

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am – 12.30 pm

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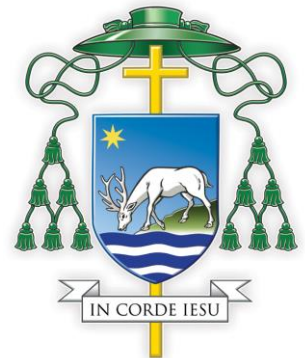
**Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:**

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

## **THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **– 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

### **BISHOP PHILIP EGAN'S CANONICAL VISITATION TO OUR PARISH ON SUNDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

8 am – Bishop Arrives. 8.30 am – Bishop celebrates Mass, plus the Rite of Welcome. Following Mass, Bishop Philip will greet parishioners. Refreshments served in the large hall following *both* Masses. 10.30 am - Bishop Philip celebrates Mass – Greets parishioners afterwards. 12 noon – Bishop Philip meets with youth of parish. 12.15 pm – Bishop Philip meets with key members of parish. 1 pm – Lunch and meeting with Fr Peter. 4 pm – Adoration and Benediction (Bishop Philip will celebrate). 5 pm – Bishop Philip departs.



### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2018/2019**



The beginning of the First Holy Communion programme will start with a very important parents' meeting to be held at St Paul's School at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. We would advise that all parents wishing to enrol their children into the Parish First Holy Communion Programme **MUST ATTEND**. Enrolment forms will be available at this meeting.

**Fr Peter**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	8.30am	Fr George Lyons RIP - <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Mary and Joseph Meredith RIP
<b>Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <i>St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12 noon	Ben Caspi RIP
<b>Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12 noon	Ellen McCormack RIP
<b>Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30 am	People of the Parish
<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5 – 6.30 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Geraldine Lyons RIP
<b>Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	10 am	Geraldine Lyons RIP
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.30 am	Theresa Bricker's Intentions
	10.30 am	Ben Caspi RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass.		
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS Saturday: Following 10am Mass.		
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> <b>"The just will live in the presence of the Lord."</b>		

#### COLLECTIONS FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£256.78
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£36.70
Loose Plate	£237.99
Gift Aid (via bank)	£780.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£55.00
Candles	£43.82
TF 3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
Mass Stole Fees	£105.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,530.29</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£638.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,508.97
TF4 (Parish Events)	£51.69

#### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

- The counters will be Tom & Pat McKeown and Hugh Glover.
- The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward will be Harry McSoley. *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.*

#### 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.**

#### MASS BOOKINGS – 2019

The Mass Bookings Diary 2019 is now open.

#### LIFE JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 1 pm - English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

#### 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 re-commence on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

#### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Second Sunday every month at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. *All are welcome.* Please join us next on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm.

#### 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 & 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*.

### **ALTAR SERVERS - BISHOP'S VISIT - 16/9/18**

There is a list in the Sacristy for those who are able to serve with the Bishop on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Parents of younger servers are asked to counter-sign the list along with their son or daughter as it is very important we know who is actually going to attend on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, Servers find they are not able to attend after making the commitment, please contact me as soon as possible. There will be a short, 15 minute meeting after both Masses next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. For those able to serve Benediction, there will be a practice after 7 pm Mass next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.  
*Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

### **G.D.P.R./**

#### **DATA PROTECTION CO-ORDINATOR**

The diocese has provided guidance to each parish on how to apply GDPR. This includes the appointment of a Parish Data Co-ordinator. This is an important role which needs to be urgently filled. If there is anybody in the parish who feels able to fulfil this role, would you please get in touch with *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, as a matter of urgency.

***OUR PRIVACY POLICY is available at <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/> or from the Parish Office.***

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Our next Senior Citizens afternoon tea will be on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September from 2 - 4 pm in the small hall. Would you please place your name on the list which will be on the table at the back of church from Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September and also indicate *whether you will require transport*. Contact *Jack* on 0773 449 9190 if you have any questions.



You are invited to come to our Harvest Fast Day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at English Martyrs' Church from 7.15 pm - 9 pm. There is also another Harvest Fast Day briefing meeting on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, from 10.30 am - 1 pm with a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call *Jo Lewry* on 0125 232 9385.

### **KNITWITS**

The next meeting will be in 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at the home of *Maureen English*.

### **EVOLUTION**

Creation - what is a Catholic to think? Celebrating Day of Creation in Reading. To celebrate the Day of Creation, Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barber is hosting a talk on creation entitled "Evolution - Creation what is a Catholic to think?" on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September from 6 - 8:30 pm. Presenters will be *Hugh Owen* from the USA and *Greg Clovis* from the UK.

### **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group now has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Child-minder, etc., and are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a go. We meet in the large hall on Thursday mornings. We're open between 9.15 am - 11.30 am during term time, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **VACANCY**

Christian Community Action. Furniture Shop Manager. 35 hours per week. More information from *Jenny Esslement Central Services Manager* on 0118 951 2336 or email [hr@ccam.org.uk](mailto:hr@ccam.org.uk).

### **LUNCH FOR THE OVER SIXTIES**

If you are 60 or over, and enjoy good company and good food and a game of bingo, not forgetting a little bit of Irish craic!! Come along and join us at the Reading Irish Centre. Please see poster in the porch for all other activities. Contact *Anne* 0788 899 7293 or landline 0118 942 6932.

### **COME AND SEE EVENING FOR MEN - SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER AT 7 PM**

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

### **YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS**

There will be an extra High Mass (EF) for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11 am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey, followed by a Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey. On Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30 am there will be an extra Dominican Rite Sung Mass (EF) at 10:30 am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey. The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge will be singing Gregorian Chant for all the Masses. All these events are open to the public and ALL AGES. They are organised by YCA who are staying at the Abbey, during that weekend.



### **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

The first meeting of the new term will be a birthday celebration on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will meet in the **large** hall at 7.30 pm.