781.50

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.*



RICHARD OWENS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Richard Owens who died recently. Richard's requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 1st February at 1.30 pm at the English Martyrs Church followed by Cremation 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson and Michael O'Connell. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

2019 Hands of Time Calendar - £5 - on sale at Repository

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 23rd January at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - SATURDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY

You are most welcome to bring your own candles to 10 am Mass on Saturday, 2nd February and Fr Peter will bless them for you.

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 27TH JANUARY

****Second Collection in support of the Cathedral****

[Envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible].

- Counters: Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham & Kate Copus.
- Mass readers**:
8.30 am - First Reading – Norman Bricker.
Second Reading – Malcolm Livinston.
10.30 am - First Reading – Gerry Heenan.
Second Reading – Richard Hopkins.
- Eucharistic Ministers**:
8.30 am – Jenny Scarpa, Dana Cathrew & Ted Millichap.
- 10.30 am -Sue Collier, Ian Balanza-Davis & Muriel Fernandes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward – Eileen Kerrigan. 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.*

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass, and make yourself known to the welcomers, if it is your turn on the rota. PLEASE READ YOUR ROTA AND NOTE YOUR OWN DATES. *Thank you.*

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.*

ENGLISH MARTYRS DIGITAL SOUND ENGINEER

If you are interested in digital sound engineering, or you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you! Regardless of your faith and age, we have an opportunity in our church which we would like to share with you. Come and reach out. We look forward to hearing from you. Email English Martyrs Parish Office for more details at englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas edition of the journal. A big thank you to everyone who contributed articles. If you have any comments, ideas or items for the next issue, which will be published at Easter, please email them to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or hand them in to the Parish Office. The deadline is Friday, 22nd March. *Thank you again for your support.*

SERVICE FOR

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

You are invited to a Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 6.30 pm **TODAY** at St Catherine of Siena (C of E), Wittenham Avenue, Tilehurst, RG31 5LN. Organised by Churches Together in West Reading, Tilehurst & Southcote, we invite those from any church, whether belonging to any Christian grouping or none. An opportunity to see the re-ordering and extending that has taken place at St Catherine's.



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday, 18th February from 7.15 – 9 pm at Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent Fast Day on 15th March. Also on Tuesday 5th March from 7.15 – 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, London Road, Newbury, RG14 1JP. Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome, so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 0125 232 9385.

"CALL MY BLUFF"

AT BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

On Thursday, 31st January from 7 pm, we will be holding a wine tasting and quiz evening (with cheese and soft drinks - for those who prefer not to or can't drink). Our quiz nights are always such fun as well as successful. Proceeds of all our events go towards helping the school provide an enriched educational experience for the students - whether it be towards field trips or equipment. £5 Admission on the door - *all are welcome*.

READING PASTORAL AREA EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM

A special evening on ALPHA will be held on Wednesday, 23rd January at 7.30 pm in English Martyrs Church hall. Three Reading Parish teams will present their experience of running ALPHA. Open invitation to all who are interested in exploring the use of ALPHA as a way of presenting the message and ministry of Jesus Christ. ALPHA has now been updated. *All are very welcome to this evening*. The PA EST would like to ask all Reading parish ESTs to consider attending this particular meeting or inviting parishioners who may be interested in using the series of Junior ALPHA or the Adult ALPHA.

THURSDAY MASS

The whole of St Paul's School will be attending the 9.30 am Mass here on Thursday, 24th January in celebration of the Conversion of St Paul. *Family and friends are welcome to join us for Mass every week*.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - RECEPTION CLASSROOM TEACHER

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher (for Maternity Cover from Term 5 starting on 23rd April for a year) to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff. *Further details on poster in the church porch*.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 2019

Depart: Friday, 20th September - London Heathrow - Split (Croatia). Return: Friday, 27th September - Split - London Heathrow. Estimated overall cost at current exchange rate £425 shared, £495 single. This cost includes the return flights (£180 approx). *If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass and collect a registration form*.

READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP MEN'S BREAKFAST

8.15 am for 8.30 am on Saturday, 9th February at The Pavilion, 143 - 145 Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7UY. For Directions: <https://www.thepavilion.org.uk/contact/> "No wonder we're stressed" (Stress and the path to peace). Speaker: Rev Simon Vibert, Vicar of Christ Church Virginia Water & formerly Vice-Principal Wycliffe Hall Oxford. To book (£10 per head) Contact: *John Broady*. Tel. 0118 954 3879 j.broady1@ntlworld.com or *Simon Merritt* Tel: 0796 725 1850 simon.merritt@gmail.com. Please book by Tuesday, 5th February.

MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING WITH MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information, please call 0800 389 3801. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre. For further information, contact *Sue Cooper* at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

SVP REMINDER

The next Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday, 31st January. This will be held in the small hall from 2 – 4 pm. *All are welcome*. Please contact an SVP member or Jack Ewins if you would like to attend or if you require transport. Many thanks. *Jack Ewins - President, SVP*
St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

We would firstly like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. We would like to invite all new and existing members to our 'New Year Party' on Friday, 25th January in the large hall from 7.30 – 9 pm; a welcome back to you all – bring a friend, or make new friends! There will be music, games and pizza, so please don't miss out! Children of secondary school age are all welcome. Please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on igniteyouth16@outlook.com or on 0774 054 7922.

READING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Saturday 9th February at 7.30 pm Concert at Our Lady of Peace Church, Earley by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available from *OLOP Parish Office* on 0118 966 3711 or earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation. Dates: 15th – 17th February 2019. Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). For more information contact *Sr Lynne fcj* at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org. See poster in church porch.