

NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



St Joseph's Presbytery, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

☎ 0118 942 8632 ✉ sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

🌐 www.st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk 📘 <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephstilehurst>

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:

Miriam da Cruz Fernandes

☎ 0118 943 3524

✉ miriam@st-josephs-tilehurst.org.uk

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) – 20TH MARCH 2022

“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE **NEXT SATURDAY, 26TH 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.***

THANK YOU!



Thank you all for your very generous help and support for the Ukraine fundraising event held at St Joseph's last weekend. Whilst the donations are still coming in, the final amount will be published in due course, we have currently raised *in excess of £2,000, an amazing amount*, which we will be donating to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The donation will have a major impact on helping refugee families. Thank you for helping us to make a positive difference. *The Fundraising Group.*

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Many parishioners are keen to know what they can do to help. Please continue to pray daily for peace in Ukraine. Donate money to a Ukraine appeal, such as CAFOD. Here are some other ways you may be able to help:

- Host refugees in your house
- Share details of any Ukrainians who are looking for a host family
- If you speak Ukrainian or Russian, you can offer to help with communication
- Offer English lessons, offer employment, offer childcare

We don't have much information yet, but if you can offer to help in a specific way, or are happy to help co-ordinate generally, then please send your names into the Parish Office, and we'll keep you informed. We will liaise and work with other local groups to be as effective as we can.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 27TH MARCH 2022

Sunday, 20 th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Brendan Reynolds, Nora & Jimmy Fahy & Bernadette Fahy RIP
	8.30 am	Tess Heenan RIP
	10.30 am *	For the Rosary Group called “Rosary by Night”
Monday, 21 st March	NO MASS	
Tuesday, 22 nd March	12 noon	Fr Peter’s intentions (<i>Birthday</i>)
Wednesday, 23 rd March	12 noon	Mr S Wruszczak RIP
Thursday, 24 th March	9.30 am	Leslaw Krzyzanowski RIP & Souls in Purgatory
Friday, 25 th March ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	6 pm	Syro Malabar Stations of the Cross
	7 pm *	Henry & Iris McSoley RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 26 th March ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	10 am	Gerald & Julie MacMahon’s intentions
Sunday, 27 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Tess Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am *	Mary Kilkerr RIP

* 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.

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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

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*:

- 19th March - Christ the King, Whitley
- 26th March – Our Lady of Peace, Earley
- 2nd April - English Martyrs, Reading
- 9th April - St James’, Reading

Please plan ahead!

STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)



On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on **23rd March at 7.30 pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them. *Annie Scharwatt, Fundraising Manager, Stella Maris - 0207 9011931.*

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 2nd March – 10th 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.

*** REMINDER: BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS:
The clocks go forward on 27th March at 1 am ***



COLLECTION FOR 13TH MARCH 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£170.93
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Loose Plate	£177.00
Candle money	£50.81
Hall Hire	£20.00
CAFOD Ukraine	£90.00
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£80.00
Ukraine fundraising event	£2,154.88
Mass Stole fees	£30.00
Confirmation fees	£25.00
TOTAL	£2,813.62
Running Totals	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£2,979.53
Christmas Collection	£2,280.46
CAFOD Ukraine	£2,499.88
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£100.00

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>

NEXT WEEKEND: COLLECTION FOR CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

The Clergy Assistance Fund supports the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team, which has four members of staff, exists to provide care and support for the ordained in our Diocese. There is an online giving page for this appeal: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-assistance-fund>. Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from Monday, 21st March until Saturday, 2nd April. Please be as generous as you can. *Thank you.*

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

"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 or call *0132 931 8869.*

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 or see me after 10.30 Mass – I'm there most Sundays. *Many thanks.*

CHARITY SPRING FAYRE

On Saturday, 26th March from 11 am – 1 pm at the English Martyrs' Church hall, in aid of LIFE, Knit for Peace, Children's Society. Gifts for Mother's Day, Easter, raffle & refreshments. Admission FREE!



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

The usual monthly CIRDIC and family collection will be on **Saturday, 2nd 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. *SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins* - Mobile: 0773 449 9190. Email: jackewins9@gmail.com.

* * * * *

The SVP has a stair lift available. Please contact SVP member, *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190 for more details.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

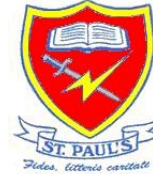
There has been a group for pre-school children in the parish for about 40 years. The Toddler Group has an excellent stock of toys and equipment. Children can play outdoors in a secure garden area. Each week, activities are arranged and healthy snacks are provided. So, if you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, 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.*

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, 31st March and 7th April, 7.30 - to 9 pm. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEquCtrz0vG9D1wslK49Tv6YzF10NKi46>. Session 1: What is Prayer? Session 2: Types of Prayer. Baptism - Anchoring you in New Life.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Sunday collection for our Parish Priests will take place throughout Easter, so you will have the opportunity to give, at any service which you attend. 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-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2022>



1 LUNCH TIME CONTROLLER

Required as soon as possible - 5 hours per week (term time only) - Grade/Salary B.

CLASSROOM TEACHER

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff in Early Years (Maternity Cover) from September 2022. We welcome applications from people of any faith and ECT's. Part time/Job share may be considered for the right candidate.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Required ASAP. (Minimum Qualification Level 2) for one-year fixed term contract. 27.5 hours per week (Grade/Salary C-D depending upon experience). Term time only. Are you a team player who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school? We are looking for an excellent, organised and methodical Teaching Assistant to start ASAP.

Closing Dates for *all three vacancies: Monday, 28th March at Midday.* Interviews for *all three vacancies: Thursday, 31st March.*

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 Catholic School, City Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 4SZ. Tel: 0118 942 2003.

Website: www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

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 26th April. You can register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGvri8uGNXgin4vwHAKty6i4VUINBW>