

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C) – 10TH APRIL 2022

Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday:
“The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem”.



EASTER TRIDUUM

GOOD FRIDAY will be on 15th April: A Day of Fasting and Abstinence, which is mandatory on Good Friday. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is upon us, and I encourage you to join the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection (details below), and to prayerfully unite yourselves to the prayer of the Church by means of live (not recorded) broadcast, if you cannot attend a particular service. It is important to dedicate adequate time for prayer. **Fr Peter.**



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 17TH APRIL 2022

Sunday, 10 th April	5 pm (Vigil)	Tess Heenan RIP
PALM SUNDAY	8.30 am	Tess Heenan RIP
of the Passion of the Lord	10.30 am *	Laurent Vidot RIP
<i>(Note: 10.30 am parishioners please assemble in the large hall for Palm Sunday procession)</i>		
Monday, 11 th April of HOLY WEEK	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 12 th April of HOLY WEEK	12 noon	Tess Heenan RIP
Wednesday, 13 th April of HOLY WEEK	12 noon	Stephen Aldworth RIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY , 14 th April	8 pm *	Thanksgiving for the Priesthood
THE EASTER TRIDUUM		
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, including Commissioning and Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, <i>followed by watching until Midnight</i>		
<i>(Sign-up sheet available in porch)</i>		
GOOD FRIDAY , 15 th April	10 am	Individual Stations of the Cross (see below)
A Day of Fasting & Abstinence	11 am	Fr Peter will lead Stations of the Cross
Children should be brought to the hall between 2.45 - 3 pm and will return to their families in the Church for Veneration of the Cross. <i>Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.</i>	3 pm *	Solemn Liturgy Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY , 16 th April	4 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Vigil
<i>* There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*</i>	8 pm *	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE	8.30 am *	People of the Parish
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD , 17 th April	10.30 am *	People of the Parish

* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlyKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

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

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. We will still go ahead in the event of light rain, but not if there is heavy rain. The decision will be made at 8 am. Fr Peter will lead the Stations at 11 am outside, weather permitting, or otherwise in the church.





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.

CHRISM MASS

Fr Richard has kindly agreed to celebrate our 12 noon Mass next Tuesday, 12th April, whilst I attend the Chrism Mass of Oils at 11 am. Please join online. The Mass takes place in the Cathedral and is one of the main diocesan events of the year. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: The Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church and it's always celebrated in the Cathedral with the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the diocese. During it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

There will be a Good Friday Liturgy for children at 3 pm in the large hall. Children should be brought to the hall between 2.45 - 3 pm and will return to their families in the Church for Veneration of the Cross. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.*

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR EASTER CONFESSIONS!

Several priests will be available on Saturday, 9th April at St James', Reading, from 11 am – 12 noon, for individual confessions.

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.

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/>
Message from CAFOD:



Dear Father, thank you to everyone at St Joseph for your donation of £2,769 to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, which we received recently. Your parish's prayers and collective gift of £2,769 to help our Ukrainian sisters and brothers is so appreciated. Thank you especially for your efforts in organising a collection; for being a bridge between your community and our Ukrainian sisters and brothers. Read more about how CAFOD's local partners are responding: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

Social, Spiritual, Fundraising Activities at St Joseph's

Easter Egg Hunt in church grounds with Tea/Coffee in the hall: Sunday, 24th April '22: 11.30 am

Would you like to see more events and activities at St Joseph's?

Circle those that interest you and put your form in the box provided or drop it into the office.

Summer Family Picnic in grounds (as we did 3 and 4 years ago)
Sunday lunchtime/afternoon (Queen's Jubilee weekend?)

Family Fun Afternoons or Evenings Summer Fete
Tea Dance / Barn Dance

Social Activities in hall some ideas:

Painting Wreath Making Christingle Jam/Honey Making
Flower Arranging Arts and Crafts Card Making Gardening
Baking Competition: Taste and Judge

Music Nights: 70s / 80s, Motown / Soul
Movie nights: Quiz nights Bingo
Theatre / Choir performances

Adult Catechesis / Bible Study / Advent and Lent Groups

Links/activities combined with St Pauls School

Parish Open Days: Showing other Christian denominations all about us

Antiques Sale Book Sale (good quality)

Auction: Unwanted good quality gifts Jumble Sale

Babysitting Group - Forum putting parents and babysitters from our community in touch

Help for Parishioners:

Benefits, Council Tax Relief, Housing Benefits, etc.

Would be run by Help the Aged, Citizens Advice Bureau, Council, etc.

Auction of promises: babysitting, gardening, dog walking, feeding pets while on holiday ...

Walking Group

Parish Outings:

Douai Abbey, Mapledurham, Corpus Christi (Arundel Cathedral), Hungerford
Winchester, Portsmouth Cathedral, Wintershall, Walsingham

Christmas Raffle/Prize Draw

OPTIONAL: (can be left blank)

Your name:

Your ideas:

Would you like to help?

Meeting on Tuesday, 26th April at 7 pm

COLLECTION FOR 3RD APRIL 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£1,244.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£35.00
Loose Plate	£311.56
Clergy Assistance Fund	£95.00
Candle Money	£73.77
Mass Stole fees	£60.00
Hall Hire	£60.00
Repository	£117.00
Bamenda	£10.00
Clergy Training	£10.00
Christmas Collections	£20.00
Day for Life	£10.00
Home Mission Sunday	£10.00
World Mission Sunday	£10.00
Peter's Pence	£0.99
TOTAL	£2,067.32
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
Christmas Collection	£2,305.46
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£217.50
Clergy Assistance Fund	£193.00

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>

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. The online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-collection>. Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from Monday, 11th April - Saturday, 23rd April.

Thank you for your support for this appeal over the course of the last year, which - in the Diocese of Portsmouth - raised an amazing £17,689.69 for the Holy Land in 2020 - 21!



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: ritaury@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.

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.*

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.

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.*

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!*

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

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).

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/tZUqc uGvrj8uGNXgin4vwHAKty 6i4VUINBW>

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Hours: 35 Hours per week, full time. It is expected that the post holder will work flexibly to meet the demands of the role. Salary: Negotiable (depending on relevant experience). Accountable to: Chief Operating Officer and Trustees. Reports to: Chief Operating Officer. Work Base: St Edmunds House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. Outline of Role: An exciting opportunity has arisen for an outstanding, experienced finance professional who is values-driven and an inspirational leader to contribute at a senior level to the mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. Please use the link below for Job Description and details of how to apply: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/diocese-of-portsmouth/director-of-finance/819161?tsId=8>. For further information, please contact Heather Hauschild, Chief Operating Officer, Diocese of Portsmouth. Tel: 0239 421 6506. Closing date: Friday, 15th April at 5 pm.



ADORE

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. April 23rd 10.00 - 13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Your Will be done on earth as in heaven" – we choose to surrender to God's will. Our special guest speakers are Geoff & Gina Poulter, leaders of training courses and conferences on healing, prophecy and discipleship. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvc-qppzgvGdRFcGlmNFYX9UwlHuCx8019>

ADoRE is offering confidential prayer ministry by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 0757 982 4523 Monday to Friday 10 am – 4 pm, and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems; and for Baptism in the Spirit and renewal of faith.

THANK YOU!

The family of Harry McSoley would like to thank all the parishioners who helped celebrate our dad's life at his Memorial Mass last Saturday. We would also like to thank Father Peter for allowing us to use your beautiful church, Sheila Jones and Jackie Welton for helping organise the Mass, Sue & Geoff Collier for the live stream and recording, and Rita and her team of ladies from SVP who helped in the kitchen. A final thank you to Carmen for helping us with the reception afterwards. We very much appreciate the love and support the community of St Joseph's gave Dad during his lifetime and have shown us over the last two years since he left us.

AMAZON SMILE

There are all sorts of ways in which to support the life of our Diocese financially: those of us who shop regularly on Amazon can, via their Smile facility, ensure that a percentage of each purchase is gifted to the Diocese: to date, Amazon has donated a total of £14m to UK charities through Smile, which is accessible both online and via the Amazon app. Please make use of Amazon Smile: <http://smile.amazon.co.uk>. The full name of the charity for which to search is Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (Trust Property), and the charity registration no. is 246871.



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

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OPEN MORNINGS

Pre-Reception - Year 6

Wednesday, 11th May

Year 7 - Year 10

Thursday, 12th May 9.30 am - 11.15 am. Book

online or email admissions@sjcr.org.uk

www.sjcr.org.uk

[St Joseph's College: independent school
for boys and girls aged 3-18](http://www.sjcr.org.uk)

St Joseph's College is a co-educational school in Reading providing an affordable independent education for children aged 3-18.

www.sjcr.org.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Dear friends,

As in previous campaigns, we would like to conclude our 40 Days for Life campaign with a candlelit vigil event on the last day and last hour of the campaign, that is, on Palm Sunday, 10th April, from 7 – 8 pm. The usual main intentions: Conversions of hearts and minds of those seeking, facilitating or encouraging abortions, Closure of the BPAS Reading abortuary, an end to DIY Home abortion, that women who have had abortions may repent and obtain God's forgiveness and healing.

As last time, I would like us to form a single line of prayer volunteers on either side of London Street from the junction with the London Road. We ask that you position yourselves 1 - 2m apart from each other and hold a placard (collect one from one of our stewards). Why not also bring and hold a candle while praying quietly for the one-hour duration? During this vigil we should take care to not obstruct passers-by, nor engage in any noisy or disruptive activities or arguments, but pray quietly throughout. It would be helpful if you could email 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com if you intend to come so we have an idea of numbers. In the meantime, please sign up for other slots up until the final close of the campaign on Sunday, 10th April at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>
God bless, Martin.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the year - the week that changed the world! With Holy Week we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Passion Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.