

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary - joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous - are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to Him who is our Light. We may remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads" as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer. I will be giving out leaflets on how to pray the Rosary at both Masses today.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the Fast Day envelope provided at the back of the church and place in next Sunday's second collection. *Many thanks for your generous support.*



"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE – SATURDAY, 6TH OCTOBER: 5 – 7 PM



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. 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!*

Please park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. *Thank you.*

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

Congratulations on the BEST EXAM RESULTS EVER in the life of the school, in 'A' levels and GCSEs. All students exceeded their target grades. This marks a significant step in the school's progress compared to last year. *Well done to students and staff!* We welcome Dr Simon Uttley, Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School, who will give a talk at both Masses today to talk about his hopes and plans for the future for the school. Any interested parents and present parents please feel free to meet Simon during tea and coffee after Mass.



Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

Sunday, 30th September	8.30 am	Ben Caspi
	10.30 am	Bridie Naughton RIP
Monday, 1st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	12 noon	Tom Connolly RIP
Wednesday, 3rd October	12 noon	Kevin Hawkins RIP
Thursday, 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi, Founder</i>	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 5th October	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Rosemary Emms RIP
Saturday, 6th October	10 am	Ulahannan Mathew RIP & Jeswin Jerry RIP
Sunday, 7th October	8.30 am	Winifred Mary Gale RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: “The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.”		

COLLECTIONS FOR 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£273.35
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£34.00
Loose Plate	£241.44
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,576.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£97.00
Candles	£73.29
TF 3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£10.00
Home Mission Sunday	£326.48
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£2,671.56
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£10.00
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

- The counters will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Claude Fearn. *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.*

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will take place at Masses on 30th September, 7th & 14th October.

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**.

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be at the home of Theresa Bricker on Tuesday, 2nd October at 2 pm.

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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 3rd October at 9.30 am at St Joseph’s. *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, 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*.



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ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of the magazine. If you have any comments, suggestions or items for the next one (**maximum of 250 words**), please email them to sjmagazine@yahoo.com or place in an envelope addressed to the parish magazine and hand in to the Parish Office. The deadline for the next issue, which will be available at Christmas, is Monday, 3rd December. *Thank you.*

FREE INFORMAL ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS

If English is not your first language, you are invited to join free informal classes to improve your understanding, speaking, reading and writing of English. The classes include conversation, and exercises in grammar, etc. They take place weekly during school hours at the English Martyrs Parish Centre in Liebenrod Road. *All are welcome, regardless of religion or nationality.* Please email petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk and you will receive further details.

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM

A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday, 3rd November, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opposite St Peter's Church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra-Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On Sunday, 14th October at the 10.30 am Mass, a Dedication Ceremony for SVP members and a Long Service Presentation to one of our members. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall. Anyone requiring transport please contact *Jack Ewins* on. 0773 449 9190

COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN

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 on Sunday, 21st October at 7 pm.

APF

The Autumn magazine Mission Today is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy. If you are not a box-holder, you are welcome to take one. *Mike Tomas – 0770 803 2743.*

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT

On 2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley from 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). Booking forms available in the church porch. Closing date 07.10.18. Please return forms and money to the Parish Office. Please see website www.cymfed.org.uk/flame. For details see www.cymfed.org.uk/flame or poster in church porch.

Sunday, October 7th at 2.30 pm - On The Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, we would like to invite you to join us for Rosary under the Cross (by river Thames). We will meet at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi Church car park at 2.30 pm and then drive to Thames Valley Park and at 3 pm, say the Sorrowful Mysteries in Penance & Reparation for the sins committed within the church and the nation against faith, life and love. *Please contact the OLOP Parish Office for more information.*

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION TO OUR PARISH

Copies of the photographs from the Bishop's recent visit to our parish are available from *Carmen*. Donations are welcome – all proceeds will go to the Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

On Wednesday, 3rd October, there will be a talk at St Joseph's on Dementia Awareness and in particular Dementia Friends. This has been arranged by the UCM but we feel it would be of wider interest so are inviting anyone in the parish to join us. We meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will take place next Sunday, 7th October. The items that are most useful are listed below:

- Tea bags, instant coffee, sugar
- Tinned cold meats, tinned vegetables
- Tinned stew and casserole meats, meat balls
- Tinned vegetarian meals, tinned tuna
- Tinned soup, tinned hot dogs
- Pasta sauces, pasta, rice
- Family cereal, tinned fruit
- Men's boxer shorts, warm coats in good condition
- 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, 7th October. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 0118 941 1483.

Saturday, 6th October from 10 am – 4 pm: A celebration of Family Life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae: "The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution" in Reading at Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi parish. The day starts at 9 am and finishes with Holy Mass at 3.30 pm. Amongst various speakers there is Caroline Farrow, a weekly columnist for the Catholic Universe newspaper in the UK and Ireland, a public speaker journalist and Commentator.