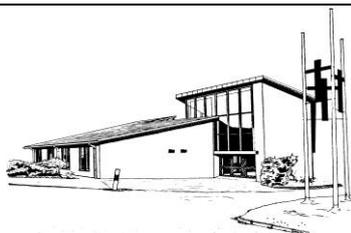


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



**St Joseph's Presbytery, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ**

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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

Parish Office: 0118 942 8632

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

**Safeguarding Representative:**

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**Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:**

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

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019

### **!! FIRE DRILL IN AUGUST !!**

A Fire Drill will be carried out during both Masses on a Sunday in August. No specific date will be given, in accordance with Fire Drill evacuation guidelines. Take a moment *now* to note the location of the *two* Fire Exits in the church: (1) The door beside the organ/choir, (2) The front door of the church. When the alarm sounds please leave the church *immediately*. Parishioners leaving by the organ Fire Exit door will be directed to assemble at the Fire Assembly Point on the patio area behind the Presbytery. Parishioners leaving by the front church door will be directed to assemble at the Muster Point by the pedestrian gate located at the top of the car park. Separate arrangements will apply to wheel chair users – guidance will be given on the day. It is a requirement that we carry out Fire Drills on a yearly basis for the safety of all parishioners and your co-operation is very much appreciated.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2019/2020**

Registration for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September in the large hall here at St Joseph's, from 10 am – 12 noon. Your child should either be attending St Paul's School in Year 3 or above, or should be registered as a parishioner in St Joseph's parish. *You will need to bring your child's Baptism Certificate in addition to the fee of £25.* **Fr Peter.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August <i>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Jeanette Jones RIP
	10.30 am	Imelda & Jim Ward RIP
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	12 noon	Maureen Fitzgerald RIP
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon	Mary Vittle RIP
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August <i>St Dominic, Founder</i>	9.30 am	Colleen Collins RIP
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe	7 pm	Gerald Michael Glancy RIP
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August ST LAURENCE, Deacon, Martyr	10 am	Colleen Collins RIP
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August <i>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	8.30 am	Johanne Hennigan RIP
	10.30 am	Fr Peter's Intentions
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday at 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS - Saturday following 10 am Mass		
<b>Responsorial Psalm: "O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next."</b>		

## COLLECTION FOR 28TH JULY 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£319.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£54.80
Loose Plate	£316.47
Sea Sunday (Cake sale)	£310.35
Donation	£51.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Repository	£3.00
Hall Hire	£60.00
Candle Money	£44.45
Peter's Pence	£1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,165.07</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£142.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,247.64
Divine Mercy Centre	£116.97
Day for Life	£550.10
Peter's Pence	£342.67
Apostleship of the Sea	£505.36

### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

- **Counters:**  
P Nicholson & R McKenna.
- **Mass readers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – J Horton.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – C Ogbuagu.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – C Balanza-Davis.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – A Goncalves.  
**Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
Jackie, Ted & Tony.  
10.30 am  
Maria, Sue & Mike K.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**  
E Kerrigan.

**\*\*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\*\*.**

### 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.

### TEA/COFFEE

Tea/Coffee will resume on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. parishioners joining us on Sunday mornings.

### MATTHEW BALANZA-DAVIS

Matthew will be celebrating his First Holy Communion during the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. *All are welcome.*



*Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.*

## 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 & 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, Natasha & Bridget.

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

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

There will be no meetings in August. The prayer group will re-commence on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy sessions will resume on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We are looking forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Paul's School during the next academic year.

Were you there when we first opened our doors in 1969? We want to hear from anybody who knows details of the school's early days. If you remember anything about the origins/beginnings of St Paul's, we would love you to share your memories with us. Please email Rosie Chambers at [rchambers@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:rchambers@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk) or telephone the school on 0118 942 2003.

We would be delighted to welcome visitors to our school to talk to our current pupils about the history of St Paul's. If you would be willing to do this, please get in touch. Are you a former pupil/ member of St Paul's staff? If so, please send me your favourite memory of St Paul's (in no more than 50 words) stating the decade of your attendance. These memories will be put together in a commemorative compilation. We are hoping to organise an open evening in the spring term for past pupils/staff to visit the school. *Further details to follow!*

### LARGE HALL - SCAFFOLDING

Please note that there will be building works being carried out during the first week of August, which will involve scaffolding being erected at the front of the large hall. Please contact the Parish Office if you require access to either the large or small hall, which will be via the side door during this period.

**RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - JUST £65**

Up to 10 bursaries are available for young Catholics aged 12 - 18 from the Reading parishes to attend RISE Theatre's Summer School at St Cassian's in Kintbury. Normally £265 (incl. accommodation & meals) the bursaries will enable young people to attend for just £65. For an application form, please email *Michele* at [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk) - to qualify, applicants will need to briefly outline why they would benefit from a bursary and obtain a supporting signature from their Parish Priest or Headteacher. See [www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school) about how the summer school is a great opportunity for young people with a passion for drama, music & art to explore their faith in a creative way.

**BAPTISM COURSE**

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 25<sup>th</sup> September & 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 8 - 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 courses only run 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: [mephilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:mephilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**CAFOD UPDATE MEETING - 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September from 7.15 pm - 9 pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1BE. Nikki Evans CAFOD's Programme Officer for Bolivia will be speaking about our work there and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 0125 232 9385.

**SVP SENIOR CITIZENS LIGHT LUNCH**

Senior citizens are invited to a Light lunch of soup, sandwiches and cakes after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. This will replace our usual afternoon tea. The event will finish at 3 pm. Provision will be made for those with food allergies, and anyone who requires transport, please contact *Jack* on 0773 449 9190 or one of the SVP members.

**KNITWITS**

Knitwits next meet on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm at the home of Dorothy (*Dot*).

**RECENTLY DIED**

Rita Bellety, parishioner at St John Bosco parish. Rita was very well known for her work & commitment to CAFOD and Justice and Peace issues in the Reading area. Rita was instrumental in achieving the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award for her parish. Her Funeral Mass has been provisionally arranged for Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August at St John Bosco - TBC. Our sympathy to her family. *May she rest in peace.*

**OPPORTUNITY**

TGS Eurogroup, a Catholic Salesian association from Venice, Italy, has been organising Summer courses of English language in Great Britain for the last 50 years and is now exploring the possibility of opening a new centre in Reading. Are you interested in a part-time job to become TGS Local Organiser in charge of home stay accommodation in Reading? The candidate is expected to recruit host families to accommodate the students and to provide assistance to the group while they are in England. Anyone interested will be asked to send their CV to TGS office in Italy: they will be given a full job description and an interview may be arranged in early November.

Are you interested in this project but not available as a local organiser? You'll be always welcome to join the project as a prospective TGS host family! *Please ask Fr. Michael Dennehy (via English Martyrs Parish Office on Telephone No: 01189572149 or Email: [englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) for more details or contact TGS Eurogroup directly by sending an email to [info@tgseurogroup.it](mailto:info@tgseurogroup.it). Further information: [www.tgseurogroup.it/en](http://www.tgseurogroup.it/en)*

Advance notice - #DivineMercy Day of Prayer - Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm in #WestminsterCathedral - Healing the Wounded Body of Christ: Prayer & Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse in the Church. *Please see poster in church porch for further details.*

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING**

Safeguarding training will take place at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5JT:

- Child Protection Training - Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August from 10 am - 12.30 pm (Trainer - Val Croughan)
- Child Protection Training - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am - 12.30 pm (Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire)
- Vulnerable Adult Training - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30 pm - 4 pm (Trainer - Maureen Wiltshire)

Will those involved in Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Youth Groups and Vulnerable Adults please note that this training is compulsory for all, and you should register your name and choice of attendance dates with *Miriam Fernandes* - 0118 943 3524.

You are invited to a talk by Fr Marcin on "The Fathers of the Church" on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi Church. 'Fathers of the Church' were ancient and influential Christian theologians and writers. Father Marcin is a professor of the Catholic University in Lublin, a member of the North American Patristic Society, a member of Patristic Commission of Polish Bishop Conference, a member of European Society of Catholic Theology and a member International Association of Patristic Studies (AIPEP). He has written many articles and books related to the patristic period. One of them is a very interesting book: "Eschatology of the time of persecutions in the writings of Tertullian and Cyprian".