

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 30TH APRIL 2017

Simon Uttley, new Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will visit us today to talk about his plans and hopes for the future of the school. Interested parents and present parents are invited to remain on and meet with Simon during coffee after Mass. Simon's aim is to promote the place of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School in our community as the school of first choice for our catholic families and to build good relationships with all our parish communities.

Visits to housebound for the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession and Holy Communion are welcomed on Thursday, 11th May from 10 am onwards. Please phone through to the Parish Office and leave your details with *Sheila*.

On Fire! Saturday, 13th May from 5 – 7 pm. A powerful praise and healing service.

All are welcome.

Fr Peter

MASS INTENTIONS: 30 TH APRIL – 7 TH MAY		
Sunday, 30th April	8.30 am	Cathy Rodrigues' Intentions - Thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Judith Mary O'Neill RIP
Monday, 1st May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12 noon	Joan O'Brien RIP
Wednesday, 3rd May SS Philip & James, Apostles	7 pm	Leonilda Figueira RIP
Thursday, 4th May The English Martyrs (1535-1680)	9.30m	Vincent Nichols' Intentions (Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster)
Friday, 5th May	5 pm	Reading Marian Prayer Group
	7 pm	Mary Gale RIP
Saturday, 6th May	10 am	Mary & John English RIP
Sunday, 7th May	8.30 am	Fr Michael Craig McFeeley RIP
	10.30 am	Mr O J Cherian RIP
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "Show us, Lord, the path of life."		

COLLECTIONS FOR 16TH APRIL 2017

Gift Aid	£1,038.50
Planned Giving	£97.50
Loose Plate	£250.22
Clergy Assistance Fund	£1.00
Easter Flowers	£8.50
Easter Offering	£57.50
Candles	£36.38
Mass Stole Fees	£50.00
Holy Places	£17.00
TOTAL	£1,556.60
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£50.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£40.00
CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£2,475.02
Clergy Assistance Fund	£413.87
Holy Places	£518.75
Easter Offering	£1,971.80

****Collection for Clergy Training Fund
next weekend****

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 7th May will be Maurice O'Brien and Ryan Hawkins.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 7th May will be Eileen Wooller.

RBH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

We wish to let you know that Fr Richard Maniak will not be acting as Hospital Chaplain for the time being. All emergency calls for the RBH should now go directly to *Fr Peter* on 0118 942 8632.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 3rd May at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

**** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick. ****

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!**

HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Fr Peter has now introduced the practice of asking if there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their seat during Mass. You are welcome to raise your hand at Holy Communion time, at any Mass, if you feel unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, and he will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you. Will you kindly make sure that you sit at the end of the bench, for him to have easy access.

Those wishing to receive gluten free hosts, please simply approach *Fr Peter* in the usual way and say 'gluten free host please'.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

There are still a large number of Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 to be collected at the back of the church.

BAPTISM COURSE

The next Baptism course at St Joseph's will be on Wednesday, 3rd & 10th May from 8 pm until 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 0118 961 5905 email: mphilip@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, all Catholics must inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic, and if they wish to have Holy Communion they must now request this themselves, otherwise they may not be visited. From now on, all arrangements in RBH must be patient-led.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on Sunday, 14th May. In 2017, SPUC commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967, SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of life, from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help save mothers and babies from abortion, and sign the petition held by *Christine Wall* at both Masses on 14th May.

REMINDER - DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Our monthly collection for the Drop-in Centre and parish SVP is next Sunday, 7th May. The items that are most useful are as listed below:

- Tinned meat such as, ham or corned beef.
- Tinned meals, e.g. beef/chicken casserole or stew.
- Tinned soup. Instant coffee, tea, sugar.
- Tinned vegetarian meals. Tinned vegetables.
- Men's boxer shorts and socks. Disposable razors.
- Family foods such as cereal, pasta and sauce.

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, 7th May. Thank you for your support with this collection. Any queries, please contact *Margaret Bailie* on 941 1483.

2017 LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The 2017 Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage (18th - 25th August) is now open for bookings. *Further details are available on the poster and postcards in the porch.*

KNITWITS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2nd May at 2.30 pm at the home of Ruth Lewis: 30 Calder Close.

LIVING BREAD

A day of Prayer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 24th June at English Martyrs School at 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. *Please note the date and keep it free.*

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Thomas's Class will be attending 9.30 am Mass here at St Joseph's on Thursday, 4th May. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

MASS BOOKINGS - 2018

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2018 will not be open until 1st September 2017. Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.

Pizza, popcorn & people: Margherita or Four Seasons? Spicy or Veggie? Everyday choices, but what about longer term ones like what sort of person would make a good life partner? How can I recognise a good or bad relationship? When would be a good time to settle down? If you are now in Year 11, 12 or 13, why not come along and explore what long term relationships might look like over some pizza. You'll get to meet some married couples and quiz them on how they deal with the ups and downs of life, work out their differences, and keep the "pop" in their popcorn AND in their relationship!

English Martyrs' Roman Catholic Church
Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2EB
Sundays 18th June, 25th June & 2nd July,
6.30 - 7.45 pm

EXPLORE is a charity, which aims to enable young people to explore the realities of marriage and lasting relationships in our society today.

www.theexploreexperience.co.uk

To book a place, contact Sheila Jones, St Joseph's Parish Secretary.

BRIGHTLIGHTS FESTIVAL

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16 - 30) taking place June 23rd - 26th in the beautiful grounds of Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including One Hope Project and Guvna B. To journey together in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear simulating input the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our *website: brightlights.org.uk*, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BLFestival

THE MARIPOSA TRUST

The Mariposa Trust is one of the UK's leading charities, with its core objective being to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy. On 13th May 2017 at 10.30 am in Winchester Cathedral, the Trust is holding one of its "SAYING GOODBYE" services. All are welcome. For further information, please go to www.sayinggoodbye.org.

DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACES

The Disabled Parking Spaces in the church car park are specifically reserved for Disabled Drivers displaying their Blue Badges.