

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 8TH MAY 2022

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8TH MAY – SUNDAY, 15TH MAY 2022

Sunday, 8 th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5 pm (Vigil)	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
	8.30 am	Peter Delaney RIP
	10.30 am *	Gerard Lee RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 9 th May	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 10 th May	12 noon	Janusz Bator RIP
Wednesday, 11 th May	12 noon	Jack & Theresa Kerrigan RIP
Thursday, 12 th May	9.30 am	John & Mary English and Liam & Alison Flynn RIP
Friday, 13 th May	7 pm	Kevin McNella RIP
Saturday, 14 th May ST MATTHIAS , Apostle, feast	10 am	Special Intention
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

* 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.

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/>

“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!*
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.

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

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£119.50
Gift Aid (via bank)	£620.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£25.00
Loose Plate	£147.11
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
TOTAL	£951.61
<u>Running Totals</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
CAFOD Ukraine	£291.25
Clergy Assistance Fund	£283.00
Easter Collection	£2,432.63
Holy Places	£225.00

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 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>

SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund, in support of our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us all on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

If you would like to give to the collection, place your offering into the collection plate, via the Parish Office, or by bank transfer. Alternatively, you can donate online by clicking the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>. Supporters are able to contribute via this page from Monday, 2nd May until Saturday, 14th May.

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.

SMALL HALL

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



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.

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.*



A warm welcome to Ruby Niamh Fitzsimons who is to be baptised here this weekend, and Liam Michael Fernandes who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's next weekend.

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. More details to follow.



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

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.*

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*.

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

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.*



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.*

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).

PENTECOST JUBILEE

Bring a picnic and join the Reading & Caversham Churches to celebrate Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

5th June 2022

Christchurch Meadows, Caversham

Big Lunch starts at Noon

Service with Salvation Army Band 2.30 - 3.30pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER in Caversham & Reading

More details www.cavershamchurch.org.uk

ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR READERS WITH 1:1 PRACTICE

Our Team is currently offering a couple of online workshops for parish readers:

- Workshop 1 offers a general and brief introduction to the Liturgy of the Church and a more specific overview of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, as well as an overview of the practical skills required for reading in church.
- Workshop 2 offers a general introduction to the Bible and a group study of a specific reading, using the 4 senses of Scripture, to equip parish readers so as to prepare and understand the depth of the texts they read.

A diocesan certificate is awarded on completion of the two workshops and of a reading practice with a diocesan listener. The workshops will take place on Saturdays, 18th & 25th June, from 10 am – 1 pm.

Find out more details and register here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

MASS BOOKINGS – 2023

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2023 will not be open until 1st September 2022. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

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.*

ADoRE

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat on 28th May, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "We are called to be a People of Praise". Speaker: Alastair Emblem, ADoRE leader and Prayer Group/worship leader for 30 years. Guest worship group: Stay Awake. Live all-day session 9.30 am - 3.30 pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please bring picnic lunch. No need to book or register for the live session or to watch morning session livestream online 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live
N.B. Praise song lyrics will not be shown on screen – please download from www.altonrenewal.com/adore_live

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly, the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

Why Christians Need to Stop Evangelising (Badly) and Have a Conversation – Monday, 9th May, 7.30 – 9 pm, Zerodegrees Bar, Bridge Street. This event will be in-person and on-line. Zoom joining details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99410788443>. Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541.

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.