

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 10TH MARCH 2024 (YEAR B)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10TH MARCH - SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH

Saturday, 9 th March	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	<i>Confessions</i> Gerry Heenan RIP
Sunday, 10 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am 10.30 am*	Richard Davis RIP Laura's intentions
Monday, 11 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	10 am	Richard Wilson RIP
Tuesday, 12 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	10 am 6.45 pm	Jensen's intentions <i>Confessions for Lent</i>
Wednesday, 13 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	9.30 am 10 am	Margaret Ryan's intentions <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday, 14 th March of the 4th Week of Lent		
Friday, 15 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	5.30 pm 7 pm 7.30 pm	<i>Syro Malabar Way of the Cross</i> Marlene Heaney's intentions <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, 16 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	<i>Confessions</i> Colin Joseph – in thanksgiving
<i>Crosses [until after Good Friday Liturgy] and images [until the Easter Vigil] may now be veiled</i>		
Sunday, 17 th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am 10.30 am*	Norman & Theresa Bricker's intentions Tony Chaplin RIP

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

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

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 Cuning Man pub <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk>

Wishing all mothers, a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

COLLECTION FOR CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the Clergy Assistance Fund which resources the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, from the early days of ordination all the way into retirement. Parishioners can donate using their gift aid envelopes, the card reader machine, the second collection basket or online:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/clergy-assistance-fund-second-collection-2024> (admin fee incurred).



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* - ritaur@yahoo.co.uk.

SVP SENIOR CITIZEN'S EASTER LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

Please join us in the large hall on Saturday, 13th April, 1 - 3.30 pm for a wonderful springtime celebration amongst friends. Please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch by 7th April. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.



PASSOVER SUPPER - SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH

Tickets will be on sale after the weekend 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.*

CAKE SALE

A cake sale will take place on Sunday, 7th April after each Mass. Save the date. More information to follow.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

An Easter egg raffle will take place after 10.30 am Mass on Easter Sunday, 31st March. Tickets will be on sale after each Mass from 15th March. Proceeds will go to support the Foodbank.

HANDMADE CARD SALE

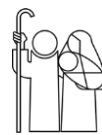
There will be a handmade card sale in the small hall after the weekend Masses on 16th/17th March. Proceeds in support of the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank. *Jenny Gouk.*

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

ST JOSEPH'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH



From 10th - 18th March at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. Masses are at 10 am daily (except Sunday: 11 am) and are available to follow on YouTube via the website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. Send your petitions which will be placed at St Joseph's Altar during the Novena. Write to: Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ. Donations gratefully received. Cheques payable to Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society. The Novena prayer will be recited daily via YouTube at 6 pm and is available as an attachment to the newsletter so that we can offer a Novena for our own personal intentions.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

Thanks for all your prayers and donations. After last Wednesday's session, we are short of tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, Weetabix, peanut butter, sponge pudding, whole/semi-skimmed milk, small jars of coffee and cartons of 40-80 tea bags. Envelopes with cash donations, marked with your name, Gift Aid No. and "FOODBANK", can be dropped into the collection basket or Parish Office. Please use the card reader 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 repository or in crying room for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

READING PASSION PLAY 28TH - 30TH MARCH

RISE Theatre, led by parishioner Stephen Newbury, is performing their PASSION PLAY in Forbury Gardens in central Reading on 28th (6 pm), 29th (1.30 pm) and 30th March (2 pm). It is a free event. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion, so parental guidance is advised. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information. *Please support this local initiative.*

ACCOMMODATION FOR ACTORS SHARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Could you, or someone you know, offer bed and breakfast to a RISE Theatre actor in the Tilehurst/Reading area for a few nights at the end of March? If so, please let parishioner *Stephen Newbury* know by emailing info@risetheatre.co.uk or calling him on 0776 475 6811. Accommodation provision is a huge help to our ministry - www.risetheatre.co.uk