

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Parish Office hours: 9 am – 12.30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

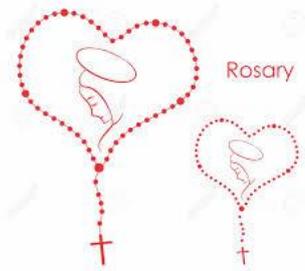
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 15TH MAY 2022

Please join us to recite the Rosary every Saturday after 10 am Mass. You may wish to erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Our Lady, as a reminder of Mary's month, in your homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – *our domestic churches* – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. The main point is that it is a place designated for spending time in prayer. Just as you need a proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need a proper atmosphere to pray. For the month of May, give Mary a special place in your home - a prayer corner; perhaps a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. ***Ave Maria!***



"ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE ON SATURDAY, 28TH MAY: 1 PM



A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome! The next Prayer & Healing Service will take place in several months-time.*

Please Park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15TH MAY – SUNDAY, 22ND MAY 2022

Sunday, 15 th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil)	Harry Mullin RIP
	8.30 am	Harry Mullin RIP
	10.30 am *	Stanislaw Drost RIP
Monday, 16 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 17 th May	12 noon	Janet Clark's intentions
Wednesday, 18 th May	12 noon	Mary Power RIP
Thursday, 19 th May DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH, feast	9.30 am	Paul Phillips RIP
Friday, 20 th May	7 pm	Mary Griffin RIP
Saturday, 21 st May	NO 10 AM MASS	
	10.30 am *	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
	1 pm *	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
Sunday, 22 nd May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil)	Lukasz Michalak's intentions (for reconciliation)
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am *	Gosia & her mother Krystyna's intentions (for good health & God's protection)
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

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

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/>

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.***

CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr Pat Madden (0751 018 2722) and the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). Fr Pat covers every Monday from 12 noon until Thursday 12 noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 noon until Monday 12 noon. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are *patient-led*.

COLLECTION FOR 1ST MAY 2022



NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in the church. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. It can be used for regular Sunday offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

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.



ARCHIBALD JAHANS RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Archibald Jahans who died recently. Archibald's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 16th June at 11 am, followed by committal at Henley Road Cemetery at 12.15 pm. *All are welcome.*

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£250.40
Easter Collection	£70.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Clergy Training Fund	£235.90
Loose Plate	£410.77
Holy Places	£10.00
Candles	£58.59
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£70.00
Mass Stole Fees	10.00
TOTAL	£1,135.66
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
CAFOD Ukraine	£291.25
Clergy Assistance Fund	£283.00
Easter Collection	£2,520.13
Holy Places	£237.50
Clergy Training Fund	£303.38

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 and donations. 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>

SMALL HALL

The small hall door has been repaired with a new lock. Please see the Hall Manager, Carmen, if you require a key.



The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 4th June** 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.*

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

Currently, SVP has 3 people who collect food donations from Waitrose (Oxford Road) and deliver them to food banks. We are looking for someone who's happy to join the team and share the task!

- Once a week, on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- Have a maximum of 2 hours spare.
- You will need to have a good size car (to fit the food crates).
- Collect food from Waitrose (Oxford Road) around 9 am.
- You don't have to be an SVP member, but if you wish then you are more than welcome.

If you are interested, please contact either *Rita Boyce* on 0798 464 3250 or *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.

**SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC
AT ST JOSEPH'S**

Save the date! Sunday, 10th July from 11.30 am. With music and games. Bring a picnic and a blanket. Volunteers please to help on the day. Planning meeting Tuesday, 17th May at 7 pm in the main hall - all welcome.

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.*

**SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**



The CEO of SPUC has asked if I would be willing to take on the role of the Society's official Parish Representative, a role I have gladly accepted. This will mean more frequent bulletins in our newsletter about pro-life issues, signing petitions, encouraging contact with MPs, etc. There are ongoing demands for abortion up to birth with no restrictions, as well as for assisted suicide to be legalised, and we must be ready to face these threats.

Our current local campaign, organised by the Reading SPUC branch, is door to door leafleting along the Oxford Road and its many side roads. This is done in 2s or 3s, never alone. We are delivering two different leaflets, one explaining how a baby grows in the womb from the moment of conception, and the other about the dangers of self-administered abortion by swallowing pills at home. The government has announced that this policy is to continue in spite of SPUC's postcard campaign to stop it. New leaflets are produced regularly. We would very much welcome help with the leafleting. Please contact me if you can give a couple of hours any day of the week, even just once or twice, so that we can continue this campaign. I will leave a few leaflets in the church porch for perusal and to take away. *Christine Wall - Tel. 0118 941 1605.*



A warm welcome to *Liam Michael Fernandes* who is to be baptised here this weekend.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH CALLED & GIFTED ADMINISTRATOR

- Part time - 5 hours per week
 - Reporting to the Leader of Called & Gifted Team
 - Salary – £12 per hour
 - Remote working from home with occasional attendance at meetings/training
- Overall job purpose**
- To undertake the day-to-day administration for the Called & Gifted Team.
 - Monitor and respond to department emails
 - Database upkeep
 - Finance
 - Circulate newsletter via Mailchimp

If you would like a confidential discussion about this role, please contact: *Gerry Penfold*. E-mail: gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 0780 260 8549
For job description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Closing Date: Monday, 16th May 2022. Interview Date: Monday, 23rd May 2022.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We will resume serving teas/coffees after 10.30 am Mass starting on **Sunday, 15th May**. If you would like to join the rota for this, please let me know or speak to whoever is in charge of the teas on any Sunday. We look forward to once again having an opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners. *Ann Epps* - ann.epps@ntlworld.com - 0118 941 1479.

SPRING GOSPEL CONCERT

In Aid of our Ukraine Emergency Appeal on Saturday, 14th May | 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm | Reading Minster Church, Reading RG1 2HX. Tickets + Event Info: <https://refugeesupportgroup.org.uk/rescheduled-spring-gospel-concert/>

KNITWITS UPDATE

The knitting group founded by the late Margaret Chaplin and members of the UCM in 1990 has fully resumed its activities following lockdowns, and meets monthly.

From our very beginnings, we have made 17,135 blankets and garments which have been sent to many countries abroad and to needy people much nearer home. Current recipients of our handiwork are the Life House in Bracknell, New Beginnings in Reading, the Royal Berks hospital and Riverview care home.

We would really welcome any donations of wool, especially Double Knitting, which can be left in the box under the counter in the church porch. The next Knitwits meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th May, 2 - 4 pm, at the home of *Dorothy McMahon*. *Christine Wall*, tel. 0118 941 1605.



CLASSROOM TEACHER

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff 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.

Please come and visit us to see our lovely school and children. Closing Date: Friday, 20th May, Midday. Interviews: Thursday, 26th May. For an application pack please contact the school on 0118 942 2003. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Paul's School classes will resume attendance at our Thursday morning Mass on 19th May at 9.30 am with St Philip. Parents and families are welcome to join them.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating this year, 2022, a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or an anniversary of over 60 years? If so, I would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 2nd July 2022 at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please send an email to *Liz Murphy* at anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

If you know a couple who qualify and do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at *St Bede's* on 0125 646 5214, and they will provide you with the form. To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph. You can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address.

Those without access to the internet you can post a copy along with the completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING

Margaret Cassidy has been secretary of Churches Together in Reading for 10 years. However, she would now like to step down. Would you like to take over her position, or do you know someone who would be interested? If you are interested, or know someone who might be, and would like more information, you can email me or phone me on 0149 167 1357. Every blessing in Christ. *Michael Penny* - Chair, Churches Together in Reading.