

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (A)

9TH APRIL 2017

My dear friends,

GOOD FRIDAY is on 14th 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*).

On behalf of the whole Pastoral Area, our church has the great privilege and honour of hosting the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, 23rd April at 2.30 pm. The celebration will include prayers and end with Benediction. *To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, each of us should:*

- Start the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday (14th April)
- Sincerely repent of all our sins and go to Confession
- Place our complete trust in Jesus
- Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others through our actions, words and prayers

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fr Peter

REMAINING PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT 2017

Sunday, 9 th April	Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	3 pm
Monday, 10 th April	St James	7.30 pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (Watching until Midnight)	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers)</i>	8 pm
Good Friday (Day of Fasting & Abstinence)	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am 3 pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8 pm
Easter Sunday	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

MASS INTENTIONS: 9TH APRIL – 16TH APRIL		
Palm Sunday, 9th April	8.30 am	Jack Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
Monday, 10th April	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 11th April	CHRISM MASS AT PORTSMOUTH - 11 AM	
Spy Wednesday, 12th April	NO MASS	
Maundy Thursday, 13th April	8 pm	Fr Peter's Intentions
Good Friday, 14th April	11 am	Stations of the Cross, followed by Walk of Witness to the Triangle
	3 pm	Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 15th April	2 pm	Syro Malabar
	8 pm	People of the Parish
Easter Sunday, 16th April	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	People of the Parish
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Saturday: 9.30 – 10 am	
ROSARY & CONFESSIONS:	Saturday: Following 10 am Mass	
Responsorial Psalm: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"		

COLLECTIONS FOR 2ND APRIL 2017

Gift Aid:	£1,696.63
Planned Giving:	£57.50
Loose Plate	£365.34
Clergy Assistance Fund	£43.00
CAFOD East Africa Emergency Appeal	£2,443.02
Candles	£33.89
Easter Offering	£20.00
Holy Places	£5.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£80.00
Donation	£45.00
TOTAL	£4,789.38
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£40.00
Donation (Altar carpet)	£40.00
CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)	£1,041.39
Clergy Assistance Fund	£408.87
Holy Places	£5.00
Easter Offering	£20.00

REMINDER

Counters next Sunday, 16th April will be Peter & Crystal Chesworth.

The Eucharistic Minister for Oakwood Ward next Sunday, 16th April will be Claude Fearn.

RBH CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

We wish to let you know that Fr Richard Maniak will not be acting as Hospital Chaplain for the time being. All emergency calls for the RBH hospital should now go directly to Fr Peter on 0118 942 8632.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, 26th April at 9.30 am at St Joseph's. *All are welcome.*

Please note that there will be a collection on Good Friday in support of the Holy Places.

There will also be an Easter Collection next weekend 15th/16th April. By tradition, your offerings at Easter are for the personal use of the Clergy, and form a significant part of their annual income. *Thank you for your generosity.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Especially for Nora Colley, Richard O'Brien, Terri Hadland, Marie Minien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pamela Humphries, Pat Togher, Brian Sheridan, John Sullivan, Zoie Kathleen Barr, Richard Owens, Gene, Bernadette Smeesters, Fr Terry Burke, Yvonne Millichap, Gino Marengi, Jacqueline Million, Rosa Maria Santos, Fr Vincent Convery, Gerard Tomas and Jackie Hopper.

If you know anyone who is unwell and would like to be prayed for at Mass, please let St Joseph's Parish Office know. Their names** will then be included in the bidding prayers. Please make sure the person is happy for their name to be mentioned.

*** Please advise the Parish Office if any of the above named people no longer need to be included in prayers for the sick.***

LIFE JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 22nd April at 1 pm at the English Martyrs Church hall. Admission 20p. Refreshments available.

**ARE YOU A CATHOLIC?
IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN
THE JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP?**

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? You may be considering becoming a Catholic or simply want to ask a few questions. The Journey in Faith group is a good place to start. For more details phone *Brigid Parkes* on 942 7436 or email *brigid@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk*.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

National Shrine of Our Lady on Saturday, 27th May, 6.45 am - 9.30 pm. Coaches for 100 people led by Fathers John, Michael & Pat. Cost £15.00. Poster and application forms are displayed in the church porch, with payment via the Parish Office. **BOOK NOW!**

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Copies of the new church cleaning rota beginning 22nd April up until 29th December 2018 are available in the church porch. If you are on the rota, please collect your highlighted copy. Thank you – Mary Philip.

A special church clean for Easter will be held on Wednesday, 12th April at 9.15 am. Many hands make light work! Please do come and join us.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS

St Bartholomew's Class will be attending 9.30 am on Thursday, 27th April. *Parents are more than welcome to attend.*

HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

Fr Peter is to introduce the practice of asking if there is anyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their seat during Mass. You are welcome to raise your hand at Holy Communion time, at any Mass, if you feel unable to receive Holy Communion at the altar, and he will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you. Will you kindly make sure that you sit at the end of the bench, for him to have easy access.

Those wishing to receive gluten free hosts, please simply approach *Fr Peter* in the usual way and say 'gluten free host please'.

GIFT AID & PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid and Planned Giving envelopes for the year 2017/18 are available for collection at the back of the church.

Will parishioners who make donations by Direct Debit or Standing Order kindly note that their boxes will only contain the envelopes for special collections. They are, however, reminded that they too will need to collect their numbered boxes.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

For those wishing to serve the Holy Week ceremonies, there will be an altar servers' practice on Wednesday, 12th April at 11 am. It is very important that you attend, otherwise you may not be able to serve. If you cannot make this date, but would like to serve, then please contact me as soon as possible *Mike Tomas* – 0770 803 2743.

CHRISM MASS

NO MASS or Stations of the Cross on 11th or 12th April due to CHRISM MASS. The Mass of the Oils will take place on Tuesday, 11th April at the Cathedral, Portsmouth at 11 am. *All are invited to join the diocesan family with Bishop Philip and priests of the diocese.*

IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Master Blaster! Space Bowl! Yellow Peril! Which one will it be? Our next session is all about having a splashing time, so, whether you're a novice, an expert or just a paddler, why not join us on **SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL** at **BASINGSTOKE AQUADROME**? We will be meeting just inside the foyer of the aquadrome at 1.30 pm and hoping to finish around 3.30 pm. Younger siblings are welcome, providing they are accompanied by a parent. Entry to the aquadrome will be **FREE TO ALL MEMBERS**. And for those of you feeling peckish afterwards, we will be heading across the road to KFC for a bite to eat; anyone wishing to join us will be more than welcome. There may even be a little 'Easter Surprise' waiting inside! If you do not wish your child(ren) to join us afterwards, please collect them from the aquadrome at 3.30 pm; if your child(ren) will be joining us, kindly provide them with some pocket money to purchase a meal deal from KFC. Collection from KFC will be at approximately 4.30 pm. Please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on **0774 054 7922** or at *igniteyouth16@outlook.com*.

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 during the Solemn Liturgy. Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the Church.

DROP IN CENTRE AND PARISH SVP

Thank you very much to everyone for your very generous donations to the April collection which this month was for the Churches in Reading Women's Centre and the parish SVP. Your donations were as usual very gratefully received. The next collection will be on Sunday, 7th May. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

