

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY – SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

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
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>St Athanasius,</b> Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Ss PHILIP &amp; JAMES,</b> Apostles	12 noon	Mr S Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)</b>	12 noon	James & Patricia MacMahon RIP
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	Mary Bermingham's intentions
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7 pm	Harry Mullin RIP
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10 am	Eamon & Maura McNeill's intentions
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Jadwiga Wlasak RIP
	8.30 am	Peter Delaney RIP
	10.30 am *	Gerard Lee RIP
	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar

\* 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.

### 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/>

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Fr Peter says that thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, St Joseph's, Tilehurst, collected £1,900 for the people of Ukraine, which he has personally given to his Parish Priest contact in Poland. **THANK YOU!**

### "ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE

ON SATURDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY: 1 PM

A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service here at St Joseph's - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. *All are welcome!*



*Please Park your car in consideration of our neighbours and under no circumstances block their driveways. If at all possible, please park your car further away and come to the service on foot. This will ease traffic congestion greatly. Thank you.*

### 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".

### COLLECTION FOR 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£176.00
Gift Aid (via bank)	£1,493.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£30.00
Planned Giving (via bank)	£127.41
Easter Collections	£10.00
Holy Places	£3.00
Loose Plate	£390.86
Candle Money	£134.57
Ukraine (Cupcake sale)	£40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,404.84</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£3,233.31
CAFOD Lenten Alms	£227.50
CAFOD Ukraine	£291.25
Clergy Assistance Fund	£283.00
Easter Collection	£2,432.63
Holy Places	£225.00

### 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 and donations. 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>

### 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.

### 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.*

### COLLECTION: CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund, in support of our ten seminarians currently in formation for the priesthood. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us all on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow.

If you would like to give to the collection, place your offering into the collection plate, via the Parish Office, or by bank transfer. Alternatively, you can donate online by clicking the following link: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/support-our-seminarians>. Supporters will be able to contribute via this page from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May until Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May.

We pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact *Fr John Cooke* - [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.



### 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 offerings as well as the current Special Collection.

## FREE PRAYER WORKSHOPS

Want to deepen your prayer life or try a new way of praying? The University Chaplaincy is hosting some prayer workshops on Zoom which are open to all:

- Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30 pm: Ways of Praying.
- Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8 pm: Imaginative Contemplation
- Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm: Exploring Images of God

No need to book, just join us via Zoom:

<https://u.nu/chaplaincy>. More information: [chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk)



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 taxpayer 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.

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Currently, SVP has 3 people who collect food donations from Waitrose (Oxford Road) and deliver them to food banks. We are looking for someone who's happy to join the team and share the task!

- Once a week, on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- Have a maximum of 2 hours spare.
- You will need to have a good size car (to fit the food crates).
- Collect food from Waitrose (Oxford Road) around 9 am.
- You don't have to be an SVP member, but if you wish then you are more than welcome.

If you are interested, please contact either *Rita Boyce* on 0798 464 3250 or *Jack Ewins* on 0773 449 9190.

## 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)

### TEA/COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

We would like to 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.*



### 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).

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed on Tuesday, but will be open again on Thursday and Friday.



## **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>

### **MASS BOOKINGS – 2023**

Fr Peter has decided that the Mass Bookings Diary 2023 will not be open until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. *Dates cannot be reserved in advance of this date.*

### **CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE**

Why Christians Need to Stop Evangelising (Badly) and Have a Conversation – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 – 9 pm, Zerodegrees Bar, Bridge Street.

James Butler asks: What if instead of seeing evangelism as a task to be done, we see it as a conversation to be entered into? James is assistant coordinator for Pioneer Mission Leadership Training for the Church Missionary Society. He is an MA lecturer who teaches in the areas of mission, ecclesiology and practical theology. His ongoing PhD research explores how small missional communities sustain their social action. He also works as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Roehampton. In this session James Butler suggests that the ways we understand evangelism may actually be getting in the way of evangelism. Drawing on research he will show how training for evangelism can actually disable rather than enable people to share their faith. We can end up putting so much emphasis on the words we need to say that we miss the person in front of us. We can also miss how God is already at work in that person and the community. Café Théologique is hosted by the University of Reading Chaplaincy and is a space to explore contemporary issues from a theological perspective. All are welcome. Events are free to attend without booking. This event will be in-person and on-line. Zoom joining details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99410788443>.

Meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541.

## **SAINT OF THE WEEK: THE ENGLISH MARTYRS - 4TH MAY**

One of the most traditional Catholic hymns is considered by many to be Faith of Our Fathers. It was written in 1849 by Frederick William Faber (1814 -1863), a convert to Catholicism, in memory of the Catholic martyrs of this country who suffered for their faith between 1535 and 1680, and whose feast we celebrate on Wednesday.

On 4th May 1535, in Tyburn (close to the current location of Marble Arch), three Carthusian monks were the first of many men and women who were martyred for their faith during The Reformation. The number who died, who came from every walk of life, cannot be measured, however 284 of them have been canonised or declared blessed.

It wasn't just priests and religious who were martyred. Laity who were prepared to shelter priests; to arrange Masses in secret to witness to the faith, all met the same fate. They are remembered for the example they gave and for their courage in the face of persecution "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword", as the hymn puts it. Their heroic witness should help us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the holy priesthood. Let us pray for the priests and people of our neighbouring parish, a parish that we were part of until April 1966, when St Joseph's became a parish in its own right.

***All you holy English Martyrs - pray for us.***

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Well done to everyone who joined in with the Easter quiz. Our two prize winners are Ann and Pat. If anyone would like to see the answers, please contact the Parish Office.



  
**PENTECOST JUBILEE**  
Bring a picnic and join the Reading & Caversham Churches to celebrate Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
**5th June 2022**  
Christchurch Meadows, Caversham  
Big Lunch starts at Noon  
Service with Salvation Army Band 2.30 - 3.30pm  
 CHURCHES TOGETHER in Caversham & Reading  
More details [www.cavershamchurch.org.uk](http://www.cavershamchurch.org.uk)