

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Glas**

**Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones**

Parish Office hours: 9 am – 12.30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

**Safeguarding Representative:**

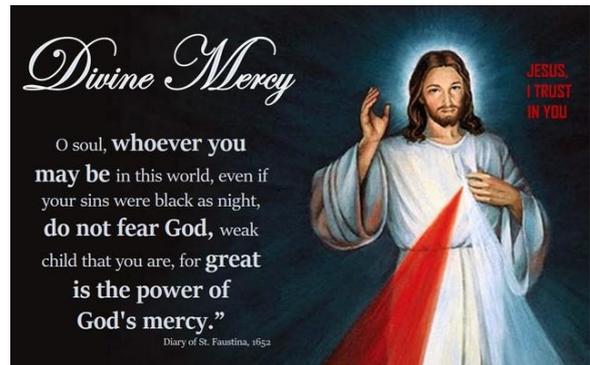
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

Traditionally, there is a Novena for Mercy that begins on Good Friday and the Chaplet is said every day, ideally at 3 pm, for all our special intentions up to Divine Mercy Sunday: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org). The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to us through the appearances of the Lord to St Faustina Kowalska. He asked that a Feast of Mercy be held on the Sunday after Easter.



### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022

Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> of Divine Mercy	5 pm (Vigil)	Living members of the MacMahon family
	8.30 am	Pedro & Cathy Rodrigues – in Thanksgiving
	10.30 am *	Sean Bishop RIP
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>ST MARK</b> , Apostle	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>ST GEORGE</b> , Patron of England	12 noon	Harry Mullin RIP
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Harry Mullin RIP
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30 am	Harry Mullin RIP
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April <b>St CATHERINE of SIENA</b> , Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	7 pm	Harry Mullin RIP
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10 am	Tess Heenan RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Harry Mullin RIP
	8.30 am	Mary Bermingham's intentions
	10.30 am *	Joan O'Brien RIP

\* Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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

### 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".

## Social, Spiritual, Fundraising Activities at St Joseph's

Easter Egg Hunt in church grounds with Tea/Coffee in the hall: Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm

**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/>

**COLLECTION FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£150.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£20.00
Mass Stole fees	£10.00
Donation (Syro Malabar)	£60.00
Easter Collection	£1,703.58
Holy Places	£162.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,106.08</b>
<b><u>Running Totals</u></b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
Clergy Assistance Fund	£251.75
Easter Collection	£2,420.13
Holy Places	£221.25

**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>

**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 offering 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.



The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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: [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.

**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 am Mass – I'm there most Sundays. *Many thanks.*

**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](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### **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.*

### **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 (12<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### **WHAT IS BAPTISM AND WHAT DOES IT DO?**

If you have been baptised as a child, you have received then the most amazing gift: God's own divine life, without being able to understand it all at the time. We are offering a 6 weeks course to revisit the sacrament of baptism. This course is open to everyone who wants to know more about the essence of Christianity, what it means to be baptised and how to understand and live God's gift of grace given to us in baptism. This online course will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8.30 pm, from the 26th April to the 31st May. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGvrj8uGNXgin4vwHakty6i4VUINBW>

### **WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE?**

In the midst of the various challenges of life, we can feel overwhelmed and alone, with a sense of isolation and lack of direction. Yet we are never alone! In a 6 sessions course, we are going to reflect together on the sacrament of confirmation and on the action of the Holy Spirit in our life. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion, the giver of all the gifts necessary to our life with God and with each other as we grow in holiness and charity each day. Join us to discover who He is and what He does for us. This online course will take place on Thursday evenings from 7 - 8.30 pm, from 28th April - 2nd June. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuceyvoqTwiJH9cWyp-c-Vchh-lJrNdNFGI>

### **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, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June, from 10 am – 1 pm. Find out more details and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

### **DIOCESAN MAGAZINE – VIVA VOCE**

The Easter 2022 edition of Viva Voce, bringing you high quality news from our diocese, is available in the church porch.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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!*

# **Thank you!**

Thank you so much for all your cards, good wishes, prayers and gifts for Easter.  
May God bless you all!  
*Fr Peter.*