

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) – 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr Peter and Fr Richard will be available for confessions on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm, in the large hall - *For parishioners only* – Please do not travel from outside Tilehurst.

### EASTER SERVICES

Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>12 noon <u>Live-streamed only</u></b>	
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>11 am <u>Live-streamed only</u></b>	
Maundy Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>7 pm + Live-streamed</b>	
Good Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>10 am – 12 noon</b>	Stations of the Cross ( <i>see below</i> )
	<b>3 pm + Live-streamed</b>	Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>8 pm + Live-streamed</b>	
Easter Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.30 am + Live-streamed</b>	
	<b>11 am + Live-streamed</b>	

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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS LED BY FR PETER – EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 PM – LIVE-STREAM ONLY

#### 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, Ged & 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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Pauline Oster's intentions
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Fr Peter's intentions
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Malgosia, Krystyna & Tadeusz's intentions
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>12 noon</b> + Live-streamed	Patricia MacMahon RIP
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Winston Coutinho RIP
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity</b>	<b>10 am</b> <i><u>Live-streamed only</u></i>	Living members of the MacMahon family
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11 am</b> <i><u>Live-streamed only</u></i>	Henry & Iris McSoley RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Private	
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>5 pm (Vigil)</b> + Live-streamed	Norman Bricker's intentions
	<b>8.30 am</b> + Live-streamed	Vidot François RIP, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	<b>11 am</b> + Live-streamed	Eileen Drake RIP

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



**BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS – CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND!**

**COLLECTION FOR  
13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£260.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,983.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£207.41
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£4.70
Clergy Assistance Fund	£76.50
Loose Plate	£154.27
First Holy Communion	£25.00
Mass Stole Fees	£10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,730.88</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,874.77
CAFOD (Overall Total)	£1,487.28
Clergy Assistance Fund	£96.87
First Holy Communion fees	£900.00

**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), 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Collection for the Holy Places. 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. *Thank you for your donations!*



### RICHARD DAVIS RIP

Richard Davis' funeral will take place on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm, at the English Martyrs' Church. Attendance, limited to 30, is by invitation only.

### ROSARY

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



### BILL MCMAHON RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill who died on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. His Funeral Mass took place on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February in the village parish church of St Patrick's, Cloonfad, County Roscommon, Ireland, followed by burial in the family grave at Tulrahan cemetery in Claremorris, County Mayo, Ireland.

A farewell Mass could not take place here in Reading prior to repatriation of his mortal remains to Ireland, because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and related issues. Please note that a service of remembrance for Bill will not take place here in Reading for the same reasons. Instead, the family request the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, if desired, be offered to his eternal memory, by individual parishioners.

Please pray for the repose of Bill's soul, and may he eternally rest in peace.

### 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

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).*

### 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](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.

### 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.

### WOOL

The Knitwits group wishes to thank you for your very kind donations of wool. They have enough for now, and are very grateful.

### **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.

### **ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL – 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We are continuing our 2021 Programme: "ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT", which is in response to the invitation from Pope Francis: "I ask all of you that you organise seminars to share Baptism in the Spirit." Our programme this year explores how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us to be missionary disciples. More details on the ADoRE website [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com). People from all over the country are joining our sessions and thoroughly enjoying them. Here is what one participant said recently: "It was so encouraging sharing with others so positive about their faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit - in praise and worship, hearing prophecy, testimony, sharing in breakout group". The next session is on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am - 1 pm: "New Life" Jesus came so that you could be given the source of new life, the Holy Spirit. Speaker: Jenny Baker, Co-ordinator of Celebrate conferences and a well-known presenter on CaFé formation videos. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREMAR2021](https://bit.ly/ADOREMAR2021)

ADoRE is offering confidential prayer for healing by telephone, Monday to Friday 10 am - 4 pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for your needs. Alastair Emblem - On behalf of Alton Day of Renewal

### **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*.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE UK**

Ask your MP to attend a parliamentary event on the dangers of DIY abortion: Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting).

Daniel Turner – Right To Life UK – 0173 246 0911 – email: [daniel@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:daniel@righttolife.org.uk). Web site: [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk).

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE READING**

Stop abortion up to birth for babies with disabilities including Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot in Northern Ireland:

[https://citizengo.org/en/node/200634?utm\\_source=link&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=tfyflow&utm\\_campaign=485756b84d-NI\\_disability\\_second\\_stage](https://citizengo.org/en/node/200634?utm_source=link&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tfyflow&utm_campaign=485756b84d-NI_disability_second_stage)

In 2020, the UK Government imposed an extreme abortion regime on Northern Ireland, which included a provision that legalised abortion right up to birth, for disabilities including Down's syndrome, cleft lip and club foot. A new Bill has been launched at the Northern Ireland assembly that will remove the current provision that allows abortion for 'severe fetal impairment'.

### **READERS WORKSHOPS**

On Saturdays, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Recognitio. Find out more and register here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

## ONLINE CATECHESIS 101

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7 pm, on Zoom. Are you a FHC catechist wanting to hold your sessions online? Do you find the idea of online catechesis a bit daunting, and would you like to pick up some tips and tricks from other catechists? If so, this friendly introduction to online catechesis is for you. Join other catechists to find out how to adapt your FHC catechesis to an online format, such as Zoom or Teams. There will be practical demonstrations and opportunities for discussion. This event is aimed primarily at First Holy Communion catechists, but other catechists may find some of the information useful. All are welcome! Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZkck-muqDMjGNX40UablzNjNGgZGzCsk1A>

### ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Every Monday evening at 7 pm, for 5 weeks, starting on 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK:

### ST NICHOLAS OWEN – 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

Tomorrow, the Church celebrates one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales: Nicholas Owen. Nicholas was born in Oxford around the year 1550. He was a Jesuit lay brother, and many family members were priests. His father was a carpenter, and this was a skill that Nicholas inherited. Nicholas was very small, and had the nickname "Little John". He put his stature and skills to good effect to construct ingenious hiding places (known as priest holes), in large recusant houses, which saved the lives of many Catholic priests during the Elizabethan persecution. [Recusant was the name given to anybody who remained loyal to the Catholic Church and to the Pope, refusing to acknowledge the Church of England - from the Latin recusare - to refuse]. These priest holes were built into walls, chimney breasts, under floors, in fact anywhere that could ensure the safety of the priest.

Many of you, I am sure, have visited nearby Mapledurham House. This house was built in 1585 and owned by the Blount-Eyston family, who still own it today. It was a purpose-built house where the Catholic family could hide priests and where Mass could be celebrated in secret. It contains many priest holes, or hides as they are sometimes referred to. These "hides" were built by St Nicholas Owen. Some of them so intricate and well disguised, were only discovered centuries later. There is no record of any priest being arrested in Mapledurham, so he obviously did a good job.

Once lockdown is over, why not pay a trip to Mapledurham? It's a place which is a good reminder of how much our ancestors suffered and struggled to remain true to the Catholic faith during those dark years.

In the hunt for priests in 1606, Nicholas Owen emerged from hiding in Hidlip Hall, Worcester, hoping to avert the capture of the Jesuit Provincial who was hiding there. Nicholas was arrested and despite excruciating torture on the rack, on which he later died, refused to divulge any information as to the whereabouts of any priests.

St Nicholas Owen was one of the forty martyrs canonised by Pope Paul VI in October 1970. *St Nicholas Owen - pray for us.* Mike Tomas.