

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 3RD MARCH 2024 (YEAR B)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH - SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH

Saturday, 2 nd March of the 2nd Week of Lent	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 3 rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP
	10.30 am*	Special intention
	1.30 pm	Syro Malabar retreat
Monday, 4 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	10 am	Mary Green RIP
Tuesday, 5 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	10 am	Colette Lunt RIP
Wednesday, 6 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	9.30 am 10 am	Special Intention Stations of the Cross
Thursday, 7 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent		
Friday, 8 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar Way of the Cross
	7 pm	Jim Dempsey RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 9 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Gerry Heenan RIP
Sunday, 10 th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Richard Davis RIP
	10.30 am*	Laura's intentions

Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am on Saturdays. *All are welcome.*

Confessions for Lent: Tuesday, 12th March at 6.45 pm

The church will be open for private prayer on Mondays & Tuesdays from 8.30 am until after morning Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Margaret Wilson. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.



Come and join your Reading Catholic community on a walking tour through our historic churches with hymns and history at every stop. All to raise funds for Cafod's Lent campaign for the world's poorest and most marginalised. Start will be gathering at St Anne's Caversham at 10.15 am on Saturday, 9th March, via

St James, Reading Abbey, St William of York, Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi, and ending at Christ the King. Total walking time 2 hours. You are free to join and leave at any stop. It is a whole lot of fun and does a whole lot of good! If there is a lot of interest from Tilehurst, there is a potential of a mini Camino Ingles from St James to the Cunning Man pub <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk>

PASSOVER SUPPER – SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH

Tickets will be on sale after the Saturday/Sunday Masses until 17th March. Adults £6, school age children £3, family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch. *Book early as numbers are limited.*



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

The SVP Conference here at St Joseph's extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in both Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless via the card reader machine or by completing a Standing Order form, available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. SVP President: *Rita Boyce* - ritaaur@yahoo.co.uk.

SVP INDUCTION MEETING

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. If you are thinking of volunteering or would like more information, please join us on Sunday, 3rd March at 11.30 am in the small hall. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact me by email at AnitaL@svp.org.uk or by phone on 0754 912 3486. *Anita Lo, Membership Support Officer.*

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat 2024 at St Michael & St George, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday, 9th March from 11 am - 4 pm led by the Marian Fathers. All Welcome. Call *Millie* on 0795 759 4646 for more information.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Come to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips' home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Contact *Aline* on 0790 456 9437 for further details.



MARCH, THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

The month of March by custom is devoted to St Joseph – depicted in the statue in the chapel of the Venerable English College, Rome. We look forward to his great feast day on 19th March. The Holy Father Pope Francis dedicated 2020/2021 to him in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8th December 1870. We have many reasons to invoke him in our prayers. One traditional prayer that you may or may not be familiar with is the Litany of St Joseph. It was approved for public use by Pope St Pius X in 1909, although its origins go back further. It contains twenty-five invocations expressing the virtues and dignity of St Joseph: <https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/litany-of-st-joseph.html>

ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH



The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th – 18th March at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all who support their work. Masses are at 10 am each day (except Sunday at 11 am) and are available to follow on Zoom via the website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are invited to send in your petitions which will be placed at St Joseph's Altar during the Novena. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ. Donations to the Society's work are gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society. Thank you. Also available on Zoom will be the Novena prayer recited daily at 6 pm. This prayer will be available as an attachment to next week's newsletter so that we can offer a Novena for our own personal intentions. A few hard copies will be available.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

Thank you for all your prayers, donations and support! We are short of toothpaste, sugar (small packs), marmite, honey and tinned rice pudding, so would appreciate donations of these items. Envelopes with cash donations, your name, Gift Aid number and "FOODBANK", written on top, can be added to the collection basket or given to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can use the cash machine in the church porch or pay directly into the parish bank account by including "YOUR NAME, FOODBANK" as a reference. Account Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Any questions, please contact *John* 0776 925 1747 or *Alan* 0790 569 5041.



C.I.R.D.I.C. MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS

Donations to C.I.R.D.I.C. of clean and wearable clothes, underclothes and footwear for Adult Men (*not women or children*) are welcome on the 1st Sunday of every month. Place items behind the repository or in the crying room for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

DONATIONS

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

COLLECTION FOR CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

NEXT WEEKEND 9TH/10TH MARCH