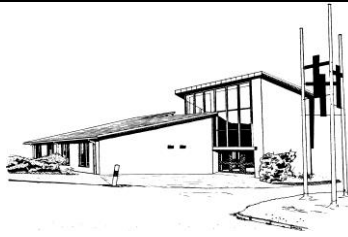


NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 12TH MAY 2019

Please take a prayer card today and pray for, encourage and support vocations.

LENTEN APPEAL

A very big thank you to all those who so generously supported our Lenten Appeal for the Divine Mercy Centre (DMC) in Bamenda. The magnificent sum of £1,087.87 was raised and we have arranged for this to be sent to the Sisters at the DMC; it will be great help to them in their on-going work with the many people displaced as a result of the current troubles.

A further thank you to all those who attended our very successful Passover Supper. We made a profit of £116.97 which will also be donated to the DMC in due course, together with money raised from our Sunday tea/coffee sessions this year.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

I would like to recommend to you our parish school, St Paul's. It is currently the Number One school in Berkshire and has been rated Outstanding by the Diocese. Unusually, they still have a few places for children to join for September 2019. If you know of anyone, whether they are catholic or non-catholic, who would be interested in sending their child(ren) to St Paul's School, please give them the school telephone number which is 0118 942 2003. I strongly suggest they visit our wonderful school. **Fr Peter.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12TH MAY – SUNDAY, 19TH MAY

Sunday, 12 th May	8.30 am	Mary & John English RIP
	10.30 am	Andy Kelly RIP
Monday, 13 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 14 th May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	12 noon	Alfred Turner RIP
Wednesday, 15 th May	12 noon	Alison & Liam Flynn RIP
Thursday, 16 th May	9.30 am	Fr Peter's Intentions – 30 th Anniversary of Ordination
Friday, 17 th May	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 18 th May	11 am	First Holy Communion Mass
	1.30 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday, 19 th May	8.30 am	Joseph O'Sullivan RIP
	10.30 am	Catherine Hopes RIP
	6.30 pm	Syro Malabar

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS – Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.

Responsorial Psalm: "We are His people, the sheep of His flock".

COLLECTION FOR 5TH MAY 2019

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£256.55
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£50.40
Loose Plate	£261.76
Donation (St Joseph's Journal)	£132.76
Candles	£48.41
Hall Hire	£1,596.00
Lenten Alms	£50.00
Easter Offering	£5.00
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Funeral Fees	£298.00
TOTAL	£2,713.88
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£55.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,722.36
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Easter Offering	£2,680.81

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 19TH MAY

- **Counters:**
Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.
- **Mass readers**:**
8.30 am
1st Reading - J Horton.
2nd Reading - E Cathrew.
10.30 am
1st Reading - M Keep.
2nd Reading - C Balanza-Davis.
Eucharistic Ministers:**
8.30 am
T Millichap, D Cathrew & J Scarpa.
10.30 am
E Hopkins, M Forestiero & M Fernandes.
- **Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**
H McSoley.

****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**.**

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.**

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.

The LIFE Group would like to thank everyone who supported the recent jumble sale, especially the ladies from St Joseph's parish who helped on the day.
Kathleen Hamilton.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND 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 & Colleen Collins.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 15th May at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 6th July at 11 am. Please visit the Cathedral website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ and complete the online forms, or see *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

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.*

PAUL WILLIAMS - DIOCESAN MEDAL

The parish is delighted to announce that we will be presenting Paul Williams with the Diocesan Medal during the 10.30 am Mass TODAY. This is in recognition of Paul's long service to the parish and diocese. Congratulations Paul!

READERS' ROTA

The present rota runs out at the end of the month. New readers are always welcome. If you would like to proclaim the Word of God at Mass, please contact me. Training and guidance are available if required. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

READING PASTORAL AREA DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to be held on Saturday, 6th July at St Dominic Savio School, Western Avenue, Woodley, from 10.30 am - 3 pm. Registration and coffee - 10 am. Attendees must complete an application form (available from St Joseph's Parish Office), and return it to St John Bosco's Parish Office.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Phoebe Niamh Aram who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's today.

**GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES
2019/2020**

Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the church porch for the new financial year. Please ensure that you collect your individual box. Thank you for your ongoing donations - they are much appreciated. Even if you donate by Direct Debit or Standing Order, please take your box which contains envelopes for special collections. The following box numbers have not yet been collected and are still available in the church porch: **4 26 29 77 78 96 108 110 114 133 140 168 169 170 171 175 176 177 179 186 188 192 194 195 197 199 200.** **This is the final reminder of the above numbers.**

**COME AND SEE EVENING FOR
MEN AND WOMEN**

ON SUNDAY, 26TH MAY AT 6.30 PM.

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

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the May collection for the Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month, which is Sunday, 2nd June. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Thursday, 16th May is our Foundation's Daily Mass Scheme Day so we will attend the 9.30 am Parish Mass. Afterwards we will get together for coffee and pastries in the small hall. *All ladies are welcome to join us.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 15th & 22nd May 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: *mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*.



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

CHRISTIAN AID GRAND QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night on Friday, 17th May at 7 pm in St Michael's Church hall. Entry £3 (includes Tea & Coffee). Please bring your own refreshments. Table teams of six. Proceeds towards Christian Aid. *More details on poster in church porch.*

PARISH/SVP

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' AFTERNOON TEA

Please come to our Afternoon Tea in the large hall on Wednesday, 12th June from 2 - 4 pm. A list is available at the back of church; please let us know if you have any food allergies and whether you require transport. Thank you. *Jack Ewins.*

BREAKTHROUGH

Reading Showcase Cinema is putting on a Christian film BREAKTHROUGH (12A) from this Friday, 17th May - performances daily at 7 pm. It went to Number 3 in the USA cinema charts when it opened there on Good Friday. How will it do here? That depends on the opening weekend box office - do go! "Tremendously inspiring. A highly compelling movie" - CBN.

ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL

A big thank you to everyone who contributed articles for the Easter edition. The next one will be published on 15th September. The deadline is 25th August but we will be happy to receive items from now onwards. They can be emailed to *sjmagazine@yahoo.com* or handed in to the Parish Office.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

Our friendly group runs on the first Friday of the month in the parish hall 19.30 - 21.00 and is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. We are currently looking for adult volunteers to join us - if you would like to find out more please contact *rebecca@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*. DBS clearance will be required but can be arranged via the church.

SINGLE PERSON SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

We have received a request from a professional single person seeking accommodation in a Catholic home from 1st June onwards. The person concerned would be happy to occupy a spare room to rent. If you are able to assist, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office* for further details.

A new booklet entitled 'Abortion and Abortion Care Fact sheet', targeted at secondary schools in England, is presenting some inaccurate and misleading information to pupils about abortion. Unbelievably this booklet has been produced by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Sadly, the RCOG supports extremely wide access to abortion. It was their president who, in 2017, likened abortion 'to getting your bunions sorted'. SPUC is calling on the Secretary of State for Education to ban this new booklet being used in Relationships and Sex Education lessons. We can all voice our concern by signing their petition at www.spuc.org.uk/petition before 31st May.