

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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**Parish Secretary:  
Sheila Jones**

*Parish Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
9 am – 12.30 pm, for telephone and email contact only*

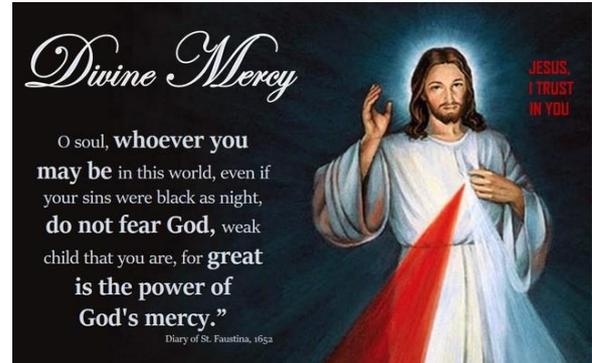
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

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, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> of Divine Mercy	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Living members of the O'Sullivan family
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Vidot François RIP, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Laura Harrington RIP
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Joan Keane RIP
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Gerald MacMahon & Julie Glancy's intentions
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Private</b>	Jebson family
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Private</b>	Tomasz Grzedziel
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Private</b>	
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Richard Tombs RIP
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Renato & Monica Goncalves RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Tadeusz Pakula's intentions

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

### 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, 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  
3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£110.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£15.00
Easter Collections	£1,504.76
Holy Places	£128.50
Hall Hire (Nursery)	£385.00
Mass Stole Fees	£30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,173.26</b>
<b>RUNNING TOTALS</b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,534.78
Clergy Assistance Fund	£203.12
Clergy Training Fund	£25.00
Easter offerings	£1,811.01
Holy Places	£182.50

**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>

**ROSARY**

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

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& CATHOLIC TIMES READERS**

You can get your paper delivered direct to your home every week; POST-FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

SVP spends £2,600, annually, supplying CIRDIC with fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat products. To support this initiative, you can put your donation in the collection box in church, or using an envelope post it to the Parish Office, or give it to an SVP member. 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.

Jack Ewins - Mobile: 0773 449 9190.

Email: [jackewins9@gmail.com](mailto:jackewins9@gmail.com).

**NEWSLETTER DELIVERY**

During the 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*.



**GED & MAUREEN MURPHY RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Ged & Maureen Murphy who died recently. Please remember Ged & Maureen, and their family in your prayers. *Funeral details to be confirmed.*

**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 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.*

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Later this month, we have the National Day of Prayer for Vocations for the Priesthood and religious life. Pope Francis has released his message for this 58<sup>th</sup> day of prayer and it is titled 'Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation'.

In this message, the Holy Father focuses on three themes in St Joseph's life and illustrates how he can be a model of vocation. These three themes are: the dream of vocation, the life of service, and the fidelity of vocation that leads to joy.

**Lord, send us many holy priests.**

To help prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, can we invite you to consider praying a Novena from Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April which you can find on the web site: <https://shoutout.wix.com/so/17NXz74JR?languageTag=en&cid=870bc980-3a84-40ea-b1e2-1373494e9208#/main>

Perhaps you could consider extending your Lenten Fast until the Fourth Sunday of Easter when we mark Good Shepherd Sunday?

During the Maundy Thursday Mass, when we remember Christ's institution of the Priesthood, we offer our Mass for all our clergy - those serving our parishes now, those in formation, and those who may not even have had the courage to respond to the call yet.

The priesthood of the baptised is so very important. The role for each of us is to be Jesus in the world today. However, those who have been called to the vocation of priesthood have a particular mission to fulfil and they need our support and our prayer.

**COFFEE & CHAT**

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

## READERS WORKSHOPS

17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April – The two workshops form together a comprehensive training or refresher for new or seasoned parish readers, looking at the Liturgy, the practical skills for reading, as well as the Bible and how to understand the readings. The training also involves a 1:1 practice session with an experienced diocesan listener, to improve the quality of reading. Find out more details here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>. Workshop 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> April - 10 am to 1 pm: register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZlIduGorzwIHdcAqEFveyBR-RPN8MnHZh0V>. Workshop 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> April - 10 am to 1 pm: Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZUQdeiuqDgtGtGp8nhAF651zA-dB-xB31lg>

## ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

I will be running our popular Essential Training in 5 weekly sessions on Monday evenings, starting on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm. This training is not exclusive to catechists, but is open to everyone who seeks to understand how to proclaim the faith more effectively to children, young people and adults. This training is a short introduction to the principles of faith transmission for seasoned or new catechists, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith or in growing in their own faith. Find out more details here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>. Sign up for the training here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZAtdu-qpzsoH9HdUzajXyM4D1LdHq5EFXZR>.

Parishioners may also be interested in watching the recordings of our Lenten retreat, 'Finding Hope in Scripture', in this Year of the Word, to help us cope with the hardships and challenges of the present time: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYwfrBOD2hwXfcjggirladZDQ9UiPLtTc>. Wishing you all the blessings and grace of Easter, Sr Hyacinthe, OP, Formation for Mission Team Leader, Department for Evangelisation, <https://www.pffm.org.uk/> Tel: 0159 068 1874.

## APF NEWS

In 2020, our parish raised £709.97 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Tilehurst are supporting them through prayer and generous donations. The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Like most registered charities, contributions are down on previous years. Donations are gratefully received and if you would like to donate either by cheque, credit or debit card, online or bank transfer; or via text, please contact me for details. The APF Springtime magazines are available for collection at the back of the church. You are all welcome to take one. *Mike Tomas, APF Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

## 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](mailto: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.

## POPE ST MARTIN I - APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

Martin was born in Todi, which is about ninety-five miles north of Rome, in 598. At the time of his election to the papacy in 649, there was a popular heresy that Christ didn't have a human will, only a divine will. The emperor at the time, Constans II, was angered by the fact that Martin convoked a Lateran Council to condemn Monothelism (as it was so called). The Council confirmed that since Jesus had two natures, human and divine, he also had two wills, human and divine. Constans was so angry with Martin that he sent his soldiers to either arrest him or have him killed. One of his henchmen, who attempted to assassinate Martin when he was distributing Holy Communion, later testified that he lost his eyesight and was unable to carry out the task. Martin, although a sick man, was arrested and taken on the long journey to Constantinople [modern day Istanbul - Turkey] and immediately thrown into prison. He spent three months there in a filthy, freezing cell. He was not allowed to wash and was given the most disgusting food to eat.

After being condemned for treason, without being allowed to speak in his defence, he was imprisoned for a further three months. He was then exiled to the Crimea [officially Ukraine] where he experienced a severe famine. However cruel that this was, it was not his greatest suffering. The hardest thing for Martin to take was that he found himself friendless. His letters tell how his own church had deserted him and his own friends had forgotten him. He died in exile and, although not put to death, he is venerated as a martyr as somebody who stood up for the right of the Church to establish doctrine in the face of imperial power. He is the last pope to be honoured as a martyr and his relics were brought back to Rome and can be found in the Basilica of St John Lateran. *Pope St Martin I - pray for us. Mike Tomas.*

## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

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 for newsletter items.

## 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.

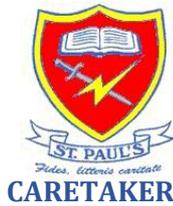
## BISHOP'S EASTER LETTER

Bishop Philip has sent out a Letter to Everyone at this very important time in the liturgical year "to speak with as many hearts and minds as possible in the hope that people will discover the Lord in their lives". Please try to distribute it to friends, family and neighbours. You may download the Bishop's Letter from the diocesan website. Copies are also available on the table as you leave Mass.

# Thank you!

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

*Fr Peter.*



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Are you a team player who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school by helping to maintain our premises and security to a high standard? We are looking for an excellent, organised, flexible and methodical Caretaker to start as soon as possible. We welcome applications to join our dedicated and enthusiastic team. The successful candidate will:

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- Delightful and happy children
- A caring and supportive ethos
- A vibrant, stimulating, well-resourced environment.

Please visit our website for our virtual tour and give us a ring if you would like to have a chat or if you need any further information. Tel: 0118 942 2003. E-mail: [sbm@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk). **Closing Date: Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 – Midday. Interviews: Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021.** For an application pack please contact the school. Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

**St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought from the successful candidate.**

## CHRISTIAN AID

### - MAKE EVERY STEP COUNT THIS MAY

Let's move one step closer to a world free from poverty. Make every step count this May; climate crisis hurts us all, but people living in poverty battle the worst of it. Every day they walk further and dig deeper to survive. This May, we invite you to take on our 300,000 Steps Challenge. Clocking in at just under 10,000 steps a day, you can do the challenge alone or with a team. Each step you take could help people like Rose in Kenya - who struggles daily to provide enough food for her family.

Find out more through our Facebook group - we will be able to support you every step of the way. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/300000StepsInMay?cldee=cmNhb5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQuZXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65cbe7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba>. Share your progress with our steps community for inspiration and advice, as you progress with your challenge and access unique content like our Spotify playlist. If you're not a Facebook user, you can still join in the fun by using a JustGiving page to collect in your sponsorship. But remember to register to the challenge at our website, and you will receive your very own Christian Aid T-shirt. Wheelchair options: Set a target of 300,000 pushes, or use an odometer to track distance. Little steppers: The whole family can join in with the steps this year, and take their own version of the challenge. You could do a sponsored silence or learn 100 words in another language. No matter how you decide to take part, the money you raise could help a community like Rose's to build a dam, so that many more people can have the water they need to live:

[https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself?utm\\_source=christianaid&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=btn-body-Resources&utm\\_campaign=20210329-CA-CAW-Org-4&cldee=cmNhb5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQuZXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65cbe7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba#steps](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself?utm_source=christianaid&utm_medium=email&utm_content=btn-body-Resources&utm_campaign=20210329-CA-CAW-Org-4&cldee=cmNhb5pbmdAbWVhZG93c3dlZXQuZXU%3D&recipientid=contact-24be3595ee4a46b5ac20301a67915fdb-1cbaede758264597a495672a5a65cbe7&esid=1684b8d9-478e-eb11-b1ac-0022481a6fba#steps)

Another way to make a difference to those fighting the worst of this climate crisis is praying and engaging in our climate crisis campaign. We've created a seven-day devotional, that will walk us through the story of creation, and we invite you to learn, lament, reflect and respond together. At the back of the devotional, you'll also find a postcard giving you the opportunity to call on the UK Government for a better way, filled with climate justice. *Details on web site.*

### ADORE ONLINE RETREAT

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. April 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 1 pm, with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Receiving God's Gift" - To receive new life you must turn away from those things which block your relationship with God and accept Jesus as your Lord. Speaker: Peter Hobbs. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREAPR2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREAPR2021). ADoRE is offering confidential prayer for healing by telephone - ring 07579 824523, Monday to Friday 10 am to 4 pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for your needs. *Alastair Emblem - On behalf of Alton Day of Renewal.*