

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – 3RD/4TH APRIL 2021

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 11TH APRIL 2021

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Sunday, 4 th April	8 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	People of the Parish
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	People of the Parish
	11 am + Live-streamed	People of the Parish
Monday, 5 th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 6 th April	12 noon + Live-streamed	James O'Shea RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday, 7 th April	12 noon + Live-streamed	Living members of the O'Sullivan family
Thursday, 8 th April	Private	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
Friday, 9 th April	Private	Ryszard Grzedziel
Saturday, 10 th April	Private	
SUNDAY, 11th APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of Divine Mercy	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Living members of the O'Sullivan family
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Vidot François RIP, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Laura Harrington RIP

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

THANK YOU!

A **huge** thank you to our Mass attendance admin team, cleaners, stewards, readers, livestream operators, gardeners, health & safety/maintenance team, and flower arrangers, catechists, sacristan, and those who have supported the parish financially, and through prayer. Your hard work is much appreciated, making our parish a safe, re-assuring and caring community, during this time of pandemic. *God bless you and grant you special Easter joy!* **Fr Peter.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson.

*If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries,
please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.*

COLLECTION FOR 27TH/28TH MARCH 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£195.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£630.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£35.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£20.00
Easter Collections	£50.00
CAFOD (Family Fast)	£40.00
Holy Places	£20.00
Repository	£10.00
Loose Plate	£133.00
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
TOTAL	£1,213.00
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,534.78
Clergy Assistance Fund	£184.37
Clergy Training Fund	£25.00
Easter offerings	£62.50
Holy Places	£25.00

OFFERINGS, DONATIONS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Various **DONATE** buttons are available on our web site, as well as information about the easiest way to make your contributions online, for Sunday collections, donations and Mass offerings. If you wish to make any donation to St Joseph's parish, please see 'Donations' on the home page of our website, or follow this link directly:

<http://www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk/upload/newsletter/DonationStJosephsTilehurst.pdf>

EASTER COLLECTION

Easter will be a little different again this year, but the Easter Sunday collection for our Parish Priests will still take place - throughout Easter - so you will have the opportunity to give, at any service which you are invited to. In addition to the usual ways of donating to this collection, an online giving page has been set up. The Easter Sunday collection traditionally supports our Parish Priests, in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese, and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr Peter in his vocation and mission this Easter, please visit the following link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-easter-sunday-collection>

ROSARY

Saturdays at 10 am with Fr Peter online.
Please follow the link on the website.



GED & MAUREEN MURPHY RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Ged & Maureen Murphy who died recently. Please remember Ged & Maureen, and their family in your prayers. *Funeral details to be confirmed.*

COFFEE & CHAT

After Sunday Masses.
Please follow the link on the website.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVP spends £2,600, annually, supplying CIRDIC with fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat products. To support this initiative, you can put your donation in the collection box in church, or using an envelope post it to the Parish Office, or give it to an SVP member. You can also donate directly to our bank account: Account Name: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code: 60-60-04. Account No: 46075070. If you are a tax payer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, let me know your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. Your contributions are helping the needy at an extremely crucial time. Many thanks for your generosity.

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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size.
Alan Goncalves.

FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from your germs, even if you do not feel ill. If you become unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact possible, due to the pandemic. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to offer a Mass, or you would like anything included in the newsletter.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available from April 2021. Children are funded by the Local Authority from the term following their third birthday. There are no "top up" fees payable. Children under three years old can be funded under certain circumstances. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen* - 0118 941 3602.

READERS WORKSHOPS

On Saturdays, 17th & 24th April from 10 am - 1 pm, on Zoom. Join us for two workshops to equip or refresh you as a church reader. Workshop 1 is an introduction to the Liturgy and the practical skills of reading, and Workshop 2 is an introduction to the Bible. Attend both workshops and sign up for reading practice with a diocesan listener to receive a diocesan Recognitio. Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Every Monday evening at 7 pm, for 5 weeks, starting on 19th April - on Zoom, Sr Hyacinthe will run the Essential Training for Catechists course.

This course is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. Find out more here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

and register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EfXZR>.

To find out all the initiatives currently offered by our Team for adult formation, visit our new website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>. Wishing you every blessing this Lent, Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP, Formation for Mission Team Leader, Department for Evangelisation, <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>. Tel: 0159 068 1874.

TO ALL CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES READERS

You can get your paper delivered direct to your home every week; POST-FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com, or call them on 0161 820 5722, and they will arrange this for you. £115 print copy & digital edition, saving over £39. Print offer only £99 (postage-free). Digital offer only £55.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MASS - SPACES AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

Spaces available, without advance booking, provided you are registered with us. Note: This is only for mid-week Masses. Weekend Masses are *strictly by invitation only*. Please reply as soon as possible to Mass invitations. Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners, and those living in Tilehurst. Please do not travel from further away, during these difficult times. Contact us to register for Mass by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message on the answer phone, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that our Tuesday & Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 12 noon, commencing 6th & 7th April.

DIOCESAN MAGAZINE - VIVE VOCE

The Easter 2021 edition of Viva Voce, bringing you high quality news from our diocese, is available on the table as you leave Mass.

A LETTER TO EVERYONE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

This Easter, Bishop Philip is sending out a 'Letter to Everyone'. Unlike a Pastoral Letter, this Letter to Everyone does not need to be read in church; it is for you to take away with you from Mass. Perhaps you might be willing to distribute them to neighbours, friends and family? We need to think about how practically we can welcome newcomers and enquirers, especially at the moment. Meanwhile, we will continue to use social media to reach the widest possible audience.

APF NEWS

In 2020, our parish raised £709.97 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Tilehurst are supporting them through prayer and generous donations. The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all.

Like most registered charities, contributions are down on previous years. Donations are gratefully received and if you would like to donate either by cheque, credit or debit card, online or bank transfer; or via text, please contact me for details.

The APF Springtime magazines are available for collection at the back of the church. You are all welcome to take one. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary* - 0770 803 2743.

CHRISTIAN AID

- MAKE EVERY STEP COUNT THIS MAY

Let's move one step closer to a world free from poverty. Make every step count this May; climate crisis hurts us all, but people living in poverty battle the worst of it. Every day they walk further and dig deeper to survive. This May, we invite you to take on our 300,000 Steps Challenge. Clocking in at just under 10,000 steps a day, you can do the challenge alone or with a team. Each step you take could help people like Rose in Kenya - who struggles daily to provide enough food for her family.

Find out more through our Facebook group - we will be able to support you every step of the way.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/300000StepsInMay?_cldee=cmNhhm5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQzXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65che7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba.

Share your progress with our steps community for inspiration and advice, as you progress with your challenge and access unique content like our Spotify playlist. If you're not a Facebook user, you can still join in the fun by using a JustGiving page to collect in your sponsorship. But remember to register to the challenge at our website, and you will receive your very own Christian Aid T-shirt:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself?utm_source=christianaid&utm_medium=email&utm_content=btn-body-StepsChallenge&utm_campaign=20210329-CA-CAW-Org-4&_cldee=cmNhhm5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQzXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65che7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba

Here are some alternative ways to take part and make every step count: Cumulative total: Team up with others to collectively smash the step target. Wheelchair options: Set a target of 300,000 pushes, or use an odometer to track distance. Little steppers: The whole family can join in with the steps this year, and take their own version of the challenge. Get creative and create your own version. You could do a sponsored silence or learn 100 words in another language. The key is to find a challenge that suits you. No matter how you decide to take part, the money you raise could help a community like Rose's to build a dam, so that many more people can have the water they need to live. Let's move one step closer to a world free from poverty this May. Sign up to the 300,000 steps in May challenge today:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself?utm_source=christianaid&utm_medium=email&utm_content=btn-body-Resources&utm_campaign=20210329-CA-CAW-Org-4&_cldee=cmNhhm5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQzXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65che7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba#steps

Another way to make a difference to those fighting the worst of this climate crisis is praying and engaging in our climate crisis campaign. We've created a seven-day devotional, that will walk us through the story of creation, and we invite you to learn, lament, reflect and respond together. At the back of the devotional, you'll also find a postcard giving you the opportunity to call on the UK Government for a better way, filled with climate justice. *Details on web site.*

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: 25TH APRIL

Later this month, we have the National Day of Prayer for Vocations for the Priesthood and religious life. Pope Francis has released his message for this 58th day of prayer and it is titled 'Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation'.

In this message, the Holy Father focuses on three themes in St Joseph's life and illustrates how he can be a model of vocation. These three themes are: the dream of vocation, the life of service, and the fidelity of vocation that leads to joy.

Lord, send us many holy priests.

To help prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, can we invite you to consider praying a Novena from Friday 16th April which you can find on the web site: <https://shoutout.wix.com/so/17NXz74JR?languageTag=en&cid=870bc980-3a84-40ea-b1e2-1373494e9208#/main>

Perhaps you could consider extending your Lenten Fast until the fourth Sunday of Easter when we mark Good Shepherd Sunday?

During the Maundy Thursday Mass, when we remember Christ's institution of the Priesthood, we offer our Mass for all our clergy - those serving our parishes now, those in formation, and those who may not even have had the courage to respond to the call yet.

The priesthood of the baptised is so very important. The role for each of us is to be Jesus in the world today. However, those who have been called to the vocation of priesthood have a particular mission to fulfil and they need our support and our prayer.

