

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Today is **Holocaust Memorial Day**. In cities and towns across the United Kingdom, events are being held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the evil and injustice which has characterised genocide wherever it has appeared. Holocaust Memorial Day puts us on our guard against what happens when prejudice and racism are allowed to go unchallenged. We pray for an end to genocide, for the purification of our hearts and for the courage never to stand by in the face of evil. May we keep the memory of the past alive so that the future may be free from hatred and prejudice.

### **"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE – SATURDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: 5 – 7 PM**



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - 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.*

**Fr Peter.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>Exposition after both Masses</i>	8.30 am	Maureen & Martin Tomas RIP
	10.30 am	Trevor & Cyril Williams RIP
<b>Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12 noon	People of the parish
<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12 noon	Daniella McKendrick's Intentions
<b>Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>St John Bosco, Founder</i>	9.30 am	Eileen O'Brien RIP
<b>Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	5 – 6.30 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Eileen Hopkins RIP
<b>Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	10 am	Molly Clark RIP
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	8.30 am	David Dye RIP
	10.30 am	Eugene Wilchusky RIP

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

ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10 am Mass.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**"Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life."**

## COLLECTION FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£233.00
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£45.00
Loose Plate	£296.23
TF3 (CAFOD)	£5.00
Candles	£29.29
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
Cathedral Fund	£10.00
Syro Malabar	£60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£688.52</b>
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£421.50
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,197.47
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Christmas Collection	£2,781.50

**\*\*Second Collection in support of the Cathedral TODAY\*\*.**  
[Envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided/planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible].

### 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.**



### RICHARD OWENS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Richard Owens who died recently. Richard's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30 pm at the English Martyrs Church followed by Cremation at Reading Crematorium. *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, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Alayna Fernandes, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Eileen Marshall, 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.**

*\*2019 Hands of Time Calendar - £5 - on sale at Repository\**

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### - SATURDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

You are most welcome to bring your own candles to 10 am Mass on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Fr Peter will bless them for you.

### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

- Counters: Eileen & Richard Hopkins.
- Mass readers\*\*:  
8.30 am - First Reading – Caroline Hurst. Second Reading – Miriam Fernandes.  
10.30 am - First Reading – Michael Robinson. Second Reading – Colin Parkes.
- Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:  
8.30 am – Mike Tomas, Eileen Wooller & Carmen.  
10.30 am - Moya Brandon, John Macbeth & Alan Goncalves.
- 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\*\*.*

### 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.*

### ENGLISH MARTYRS DIGITAL SOUND ENGINEER

If you are interested in digital sound engineering, or you know someone who is, we would like to hear from you! Regardless of your faith and age, we have an opportunity in our church which we would like to share with you. Come and reach out. We look forward to hearing from you. Email English Martyrs Parish Office for more details at [englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:englishmartyrs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

SPUC wishes to say thank you for the very generous anonymous donation which was received recently. This is a very generous gift for a vital cause, and will be used towards the setting up of the recently formed local Reading SPUC group. More information about the local group will follow in the coming weeks.



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February from 7.15 – 9 pm at Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent Fast Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Also on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 7.15 – 9 pm at St Joseph's Church, London Road, 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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 0125 232 9385.

**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL  
- RECEPTION CLASSROOM TEACHER**

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher (for Maternity Cover from Term 5 starting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April for a year) to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff. *Further details on poster in the church porch.*

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PROPOSED  
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 2019**

Depart: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September - London Heathrow - Split (Croatia). Return: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September - Split - London Heathrow. Estimated overall cost at current exchange rate £425 shared, £495 single. This cost includes the return flights (£180 approx). *If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Peter after any Mass and collect a registration form.*

**CLICK TO PRAY**

Pope Francis has launched an app called "Click to Pray," which connects Catholics to a global network to share prayer intentions via their smartphones. "Click to Pray" allows users to post prayer intentions and view other prayer requests in six languages. After posting on the social network, one can track how many Catholics around the world have prayed for their request.

The Android and iOS app include the pope's monthly prayer intentions, all of the Mysteries of the Rosary, and daily prayers for morning, afternoon, and night. In each of these sections, users can click a box to indicate that they have completed the prayer and view how many others also prayed.

**SVP REMINDER**

The next Senior Citizens' Afternoon Tea will be on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. This will be held in the small hall from 2 - 4 pm. *All are welcome.* Please contact an SVP member or Jack Ewins if you would like to attend or if you require transport. Many thanks. *Jack Ewins - President, SVP St Joseph's Conference - 0773 449 9190.*

**MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING  
WITH MARRIAGE CARE**

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information, please call *0800 389 3801*. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre. For further information, contact *Sue Cooper* at *reading.admin@marriagecare.org* or phone *0793 949 5774*.

**READING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm Concert at Our Lady of Peace Church, Earley by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available from *OLOP Parish Office* on *0118 966 3711* or *earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATORS' VACANCIES**

**CHRIST THE KING** - 15 Hours per week over 3 days. Telephone No. *0118 931 4469* for details. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**ST JOHN BOSCO** - 25/30 hours per week. Telephone No. *0118 969 3423* for details or see noticeboard in church porch. Closing date - 12<sup>th</sup> February.

**REMINDER: DROP-IN CENTRE  
AND PARISH SVP COLLECTION**

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP will be held next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. 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 (which 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on *941 1483*.

**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.



**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The Foundation will be celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a lunch at the Southcote Beefeater. A table has been booked for 12.30 pm.

**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 Liebenrood Road. All are welcome, regardless of religion or nationality.

Darmowe nieformalne lekcje angielskiego dla dorosłych  
Jeśli angielski nie jest Twoim pierwszym językiem, możesz się dołączyć do bezpłatnego nieformalnego kursu, aby poprawić zrozumienie, mówienie, czytanie i pisanie po angielsku. Zajęcia obejmują rozmowy i ćwiczenia z gramatyki itp. Odbývają się co tydzień w czasie semestru szkolnego w sali parafialnej kościoła English Martyrs w Liebenrood Road. Wszyscy są mile widziani bez względu na religię lub narodowość.

For more information: *petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk*