

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21ST APRIL 2024

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

CLERGY TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION 20TH/21ST APRIL 2024

Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for those on sabbatical. If you would like to give to the collection, place your offering into the collection plate, via the Parish Office, card reader, bank transfer or Give As You Live Donation Page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund-second-collection-2024> (admin fee incurred).

We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact *Fr John Cooke* – vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL – SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL 2024

Saturday, 20 th April <i>Confirmation Mass of Election</i>	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Brian Murby RIP
Sunday, 21 st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	Gerry Heenan RIP Margaret Wilson RIP
Monday, 22 nd April of the 4 th Week of Easter	10 am	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Tuesday, 23 rd April ST GEORGE , Patron of England	10 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Wednesday, 24 th April of the 4 th Week of Easter	9.30 am	Kay Morrin RIP
Thursday, 25 th April ST MARK , Evangelist		
Friday, 26 th April of the 4 th Week of Easter	7 pm	Margaret Wilson RIP
Saturday, 27 th April of the 4 th Week of Easter	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Colin Joseph – In Thanksgiving
Sunday, 28 th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Pedro & Cathy's intentions Elizabeth Ojeda RIP Syro Malabar

Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am on Saturdays. All are welcome.

The church will be open for private prayer on Mondays & Tuesdays from 8.30 am until after morning Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahan, John McKenna. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

DONATIONS

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2024/25 are now available in the church porch. Please pick up your named box of envelopes. If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your marked box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.



Our SVP Conference extends their hand to the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in both Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless via the card reader machine or by completing a Standing Order form, available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. SVP President: *Rita Boyce* - ritaur@yahoo.co.uk.

DRIVERS

The SVP urgently needs volunteer drivers (men or women) for food centre deliveries in the Reading area. An estate car/small van would be ideal. Membership of the SVP is not required. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer* - 0773 449 9190.



OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN RETREAT

On 4th & 5th May at St Peter's Church Pastoral Centre, Winchester. All are welcome. Please confirm your attendance by Monday, 29th April latest by registering here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/year-of-prayer-our-father-in-heaven-retreat-days-fri-3-pm-and-sat-4-may-tickets-877957062207?aff=oddtcreator>

FORMATION DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Our Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team invites all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to a Formation Day on Saturday, 4th May, from 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Venue: St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday, 18th May at Bournemouth Oratory, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, BH1 1BZ. All are welcome. Tel: 0208 641 6418. Email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com Web site: www adaywithmary.org

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for all your prayers, donations and support! This week, we are short of cereal, packet/tinned soup, coffee (200g jars), tea (80 bags), sugar and pasta sauce, so would greatly appreciate donations of these items. Envelopes with cash donations marked with your name, Gift Aid number and "FOODBANK", can be placed in the collection basket or handed into the Parish Office. You can also use the cash machine in the foyer or pay directly into the parish bank account by including "YOUR NAME, FOODBANK" as a reference. Account Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Any questions, please contact *John 0776 925 1747* or *Alan 0790 569 5041*.

C.I.R.D.I.C. MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS

Donations of clean and wearable clothes, underclothes and footwear for Adult Men (*not women or children*) are welcome on the 1st Sunday of every month. Place items behind repository or in crying room for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.



Thank you all very much for supporting the Easter raffle, card and cake sales. We raised an amazing £340! All proceeds went to the Drop-in Centre and Foodbank. Many thanks, the Events team.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH

The latest issue of our Caritas Portsmouth newsletter is [here](#) - and there are articles on the Let's End Poverty Movement, our new parish biodiversity review tool and the Church Beyond Walls Workshop. We are also introducing our Caritas Ambassador and Caritas Community Rep volunteering roles: (<https://mailchi.mp/3bb303fb8b15/caritas-portsmouth-news>) Caritas Plymouth has invited people in our diocese interested in learning more about modern slavery, particularly in the care sector to an event they are holding in Poole on 30th April from 10.30 - 12.30 pm in the church hall of St Mary's Catholic Church, 211A Wimborne Road, Poole, BH15 2EG. Please register beforehand at <https://forms.office.com/e/zUCKyENMNH>

QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT: SAT, 11TH MAY

Save the date! Tickets on sale after weekend Masses.

"CREATION AND EVOLUTION, FACT OR FICTION"

On Saturday, 27th April at 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi Church, Earley. Please join us for two captivating presentations. The first, led by Hugh Owen, delves into the timeless teachings of the Catholic Church regarding genesis as elucidated by the Councils, Fathers, and Doctors of the Church. The second talk led by Greg Clovis unveils the latest cutting-edge scientific discoveries questioning the evolution Hypothesis. Suitable for all ages, regardless of prior knowledge on the subject, these talks promise to be profoundly enlightening. Tea and coffee will be served. *See poster for more details.*

Next Tuesday, 23rd April is the Solemnity of St George, the Patron of England. *Happy St George's Day!*