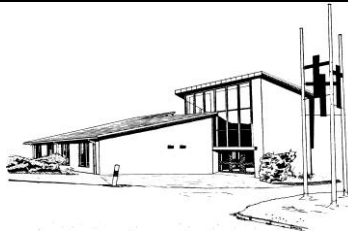


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Fr John Paul Lyttle ☎ 0118 322 7105 (RBH) ☎ 0118 957 2149 (Parish) ☎ 0739 189 6559 (Mobile)

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018/2019



The beginning of the First Holy Communion programme will start with a very important parents meeting to be held at St Paul's School at 6.30pm on Thursday, 13th September. We would advise that all parents wishing to enrol their children into the Parish First Holy Communion Programme **MUST ATTEND**. Enrolment forms will be available at this meeting.

Please note that Bishop Philip will be visiting our parish on 15th/16th September.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26TH AUGUST - SUNDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER		
Sunday, 26th August	8.30am	George Joseph RIP
	10.30 am	Larry McNeill RIP
Monday, 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 28th August <i>St Augustine Hippo, Bishop, Doctor</i>	12 noon	Maureen and Martin Tomas RIP
Wednesday, 29th August <i>The Passion of St John Baptist</i>	12 noon	Thresiamma Varkey RIP
Thursday, 30th August	9.30 am	Andrzej Zadrozny RIP
Friday, 31st August	7 pm	Princess Diana RIP
Saturday, 1st September	10 am	Molly Thompson RIP - Foundation Mass
Sunday, 2nd September	8.30 am	Fr George Lyons RIP - Foundation Mass
	10.30 am	Mary and Joseph Meredith RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "Taste and see that the Lord is good."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 19th AUGUST 2018

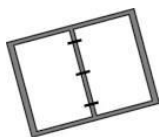
Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£377.67
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£27.00
Loose Plate	£357.09
Candles	42.61
TF 3 Youth Group	£25.00
TF 7 Youth Group	£20.00
TOTAL	£849.37
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£598.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER

- The counters will be Harry & Liz McSoley
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be E. 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.*

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.**



MASS BOOKINGS - 2019

The Mass Bookings Diary 2019 will be open from 1st September 2018. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

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.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

There will be no Prayer Group meeting in August. We will recommence on Wednesday, 5th September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The first meeting of the new term will be a birthday celebration on Wednesday 5th September. We will meet in the **large** hall at 7.30pm.

Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Richard Owens, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Jackie Hopper, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, David Dye, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce & 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*.

G.D.P.R./

DATA PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR

The diocese has provided guidance to each parish on how to apply GDPR. This includes the appointment of a Parish Data Co-ordinator. This is an important role which needs to be urgently filled. If there is anybody in the parish who feels able to fulfil this role, would you please get in touch with *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, as a matter of urgency.

OUR PRIVACY POLICY is available at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/> or from the Parish Office.

CAFOD
Just one world

You are invited to come to our Harvest Fast Day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work on Wednesday, 19th September at English Martyrs' Church from 7.15 pm – 9 pm. There is also another Harvest Fast Day briefing meeting on Saturday, 8th September at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, from 10.30 am – 1 pm with a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call *Jo Lewry* on 0125 232 9385.

STRIDE AND RIDE

Stride and Ride takes place on Saturday, 8th September. For more information: www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

20th October 2018 at Portsmouth Cathedral from 10 am – 4 pm:

- The Mission of the Catechist
- The Charisms of the Catechist
 - Award Ceremony
- Thanksgiving Mass for Catechists
 - Lunch provided
- Making our catechesis sessions great
 - Prayer and fellowship

Book your place:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechistsffm

[@portsmouthdiocese](https://twitter.com/portsmouthdiocese)

Telephone: 0159 068 1874.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

1-year course at Douai Abbey beginning on Tuesday, 25th September from 10.30 am – 4 pm. The aim of the course is to support those who are willing to journey in faith with others and help them to a deeper level of faith. For further information please see the website: www.soulfriend.org.uk or email Susan Shepp at susan.sheppy@btinternet.com

'I CAN ONLY IMAGINE'

Christian film "I Can Only Imagine"(PG) opens at Reading Showcase de Lux this Friday, 10th August - daily at 7 pm. For details go to www.icanonlyimagine.co.uk. Well worth seeing!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our next Senior Citizens afternoon tea will be on Tuesday 11th September from 2pm to 4pm in the Small Hall. Would you please place your name on the list which will be on the table at the back of church from Sunday 2nd Sept and also indicate, whether you will require transport. Contact Jack on 07734499190 if you have any questions.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2018. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

KNITWITS

The next meeting will be in 4th September at 2pm at the home of Maureen English.

A TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

Monday 18th - Wednesday 27th March 2019 at the cost of £1360 per person all inclusive. For further details and the itinerary time-table please contact Nabs & David Camp on 07432152933 or 07771542994 Rr Margaret on 07878851787.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The toddler group now has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So if you are a mum, dad, grandparent, child-minder etc. and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go. We meet in the large hall on Thursday mornings. We're open between 9.15 am and 11.30 am during term time starting on 6th September.'

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop in centre and parish SVP is **Next Sunday the 2nd September** The items that are most useful are listed below;



Tea bags, instant coffee, Sugar, Tinned cold meats
Tinned vegetables, Tinned stew and casserole meats
Tinned vegetarian meals, Tinned tuna, Tinned soup
Tinned hot dogs, Pasta sauces, Pasta, Rice, Family cereal
Tinned Fruit, Men's boxer shorts, Shower gel soap
Towels **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 the 2nd September .**

Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact Margaret Bailie on 9411483

VACANCY

Christian Community Action. Furniture Shop Manager. 35 hours per week. More information from Jenny Esslement Central Services Manager on 0118 951 2336 or email hr@ccam.org.uk.

KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal.

To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 noon – 5.30pm. For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders & priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parish). Parents meeting in Feb. Booking forms available from the back of the church. Closing date 30.09.18. www.cymfed.org.uk/flame.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Second Sunday every month at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. All are welcome. Please join us next on 9th September 2018 2.30pm