

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) - 28TH MARCH 2021

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 2nd 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.**

We will only be able to offer places to people who are already registered to attend Mass, and of course, we will have very limited places. So, parishioners are likely to get an invitation to just ONE of the Triduum services, and must expect to watch the other services online.



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL 2021

Sunday, 28 th March PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord	5 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	Norman Bricker’s intentions
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	Vidot François RIP, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	11 am + Live-streamed	Eileen Drake RIP
Monday, 29 th March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 30 th March	12 noon <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Sheila’s intentions
[Spy] Wednesday, 31 st March	11 am <i>Live-streamed only</i>	Living members of the MacMahon family
MAUNDY THURSDAY , 1 st April THE EASTER TRIDUUM	7 pm + Live-streamed	Thanksgiving for the Priesthood
GOOD FRIDAY , 2 nd April	10 am – 12 noon	Stations of the Cross
	3 pm + Live-streamed	Solemn Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY , 3 rd April		
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Sunday, 4 th April	8 pm (Vigil) + Live-streamed	People of the Parish
	8.30 am + Live-streamed	People of the Parish
	11 am + Live-streamed	People of the Parish

Masses marked + will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY



You are welcome to come and follow your own Stations of the Cross on Good Friday between 10 am - 12 noon. There will be a picture and prayer for each Station around the church grounds, and you may pray at the Stations alone or with your household. Stewards will be on site for assistance, and to ensure safe distancing is maintained.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Nora Colley, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael & Joy O'Connell, Carmela Garzia, Kathleen Urban, Marek, Bridget, Maggie Tranter, Leszek & Jadwiga Wlasak, Maureen Murphy, Jackie Hopper, Donald, Hilary Cameron, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Fr Peter's parents, Tess Heenan, Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Sheila in the Parish Office.

COLLECTION FOR 20TH/21ST MARCH 2021

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£143.61
Clergy Assistance Fund	£50.00
Clergy Training Fund	£20.00
Loose Plate	£162.52
Mass Stole Fees	£90.00
TOTAL	£466.13
<u>RUNNING TOTALS</u>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,487.28
Clergy Assistance Fund	£159.37
Clergy Training Fund	£25.00

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>

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Friday (Good Friday), 2nd April: Collection for the Holy Places. This is a mandatory collection set by the Holy See. 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. In addition to the usual ways of giving, you may wish to give online for this collection. A page has been set up for you, and can be accessed here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>.

Thank you for your donations!



ROSARY

Saturdays at 10 am with Fr Peter online.
Please follow the link on the website.



GED MURPHY RIP

The parish offers condolences to Maureen and the family of Ged Murphy who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Ged's soul. *Funeral details to be confirmed.*

COFFEE & CHAT

After Sunday Masses.
Please follow the link on the website.

EASTER COLLECTION

Easter will be a little different again this year, but the Easter Sunday collection for our Parish Priests will still take place - throughout the Triduum - so you will have the opportunity to give, at any service which you are invited to.

In addition to the usual ways of donating to this collection, an online giving page has been set up. 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, please visit the following link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-easter-sunday-collection>

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are delivering the newsletter to parishioners who cannot access it online. If you are aware of a parishioner who would be interested in receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the Parish Office and let *Sheila* know their name and address, and whether they would prefer a regular or a large print size. *Alan Goncalves*.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Many thanks for all the tinned food you generously donate on first Saturday of every month. They are much appreciated by the 72 homeless adults CIRDIC supports. The next collection will be on 3rd April from 2 - 3 pm, in the car park. Please note, no clothes donations are needed, until further notice. Key contact: *Jack Ewins* - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com. Many thanks for your generosity.

FACE COVERINGS

It is a legal requirement to wear face coverings in church. They must fit securely to cover nose as well as mouth, and not leave any gaps. This protects others from your germs, even if you do not feel ill. If you become unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms within 3 days of visiting St Joseph's, please contact us immediately, so that we can follow the necessary procedures.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only. There is no face-to-face contact possible, due to the pandemic. Please post Mass offerings or correspondence through the Presbytery letterbox, and email/telephone *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*, if you would like *Fr Peter* to offer a Mass, or you would like anything included in the newsletter.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY

St Joseph's Nursery has a few spaces available from April 2021. 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. Names can also be added to the waiting list for September 2021. For more information, please contact: *Mrs Petersen* - 0118 941 3602.

READERS WORKSHOPS

On Saturdays, 17th & 24th April from 10 am - 1 pm, on Zoom. Join us for two workshops to equip or refresh you as a church reader. Workshop 1 is an introduction to the Liturgy and the practical skills of reading, and Workshop 2 is an introduction to the Bible. Attend both workshops and sign up for reading practice with a diocesan listener to receive a diocesan Recognition. Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Every Monday evening at 7 pm, for 5 weeks, starting on 19th April - on Zoom, Sr Hyacinthe will run the Essential Training for Catechists course. This course is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. Find out more here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists> and register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzaJXyM4D1LdHq5EFXZR>.

To find out all the initiatives currently offered by our Team for adult formation, visit our new website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>. Wishing you every blessing this Lent, Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP, Formation for Mission Team Leader, Department for Evangelisation, <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>. Tel: 0159 068 1874.

TO ALL CATHOLIC UNIVERSE & CATHOLIC TIMES READERS

You can get your paper delivered direct to your home every week; POST-FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com, or call them on 0161 820 5722, and they will arrange this for you. £115 print copy & digital edition, saving over £39. Print offer only £99 (postage-free). Digital offer only £55.

DIOCESAN MAGAZINE - VIVE VOCE

The Easter 2021 edition of Viva Voce, bringing you high quality news from our diocese, is available on the table as you leave Mass.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MASS - SPACES AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

We can offer these spaces to anyone, without advance booking, provided they are registered with us. If you would like to attend either of these two Masses regularly, please let us know. Note: This is only for mid-week Masses. Weekend Masses are *strictly by invitation only*. Please reply as soon as possible to Mass invitations. Registration for Mass attendance at St Joseph's is restricted to parishioners, and those living in Tilehurst. Please do not travel from further away, during these difficult times. Contact us to register for Mass by emailing stjo@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk. If you do not have email, please call the Parish Office, leave a message on the answer phone, and *Sheila* will pass on your request.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that our Tuesday & Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 12 noon, commencing 6th & 7th April.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WILLIE!

Willie Wilson will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Monday, 29th March. We wish him a very happy and blessed day.