

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 3RD APRIL 2022

UKRAINIAN CRISIS

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/>

NEWS & EVENTS – Caritas Portsmouth

Statement from CAFOD: Like you, CAFOD is deeply disturbed by the ongoing attacks on Ukraine. Together, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and send our prayers to our sister organisation, Caritas Ukraine, and those Caritas agencies in neighbouring countries, who are already helping people affected by this conflict.

Recent fundraising activities at St Joseph's have already raised around £3,000, which was donated to the CAFOD Ukraine appeal. From this weekend, there will be an additional basket in the porch for donations. Fr Peter will hand these donations personally to a Parish Priest contact in Poland, when he visits at the end of April, who is directly helping a parish in Ukraine.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3RD APRIL – SUNDAY, 10TH APRIL 2022

Sunday, 3 rd April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
	8.30 am	Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am *	Tess Heenan RIP
Monday, 4 th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 5 th April	12 noon	Mr S Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 6 th April	12 noon	Patricia & James MacMahon RIP
Thursday, 7 th April	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving
Friday, 8 th April	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Franciszek & Emilia Najman RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 9 th April	10 am	Richard O'Connor's intentions (80 th Birthday)
Sunday, 10 th April PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord <i>(Note: 10.30 am parishioners please assemble in the large hall for Palm Sunday procession)</i>	5 pm (Vigil)	Tess Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Tess Heenan RIP
	10.30 am *	Laurent Vidot 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.



HARRY MULLIN RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Harry Mullin who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Harry's soul. Harry's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, 13th April at 11.45 am at English Martyrs, followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery at 1.30 pm.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTER CONFESSIONS

Several priests will be available every Saturday Morning in Lent on the following dates from 11 am – 12 noon, for individual confessions, *not Penitential Services*: 2nd April - English Martyrs, Reading. 9th April - St James', Reading. *Please plan ahead!*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY



Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be setup in the church grounds from 10 am, as we did last year. Prayer sheets will be available for anyone who wishes to do them on their own or in their own group, at a time of their choosing. Fr Peter will lead the Stations at 11 am outside, weather permitting, or in the church, if necessary.



EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY , 14 th April THE EASTER TRIDUUM	8 pm + Live-streamed	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, including Commissioning and Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, <i>followed by watching until Midnight (Sign-up sheet available in porch)</i>
GOOD FRIDAY , 15 th April <i>A Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	10 am – 11 am	Individual Stations of the Cross (<i>see above</i>)
	11 am	Fr Peter will lead Stations of the Cross (<i>see above</i>)
	3 pm + Live-streamed	Solemn Liturgy Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY , 16 th April	8 pm + Live-streamed	<i>*There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*</i>
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD , 17 th April	8.30 am + Live-streamed	
	10.30 am + Live-streamed	

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING

Palm Sunday: 10th April - The Procession: At 12.30 pm join the procession which starts at corner of Broad Street and the Butts with the band of Reading Central Salvation Army. The Celebration: Afterwards, until 1.15 pm, come & sing & join the Palm Sunday Celebration in Broad Street, outside Marks & Spencer. Telephone 0149 167 1357, *for more information.*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEST READING, TILEHURST & SOUTHCOTE

Good Friday Activities: 15th April – Tilehurst: **Walk from various churches to meet together at the Triangle for a service at 12 noon.** Southcote: Meet at 10 am at Grange Church, walk along Southcote Lane, pausing outside St Matthew's Church and then finishing at Southcote Family Church for a service at 10.30 am. Oxford Road: 12 noon outside Reading West Salvation Army. Easter music played by the band.

Easter Sunday, 17th April at 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.*

COLLECTION FOR 27TH MARCH 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£154.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£620.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£25.00
Loose Plate	£369.70
Lenten Alms	£30.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£50.00
Candle Money	£51.36
Mass Stole fees	£110.00
Donation (Toddler Group)	£70.00
Donation (Individual)	£50.00
TOTAL	£1,540.06
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
Christmas Collection	£2,280.46
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£217.50
Clergy Assistance Fund	£76.75
Note: CAFOD Ukraine (total sent off)	£2,769.88

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>

COLLECTION FOR CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

The Clergy Assistance Fund supports the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team, which has four members of staff, exists to provide care and support for the ordained in our Diocese. There is an online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund> Supporters will be able to contribute via this page until Saturday, 2nd April. Please be as generous as you can. *Thank you.*

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)

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, 15th April: Collection for the Holy Places. The global Holy Land collection is taken up in most dioceses around the world on Good Friday. The collection ensures not only that the buildings remain accessible, and maintained, but that local Christians are able to stay in their homeland. Funds gathered, support young families, parishes, seminaries, schools, hospitals and clinics, refugees and small businesses. *Thank you for your donations!*



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 9th April** 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: ritaur@yahoo.co.uk *SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins* - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.

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

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!*

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.*

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.*

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.

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.

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

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.*

HOLY WEEK DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Monastic Community at Buckfast Abbey, Devon is extending an invitation to share their spiritual journey through Holy Week with twelve men, who maybe considering a priestly or religious vocation. They will live and eat in the monastery, participate in liturgies and be guided by retreat preacher Fr Andrew Robinson of Oscott Seminary. For more: vocationsretreat@buckfast.org.uk

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

On the second Thursday of every month (*except 7th April, 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).

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/tZUqcuGvri8uGNXgin4vwHAKty6i4VUINBW>



SPUC MEETINGS IN READING

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding meetings for supporters in Reading to spread the pro-life message and to help the fight to stop abortion in the UK. In these meetings, they will be focusing on various different current SPUC campaigns, including around abortion coercion. This campaign highlights that for many women abortion is not the free choice promoted by the abortion lobby. SPUC will also be discussing the range of educational presentations and resources they can offer to secondary schools. There are two opportunities to attend the meeting, and the programme will be the same on each evening. You can choose which evening to attend:

- Monday, 4th April, 7.30 - 9 pm at English Martyrs Catholic Church, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2EB.
- Tuesday, 5th April, 7.30 - 9 pm at Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi Catholic Church, 338 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7DA.

For further information, please contact katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk or telephone 0189 254 2616.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Reading, during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily from 2nd March - 10th April. For full details and to sign up now to pray with them see our website at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>, or contact Martin at 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com.