

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

### LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

**FAMILY FAST DAY** - Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March: when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. Every child should grow big and strong. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope, or by visiting the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent-Appeal>



Lent 2022

**CAFOD** Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



In light of the situation in Ukraine, CAFOD has – in partnership with its sister Caritas agencies in Ukraine, Poland and Moldova – committed £100,000 on behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales. If you intend your donation specifically to benefit those in need in Ukraine, please mark your Lent Fast Day donation envelope “**For Ukraine**”. *Thank you.*

We have all seen the dreadful events unfolding in Ukraine as we continue to be inundated with reports of families being forced to flee their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs. It is incumbent upon us to do all that we can to support them in their desperate time of need. In light of this, St Joseph's parish is organising a fundraising event to support the people of Ukraine, via CAFOD. The event will take place on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March after 5 pm Mass and on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, immediately following both Masses in the large hall. We greatly welcome donations of goods that we can sell to raise money: Cakes, Jams, Wine, Chocolates, Plants, Unwanted 'good as new' gifts, Candles, Books, Hat, Scarves, Gloves, Hand gel, Soap, Toiletries, Handbags, Toy, Games, Handmade crafts. There will be a raffle. A quiz will be available, for £1 donation. Please support this event as generously as you can. Thank you. *Eileen Kerrigan 0746 886 5481, Mary O'Carroll 0776 885 7946 and Aline Philips 0790 456 9437.*

### A 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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Tess Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Kathleen Urban RIP
	10.30 am *	Special intention
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	12 noon	Special intention
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	12 noon	Special intention
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>ST PATRICK, Bishop</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	Special intention
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March 	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Mickey Heneghan RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March <b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</b>	10 am	Mrs Galvin RIP
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Brendan Reynolds, Nora & Jimmy Fahy & Bernadette Walsh RIP
	8.30 am	Tess Heenan RIP
	10.30 am *	For the Rosary Group called "Rosary by Night"

\* 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.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTER CONFESSIONS**

Several priests will be available every Saturday Morning in Lent on the following dates from 11 am – 12 noon, for individual Confessions, *not Penitential Services*:

12<sup>th</sup> March - St Joseph's, Tilehurst  
19<sup>th</sup> March - Christ the King, Whitley  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Our Lady of Peace, Earley  
2<sup>nd</sup> April - English Martyrs, Reading  
9<sup>th</sup> April - St James', Reading

*Please plan ahead!*

**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.***

**COLLECTION FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£176.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£379.05
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Donation (SPUC)	£10.00
CAFOD Ukraine	£200.00
Mass Stole fees	£230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,075.55</b>
<b><u>Running Totals</u></b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
Christmas Collection	£2,280.46
SPUC/White Flower Appeal	£335.54
CAFOD Ukraine	£250.00

**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>

**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 this Easter. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*

## 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

"This is my Son, my Beloved; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocations Office - Cn John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## "ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE SATURDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 1 PM



After two years, we are finally able to have a celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. Fr Peter's books will be on sale. *All are welcome!*

*Please Park your car in consideration of our neighbours; under no circumstances block their driveways or park on the grass verges. If at all possible, please do not park in Berkshire Drive at all; instead park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. Thank you. Fr Peter.*

## 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](mailto:ann.epps@ntlworld.com) or see me after 10.30 Mass - I'm there most Sundays. *Many thanks.*

## FREE SPEECH FOR PRO-LIFE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

In recent years, pro-life groups and students have been coming under increased attacks on university campuses with a poll by Alliance of Pro-life students showing 65% have witnessed discrimination or harassment for holding pro-life views. Please sign our petition at the following link calling on the government to uphold freedom of speech for pro-life students <https://citizengo.org/en-gb/signit/205469/view>



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

The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: [ritaur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk) SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

A section of bone from her thigh is to be taken to the major Cathedrals and Churches of the Dioceses of England, Scotland, and Wales in the autumn. It is hoped that the tour will be as successful as the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to Britain in 2009, which attracted a quarter of a million people to queue up to pray at the side of the casket of the "Little Flower".

## 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.*



## **GETTING READY FOR RE-STARTING CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We know that this specially adapted liturgy of the Word enables us to bring the Lord to our children (and their parents) in a big way. We will be seeing how we can undertake this safely, how we can re-inspire our liturgy leaders, how we can welcome new leaders to the team and how we can train them in the best approaches. The Formation for Mission Team is organising a training course over three Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 - 9 pm. Guidance and resources will be given. Please register using the link <https://tinyurl.com/FFM-CLOW-22>. If you have any questions contact [CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### **INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER FOR BEGINNERS**

Prepare for Holy Week with 2 sessions to introduce Prayer in a very simple way, using the Catechism of the Catholic Church's section on prayer. This course is open to everyone who wants to discover a bit more about the meaning of prayer and how to pray. The course will be led by the Dominican Sisters, and will take place on Thursdays, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 - to 9 pm. You can register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqduCtrz0vG9D1wsjLK49Tv6YzFI0NKi46>. Session 1: What is Prayer?  
Session 2: Types of Prayer. Baptism - Anchoring you in New Life.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> April. You can register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGvrj8uGNXgjn4vwHAKty6i4VUINBW>

### **CONFIRMATION - ANCHORING YOU IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

What is the sacrament of confirmation? What does God do through it? What does it mean to be confirmed? Join our 6 sessions course to discover the sacrament of confirmation and to reflect on our life and friendship with the Holy Spirit. This course is open to all adults who wish to understand more deeply the meaning of confirmation, especially confirmation catechists. The course will be led by the Dominican Sisters and will take place on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8.30 pm, starting on 28<sup>th</sup> April. You can register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceyoqTvjH9cWyp-c-Vchh-IJrNdNFGI>

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two outside the BPAS abortion clinic in Reading, during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily from 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April. For full details and to sign up now to pray with them see our website at  
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/readinguk>, or contact Martin at [40daysforlifereading@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlifereading@gmail.com)

## **MARCH, THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH**

Bishop Philip writes . . . . . The month of March by custom is devoted to St Joseph - and we look forward to his great feast day on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Holy Father Pope Francis dedicated last year to him in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1870. We have many reasons to invoke him in our prayers. One traditional prayer that you may or may not be familiar with is the Litany of St Joseph. It was approved for public use by Pope St Pius X in 1909, although its origins go back further. It contains twenty-five invocations expressing the virtues and dignity of St Joseph:

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Illustrious son of David,

Light of the patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

Foster-father of the Son of God,

Watchful defender of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most valiant,

Joseph most obedient,

Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,

Model of workmen,

Glory of domestic life,

Guardian of virgins,

Pillar of families,

Solace of the afflicted,

Hope of the sick,

Patron of the dying,

Terror of demons,

Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

V. God made him the Lord of His household,  
R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let us Pray:

O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**