NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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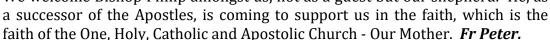
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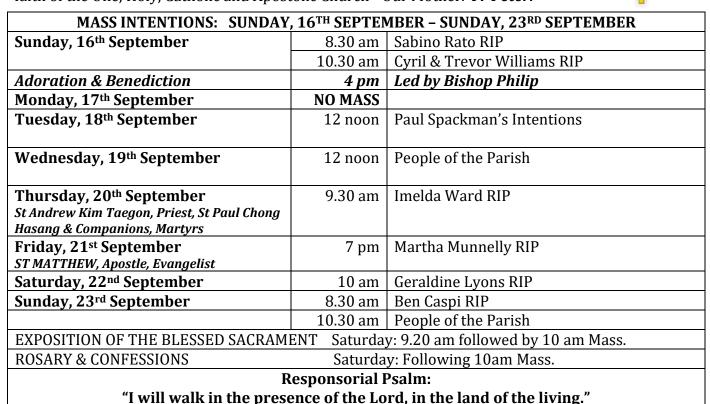
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN'S CANONICAL VISITATION TO OUR PARISH TODAY

8 am – Bishop Arrives. 8.30 am – Bishop celebrates Mass, plus the Rite of Welcome. Following Mass, Bishop Philip will greet parishioners. Refreshments served in the large hall following both Masses. 10.30 am - Bishop Philip celebrates Mass – Greets parishioners afterwards. 12 noon – Bishop Philip meets with youth of parish. 12.15 pm – Bishop Philip meets with key members of parish. 1 pm – Lunch and meeting with Fr Peter. 4 pm – Adoration and Benediction (Bishop Philip will celebrate). 5 pm – Bishop Philip departs.

We welcome Bishop Philip amongst us, not as a guest but our shepherd. He, as a successor of the Apostles is coming to support us in the faith, which is the





COLLECTIONS FOR 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£553.32
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£43.00
Loose Plate	£392.77
Candles	£60.03
TF 3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
TF7 (Youth Group)	£60.00
Hall Hire	£144.00
Mass Stole Fees	£190.00
Funeral income	£520.00
Donation (Anon)	£10.00
TOTAL	£1,978.12
RUNNING TOTALS	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£648.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER

- The counters will be Clare McSoley, Donal Lineham and Kate Copus.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Carmen. 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.

PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up. You can also follow the Diocese on Facebook and Twitter.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - POSTPONED UNTIL 23RD SEPTEMBER

Each year in the Catholic Church, on the third Sunday of September, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales_and there is a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

Due to Bishop Philip's visit to our parish TODAY, this second collection will take place on 23rd. *Please be as generous as you can.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 19th September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

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*.

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, Nina Aramo and 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*.

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.

SATURDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2018 - NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS

The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday, 6th October in Westminster Cathedral at 2.30 pm. Please see the flyer at the church porch for more information about this event.

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 - 11.30 am during term time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on $23^{\rm rd}$ September.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

20th October 2018 at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 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 @portsmouthdiocesee.org.uk. Telephone: 0159 068 1874.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 26th September & 3rd October from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the large Church hall. We will be using a programme called: Baptism – helping your child get the most out of life. Godparents are also welcome to join us for discussion and to watch a DVD. The course only runs every few months, so if you are new or expectant parents, it might be better to attend this course if you wish your child to be baptised fairly soon. If you are considering Baptism for your child, whatever their age, please register for the course by contacting *Mary Philip* on *961 5905* email: *mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN - SUNDAY, 21ST OCTOBER AT 7 PM

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



Please like and follow our Facebook page by searching **St Joseph's Church**, **Tilehurst**, **Reading**.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will take place at all Sunday Masses on $23^{rd}~\&~30^{th}$ September and $7^{th}~\&~14^{th}$ October.



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting on Wednesday, 19^{th} September will be a Bring and Buy sale. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm, and *all ladies are welcome to join us*.

THE LINK CAFE

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday, 26th September, 7.30 pm at The Link (28 School Road). *All are welcome.*

"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

I am so happy to announce that we will have a celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here in our parish of St Joseph's, Tilehurst. All are welcome to come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family too. On Saturday, 6th October from 5 pm to 7 pm. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome! Fr Peter*.



AN INSPIRATIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHER

Required for January. We are wishing to employ a highly motivated, charismatic teacher to join our dedicated enthusiastic staff in KS2. The role, initially for two terms, has the possibility of becoming a permanent position with perhaps the opportunity for a leadership post. Further details available on the noticeboard in the church porch.

LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER

Required as soon as possible. 5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary Range B7-11. Further details available on the noticeboard in the church porch.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

Both St Thomas' and St Bartholomew's Classes will attend 9.30 am Mass next Thursday, 20th September here at St Joseph's. *Parents and families are welcome to join them.*

KNITWITS

Knitwits would like to thank the kind parishioner who left a bag of wool and squares in our box. We have now knitted 16,055 garments and blankets. We are now supporting the Dementia Unit at RBH, patients who are having dialysis treatment and also the premature baby unit. Thank you once again. *Margaret Chaplin*.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - EVENING RECEPTIONIST IN WOODLEY FOR MARRIAGE CARE

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? Would you also welcome some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is helping our vital relationship counselling service? We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries, please contact: Sue Cooper 0793 949 5774 or emailreading.admin@marriagecare.org.

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT 2ND MARCH 2019

At the SSE Arena, Wembley, 12 noon – 5.30 pm. For young people aged 14 - 21 years (Year 10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders and priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Parents meeting in February. Booking forms available from the back of the church. **Closing date 30**th **September 2018.** For further details please refer to www.cymfed.org.uk/flame or poster in church porch.