

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **TODAY**, with a collection being taken up next Sunday, 3rd March.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. White Flower postcards headed **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER** for your completion are to be placed into the collection basket, and stickers are available at both Masses.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Fr Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH 2019		
Sunday, 24th February <i>Exposition after both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Harry McSoley's Intentions
	10.30 am	Annabelle Nolan RIP
Monday, 25th February	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 26th February	12 noon	Ann O'Donnell RIP
Wednesday, 27th February	12 noon	Catherine Patten's Intentions
Thursday, 28th February	9.30 am	Bridget Mangan RIP
Friday, 1st March <i>ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop</i>	5 – 6.30 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Eileen Drake RIP
Saturday, 2nd March	10 am	Annie Kate Walshe RIP & Thomas Walshe RIP
Sunday, 3rd March	8.30 am	John & Mary English RIP
	10.30 am	Francisca Pinto RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love."		

COLLECTION FOR 17TH FEBRUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£272.87
Gift Aid (via bank)	£836.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£43.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£22.00
Loose Plate	£278.28
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£46.38
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Donation (Carmelites)	£10.00
2019 Pocket Diaries	£2.00
Mass Stole Fees	£190.00
Cathedral Fund	£10.00
Comboni Missionaries/Verona Fathers	£684.20
TOTAL	£2,459.73
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£451.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,781.50
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Cathedral Fund	£413.98
Comboni Missionaries/Verona Fathers	£684.20

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH

- Counters: Maurice O'Brien & Ryan Hawkins.
- Mass readers**:
8.30 am
1st Reading – E Millichap.
2nd Reading – M Livingston.
10.30 am
1st Reading – A Archer.
2nd Reading – G Heenan.
- Eucharistic Ministers**:
8.30 am
Miriam Fernandes, Eileen Wooller & Tony Parnell.
10.30 am
Moya Brandon, John Macbeth & Muriel Fernandes.
- Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward – Eileen Wooller. 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.*

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of Mass, and make yourself known to the welcomers, if it is your turn on the rota. PLEASE READ YOUR ROTA AND NOTE YOUR OWN DATES. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson and Michael O'Connell. **If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.**

COMBONI MISSIONARIES – THANK YOU

Fr John Downey of the Comboni Missionaries has sent his thanks to our parish community for our kind hospitality and support last weekend following his appeal which raised a grand total of £684.20. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area situated beside the choir.

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

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 27th February at 9.30 am at St Catherine'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.**

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We meet in the large hall on Thursday mornings. We're open between 9.15 – 11.30 am during term time. Even if you don't need a toddler group yourself, can you spare an hour or two every few weeks to help with serving the refreshments? *Pop in and visit us to find out more.*



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Tuesday, 5th March from 7.15 – 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, Newbury, RG14 1JP.

Kezia Harrow, our Step into the Gap Volunteer, will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome, so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 0125 232 9385.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday, 15th March, can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Anabel Goncalves, our CAFOD parish representative, will give a talk at the end of both Masses on Sunday, 17th March. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth, so please collect your Fast Day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH – 22ND MAY 2019

Due to a cancellation, we have 2 places available in a twin or double room. Cost: £1,360 pp. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Fathers John & Michael. Contact St James' Parish Office: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone 0118 957 4171 - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SPACE BLITZ: DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN IMPACTS OF WWII BOMBING RAIDS

The bombing of cities during the Second World War is still fiercely contested. Coinciding with the anniversary of the British raid on Dresden, historian Patrick Major and space scientist Chris Scott will explore two different impacts of Second World War bombing raids. Wednesday, 27th February 19.30, doors 19.00 | G10, Palmer Building, Whiteknights campus. *Admission free.*

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.*

TEA DANCE

The Hibernian Society is hosting a TEA DANCE in the English Martyrs parish hall from 2 - 4.30 pm **TODAY**.

ST PATRICK'S SUPPER

At Reading Irish Centre - Food & lively Irish music on Friday, 15th March from 8 pm - 11 pm. Entrance by ticket only - £20 each from *Anne Morris* (Telephone No. 0788 899 7293).

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

SATURDAY, 6TH JULY 2019

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY

For Reading parishes on Saturday, 2nd March from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at St James' Church. Led by *Fr John* and *Ann Hogg*.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend a spiritual/guidance/practical talk given by Fr Peter following the 10 am Mass on Saturday, 23rd March. This is mandatory. If anyone wishes to become a Eucharistic Minister, *especially at 8.30 am Sunday Mass*, please see Fr Peter. Commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Maundy Thursday Mass, 18th April at 8 pm.

VOCATIONS

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? To explore further, contact *Fr. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

VISITS TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Fr Peter will make visits to the housebound, those who are unable to come to Mass, for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion on Friday, 29th March from 9 am onwards. Please telephone the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Come - Everything is ready! Praying for Slovenia. A service for everyone. Friday, 1st March at 7.30 pm at St Catherine's Church, Wittenham Avenue, and at 10.30 am at St Mark's Church, Cranbury Road, Reading.

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, 19th - Friday, 27th September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago). Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit and prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Information and booking form from the Parish Office. Closing date: Thursday, 7th March - *don't delay!*

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 28th March at 1.30 pm, a Mass for the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick will be held. This will be followed by refreshments in the small hall. If you require transport, please contact an SVP member or call *Jack* on 0773 449 9190.

EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Friday, 1st March at English Martyrs Church from 7.30 - 9 pm. There will also be the Rosary at 7 pm. *Please join us!*

LAITY LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross before Tuesday's mid-day Mass have proved very popular especially with those who find 7 pm on Friday an inconvenient time. Unfortunately, in the past, there have been very few people willing to lead them. There are no set prayers to accompany the journey around the Stations, so it is up to the leader to decide - maybe you have a favourite format you would like to share? Guidance and a little training can be given if required. *Mike Tomas* - 0770 803 2743.

PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27th April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS



The topic for the next meeting will be 'Top Tips'. Share your ideas and suggestions to make life easier. We will meet in the small hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 27th February, *and all ladies are welcome to join us*.

*****LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE*****

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Thursday, 25th July - Tuesday, 30th July. Departing from Heathrow Airport. Half board accommodation in three-star hotel close to the sanctuary. Cost approximately £460 (max). We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from *English Martyrs Parish Office* - Telephone No. 0118 957 2149. Max 30 persons.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 3rd March. 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
- Rice. Biscuits. Cordial that can be diluted
- Family cereal. Tinned Fruit
- Men's boxer shorts
- Warm coats and hats in good condition

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, 3rd March. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

HEALING SEMINARS

FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey has run healing seminars for the past 30 years. He will do a series of four seminars here at St Joseph's on the following Saturdays in the large hall, from 10 am - 5 pm.

Seminar 1	Healing of Memories	February 16 th
Seminar 2	Deliverance	March 9 th
Seminar 3	Gift & Gifts of the Spirit	March 30 th
Seminar 4	Healing Families	April 6 th

Anyone wishing to attend a seminar must send Fr Nicholas an email that they wish to attend, as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance. Please contact Fr Nicholas: nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable. Many people report a tangible experience of God's peace from attending the day, and healing can occur in many ways. Some people repeat the seminars and find they learn more each time.