

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – 17TH APRIL 2022

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 24TH APRIL 2022

HOLY SATURDAY , 16 th April <i>* There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*</i>	4 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Vigil
	8 pm (Vigil) *	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD , 17 th April	8.30 am *	People of the Parish
	10.30 am *	People of the Parish
Monday, 18 th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 19 th April	12 noon	Margaret Canniffe RIP
Wednesday, 20 th April	12 noon	Stephen Aldworth RIP
Thursday, 21 st April	9.30 am	Harry Mullin RIP
Friday, 22 nd April	7 pm	June Drew-Clifton RIP
Saturday, 23 rd April	10 am	Harry Mullin RIP
Sunday, 24 th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of Divine Mercy	5 pm (Vigil)	Living members of the MacMahon family
	8.30 am	Pedro & Cathy Rodrigues – in Thanksgiving
	10.30 am *	Sean Bishop RIP

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

There will be confessions on Saturdays from 9.30 am, followed by 10 am Mass, and the Rosary.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Sunday collection for our Parish Priests will take place throughout Easter, so you will have the opportunity to give, at any service which you attend. 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, we recommend that you drop your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, or by bank transfer.

Alternatively, you can donate online by clicking the following link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2022> (fee incurred)

THANK YOU!

A **huge** thank you to our co-ordinating team, finance committee, events 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, enabling our parish to survive during these times of uncertainty. *God bless you and grant you special Easter joy!*

Fr Peter.

Social, Spiritual, Fundraising Activities at St Joseph's

Easter Egg Hunt in church grounds with Tea/Coffee in the hall: Sunday, 24th April '22: 11.30 am

Would you like to see more events and activities at St Joseph's?

Circle those that interest you and put your form in the box provided or drop it into the office.

Summer Family Picnic in grounds (as we did 3 and 4 years ago)
Sunday lunchtime/afternoon (Queen's Jubilee weekend?)

Family Fun Afternoons or Evenings Summer Fete
Tea Dance / Barn Dance

Social Activities in hall some ideas:

Painting Wreath Making Christingle Jam/Honey Making
Flower Arranging Arts and Crafts Card Making Gardening
Baking Competition: Taste and Judge

Music Nights: 70s / 80s, Motown / Soul
Movie nights: Quiz nights Bingo
Theatre / Choir performances

Adult Catechesis / Bible Study / Advent and Lent Groups

Links/activities combined with St Pauls School

Parish Open Days: Showing other Christian denominations all about us

Antiques Sale Book Sale (good quality)

Auction: Unwanted good quality gifts Jumble Sale

Babysitting Group - Forum putting parents and babysitters from our community in touch

Help for Parishioners:

Benefits, Council Tax Relief, Housing Benefits, etc.

Would be run by Help the Aged, Citizens Advice Bureau, Council, etc.

Auction of promises: babysitting, gardening, dog walking, feeding pets while on holiday ...

Walking Group

Parish Outings:

Douai Abbey, Mapledurham, Corpus Christi (Arundel Cathedral), Hungerford
Winchester, Portsmouth Cathedral, Wintershall, Walsingham

Christmas Raffle/Prize Draw

OPTIONAL: (can be left blank)

Your name:

Your ideas:

Would you like to help?

Meeting on Tuesday, 26th April at 7 pm



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God: We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Check the diocesan website regularly for updates about the situation, how to help, refugees, etc: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk/news-events/>

COLLECTION FOR 10TH APRIL 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£229.10
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Loose Plate	£545.85
Clergy Assistance Fund	£27.00
Candle Money	£24.80
Mass Stole fees	£80.00
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£1,050.00
Confirmation fees	£25.00
Easter Collections	£70.00
Holy Places	£20.00
Lenten Alms	£10.00
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£253.78
TOTAL	£2,350.53
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
Clergy Assistance Fund	£226.75
Easter Offerings	£510.30
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 EGG HUNT

On Sunday, 24th April, straight after 10.30 am Mass. 50p entry per child. Clues hidden around church grounds. Teas and coffees will also be available in the hall. ALL proceeds will be divided between church and Ukraine funds. *Please join in the fun!*

SUNDAY COUNTERS

Prior to the pandemic, Sunday offerings were counted on a Sunday evening, ready for banking on Monday morning. We want to reintroduce this practice but we need a number of volunteers in order to create a counters' rota. Ideally, we would like enough volunteers for at least six teams of two. Training will be given. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Pat Knowles & Helen. ***If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.***

VOCATIONS

"God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact *Cn John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For those people who are not catholic, but are baptised, we can help you with R.C.I.A., and prepare you to become catholic. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*

Please keep in your prayers our RCIA candidate, Rafael Jesus Machuca Garcia, who is to be baptized and receive First Holy Communion during our Easter Vigil Mass.

WHAT DOES 'BEING BAPTISED' MEAN?

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO?

Join our 6-session course open to all adults, to discover the meaning and rite of our baptism, which is our entry into God's own life and family. This is a course for everyone who wishes to understand the meaning of Christianity and their own baptism. The course will be led by the Dominican Sisters and will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8.30 pm, starting on the 26th April. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGvrj8uGNXgin4vwHAKty6i4VUINBW>

EASTER SUNDAY

8 am at the Bandstand, Forbury Gardens with the band of Reading Central Salvation Army, Michael Penny (Chair of Churches Together in Reading) and Revd. Julia Binney (Abbey Baptist). Afterwards (8.30 am) for fellowship & refreshments in Abbey Baptist Church. If wet, Abbey Baptist Church at 8 am. Telephone 0149 167 1357, *for more information.*



The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 7th May** from 2 - 3 pm, in the church car park. *These collections will continue on the first Saturday of each month.* We will be collecting Food, Donations and Clothes, (particularly T-Shirts, Jeans, Hoodies & Trainers). 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.*

SVP DONATIONS

If you wish to donate to the SVP by Standing Order, please take a donation form, *available in the church porch.* The completed form should be returned to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Key contacts: *SVP President: Rita Boyce - Mobile: 0798 464 3250 Email: ritauro@yahoo.co.uk. SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.*

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The SVP has a stair lift available. Please contact SVP member, *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190 for more details.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group 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: Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, term-time only. *All welcome.*

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We would like resume offering tea/coffee after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays, in the near future. In the past, this was organised by a relatively small number of people, but we would now like to share the responsibility more widely by having a rota of volunteers. If you are able to help, hopefully just once a month or so, if we get sufficient volunteers, please contact *Ann Epps* at ann.epps@ntlworld.com or see me after 10.30 am Mass – I'm there most Sundays. *Many thanks.*

HEADTEACHER VACANCY - ST MARTINS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governing Body of the Federation of St Anne's & St Martins Catholic Primary Schools are currently seeking to recruit a new headteacher for St Martin's Catholic School in Caversham Park Village, Reading. Tel. 0118 937 5544 www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available. 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. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen - 0118 941 3602.*

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

On the second Thursday of every month (12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October) - Country & Irish Music by FINBARR & PAUL. Admission £5 from 1 pm. Music from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm. FREE tea & coffee. Light refreshments at a nominal charge. For more information, call *Paul* on 0777 301 6589. Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi RC Main Hall (Thomas Lane Hall) Reading RG6 7DA (Sat Nav RG6 7DB).

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling *Michelle* on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

AMAZON SMILE

There are all sorts of ways in which to support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese: to date, Amazon has donated a total of £14m to UK charities through Smile, which is accessible both online and via the Amazon app. Please make use of Amazon Smile: <http://smile.amazon.co.uk>. The full name of the charity for which to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.

ADORE

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. April 23rd 10.00 - 13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Your Will be done on earth as in heaven" – we choose to surrender to God's will. Our special guest speakers are Geoff & Gina Poulter, leaders of training courses and conferences on healing, prophecy and discipleship. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMyc-ppzgvGdRFcGlmNFYX9UwlHuCx019>

ADoRE is offering confidential prayer ministry by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 0757 982 4523 Monday to Friday 10 am – 4 pm, and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems; and for Baptism in the Spirit and renewal of faith.