

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION TO OUR PARISH QUOTED FROM PORTSMOUTH E-NEWS:

"This last weekend, I conducted the Pastoral Visitation of the excellent parish of St Joseph's, Tilehurst, in Reading. The Parish Priest is Fr Peter Glas and he has been there now for two years. I was really impressed by the vitality and engagement of so many parishioners, young and old, in the life of the Church. The 10.30 am Mass was so full it had people sitting along the window ledges inside the church and standing six deep in the porch! The facilities are outstanding, with a splendid modern church, looking now much more beautiful and cared for than when I last visited; a parish hall, a presbytery and an extensive car park. There were many young families present and a sense of 'can-do' commitment to Christ and His Church. There are also many groups at work within the parish, such as the SVP and a Mission Group, dedicated to the new evangelisation. There were over 25 altar servers across the two Masses, along with some splendid musicians. I usually end Visitations (if there is no Sunday evening Mass) with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at around 4 pm in the afternoon; a time of prayer for vocations to all states of life and ministry within the Church, but especially to the Priesthood. I was astonished to see how many turned out for this, over 120 people, including young families!"



We are planning to put photos of the Bishop's visit on our Facebook page. If you do not wish to be included please let the Parish Office know by Tuesday, 25th September before 12 noon. Copies of these photographs are also available from *Carmen*. Donations are welcome – all proceeds will go to the Divine Mercy Centre, Bamenda.

"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.*

We welcome Nicholas Fogg - Diocesan Secretary, Aid to the Church in Need, who will give a talk at both Masses today.
Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 23rd September	8.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Judith de Cruz RIP
Monday, 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 25th September	12 noon	Halina Pawlicka
Wednesday, 26th September	12 noon	Sean Doherty RIP
Thursday, 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul, Founder</i>	9.30 am	Larry McNeill RIP
	2 pm	Healing Mass for S.V.P.
Friday, 28th September	7 pm	Bartholomew & Margaret O’Sullivan RIP
Saturday, 29th September THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	10 am	Fr Michael Akpghiran’s Intentions
Sunday, 30th September	8.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
	10.30 am	Bridie Naughton RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
Responsorial Psalm: “The Lord upholds my life.”		

COLLECTIONS FOR 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£283.24
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£33.50
Loose Plate	£642.90
Candles	£47.62
TF 3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Home Mission Sunday	£20.00
Mass Stole Fees	£60.00
TOTAL	£1,102.26
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£663.00
TF9 (“On Fire!”)	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER

- The counters will be Eileen & Richard Hopkins.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Anne MacDonald. *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 all Sunday Masses on 23rd & 30th September and 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.**

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.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY
SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

Each year in the Catholic Church, on the third Sunday of September, we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales, and there is a second collection to support the Bishops’ work of evangelisation. **Due to Bishop Philip’s visit to our parish last Sunday, this second collection will take place TODAY.** *Please be as generous as you can.*

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet on 26th September at 9.30 am at St Catherine’s. *All are 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*.

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.*

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesdays, 26th September & 3rd October from 8 pm - 9.30 pm in the large 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 course only runs 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 or alternatively email the Parish Office (details on the front of this newsletter).



Please like and follow our Facebook page by searching **St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, Reading.**

THE LINK CAFE

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday, 26th September, 7.30 pm at The Link (28 School Road). *All are welcome.*



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL

AN INSPIRATIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHER

Required for January. We are wishing to employ a highly motivated, charismatic teacher to join our dedicated enthusiastic staff in KS2. The role, initially for two terms, has the possibility of becoming a permanent position with perhaps the opportunity for a leadership post. *Further details available on the noticeboard in the church porch.*

LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER

Required as soon as possible. 5 hours per week (term time only). Grade/Salary Range B7-11. *Further details available on the noticeboard in the church porch.*

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.

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!*



CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 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 and don't forget to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. *Many thanks for your generous support.*

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

There will be a Mass for the Sick on the Memorial of St Vincent de Paul on Thursday, 27th September at 2 pm. This will be followed by tea & coffee in the hall until 3.30 pm. Should anyone require transport, please contact *Jack Ewins*, Mobile No. 0773 449 9190.



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*.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Simon's Class will attend 9.30 am Mass on Thursday, 27th September. *Parents and families are welcome to join them.*