

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 27TH MARCH 2022



Thank you all for your very generous help and support for the Ukraine fundraising event held at St Joseph's recently. Whilst the donations are still coming in, the final amount will be published in due course, we have currently raised *in excess of £2,700, an amazing amount*, which we will be donating to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The donation will have a major impact on helping refugee families. Thank you for helping us to make a positive difference. *The Fundraising Group.*

THANK YOU!

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Many parishioners are keen to know what they can do to help. Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Donate money to a Ukraine appeal, such as CAFOD. Here are some other ways you may be able to help:

- Host refugees in your house
- Share details of any Ukrainians who are looking for a host family
- If you speak Ukrainian or Russian, you can offer to help with communication
- Offer English lessons, offer employment, offer childcare

We don't have much information yet, but if you can offer to help in a specific way, or are happy to help co-ordinate generally, then please send your names into the Parish Office, and we'll keep you informed. We will liaise and work with other local groups to be as effective as we can.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 27TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 3RD APRIL 2022

Sunday, 27 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Tess Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am *	Mary Kilkerr RIP
Monday, 28 th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 29 th March	12 noon	Mr S Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 30 th March	12 noon	Tess Heenan RIP
Thursday, 31 st March	9.30 am	Dunstan Snape RIP
Friday, 1 st April	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm *	Tess Heenan RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 2 nd April	10 am	James O'Shea RIP
	12 noon *	Memorial Mass: Harry McSoley RIP
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

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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

*** REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS:
The clocks go forward on 27th March at 1 am ***



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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

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*:

26th March – Our Lady of Peace, Earley

2nd April - English Martyrs, Reading

9th April - St James', Reading

Please plan ahead!

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.*

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.

COLLECTION FOR 20TH MARCH 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£257.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,678.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£112.41
Loose Plate	£190.50
Lenten Alms	£75.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£10.00
CAFOD Specials	£270.00
Candle Money	£41.56
Mass Stole fees	£20.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£80.00
TOTAL	£2,744.47
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
Christmas Collection	£2,280.46
CAFOD Ukraine	£2,769.88
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£187.50
Clergy Assistance Fund	£15.00

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>

THIS WEEKEND: 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)



HARRY MCSOLEY RIP

The family of Harry McSoley is having a Memorial Mass at 12 noon on Saturday, 2nd April. *All are welcome.* The Mass will also be live streamed.



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. *Funeral details to follow.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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

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

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.*



1 LUNCH TIME CONTROLLER

Required as soon as possible - 5 hours per week (term time only) - Grade/Salary B.

CLASSROOM TEACHER

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff in Early Years (Maternity Cover) from September 2022. We welcome applications from people of any faith and ECT's. Part time/Job share may be considered for the right candidate.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required ASAP. (Minimum Qualification Level 2) for one-year fixed term contract. 27.5 hours per week (Grade/Salary C-D depending upon experience). Term time only. Are you a team player who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school? We are looking for an excellent, organised and methodical Teaching Assistant to start ASAP.

Closing Dates for *all three vacancies: Monday, 28th March at Midday.* Interviews for *all three vacancies: Thursday, 31st March.*

For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk> St Paul's Catholic School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ. Tel: 0118 942 2003. Website: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.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>

*Wishing all mothers, a very
Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!*