

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 (YEAR B)

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	5 pm <b>5.30 pm (Vigil)</b>	Confessions People of the parish
<i>Crosses [until after Good Friday Liturgy] and images [until the Easter Vigil] may now be veiled</i>		
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am*	Norman & Theresa Bricker's intentions Tony Chaplin RIP
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Daniel Fernandes' intentions
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March <b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</b>	10 am	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am 10 am	Tony Chaplin RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	5.30 pm <b>7 pm</b> 7.30 pm	<i>Syro Malabar Way of the Cross</i> Fr Peter's intentions <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	5 pm <b>5.30 pm (Vigil)</b>	Confessions Vidot François RIP
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am*	Marianna RIP Chen Foong Ying & Leun Yew Choy 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.

### EASTER SERVICES

<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY,</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching until Midnight <i>(Sign-up sheet available in church porch)</i>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>A Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	<b>11 am</b>	Stations of the Cross led by Fr Jude outside, weather-permitting, or in the church, if necessary
	<b>11.45 am</b>	Walk of Witness with St Catherine's to the Triangle
	<b>3 pm</b>	Solemn Liturgy: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL, 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	<i>Syro Malabar Easter Vigil</i>
	<b>8 pm</b>	<i>* There will be no 5.30 pm Vigil Mass*</i>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD,</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>8.30 am</b>	 <i>British Summer Time begins - Clocks go forward this weekend</i>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	

## 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.

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2024/25 are now available in the church porch. Please pick up your named box of envelopes. If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your marked box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.



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* - [ritaur@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk)

## SVP SENIOR CITIZEN'S EASTER LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

Please join us in the large hall on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.



## PASSOVER SUPPER SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH AT 7 PM

Tickets will be on sale until after Masses this weekend. 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, 7<sup>th</sup> April after each Mass. *Save the date.* More information to follow.

## GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

There will be a Good Friday Liturgy for children at 3 pm in the large hall. Children should be brought to the hall between 2.45 - 3 pm and will return to their families in the Church for Veneration of the Cross. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.*

## 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*.

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

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

## HANDMADE CARD SALE

There will be a handmade card sale in the small hall after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds in support of the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank. *Jenny Gouk*.

## QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT: SAT, 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Save the date. More details to follow after Easter.

## TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

Many thanks for all your prayers, donations and support! This week, we are short of milk (whole, semi-skimmed, skimmed), orange juice, instant mashed potato, cereal, biscuits, tinned custard, honey and mayonnaise, so would greatly appreciate donations of these items. Envelopes with cash donations, marked with your name, Gift Aid number and "FOODBANK" can be placed in the collection basket or handed into the Parish Office. You can also 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Place items behind repository or in crying room for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March: 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!*

### 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. 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 Jude in his vocation and mission this Easter, you can place your offering in the collection basket, give it *Sheila* in the Parish Office, via bank transfer or the card reader.

### READING PASSION PLAY 28<sup>TH</sup> – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

RISE Theatre, led by parishioner Stephen Newbury, is performing their PASSION PLAY in Forbury Gardens in central Reading on 28<sup>th</sup> (6 pm), 29<sup>th</sup> (1.30 pm) and 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:info@risetheatre.co.uk) or calling him on 0776 475 6811. Accommodation provision is a huge help to our ministry - [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk)

### CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am in the Cathedral. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church. The Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year and during it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service, “manifesting their communion with the Bishop” (Roman Missal). It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith. There will no Mass here at St Joseph’s on that day. Indeed, the Bishop warmly invites you to attend the Mass at the Cathedral if you can. Or you can watch online!

### MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit:

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

### DIVINE MERCY REFLECTION

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April from 1 pm – 4.30 pm at St Mary’s R.C. Church, 157 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call *Millie* on 0795 759 4646 for more information.

### CHARITY SPRING FAYRE

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 11 am – 1 pm at English Martyrs Church Hall, Liebenrood Road, Reading. Charities include Life and The Children’s Society. Stalls selling: gifts, cards, toiletries, jewellery, houseplants, toys, bric-a-brac, also Handicrafts including a resin artist, hand painted glass, handknits, cakes and more! Tombola, raffle, refreshments. *Admission free!*

### FREE WILLS MONTH

To mark national Free Wills Month, the Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to easily write or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the ‘phone, you will be expertly supported through the process. You are under no obligation to leave your Parish a gift in your Will, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to the Church and we hope many will choose to do so and help to sustain the Church in the future. More information can be found

at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/make-your-free-will/>

### DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St James	5 – 6 pm & 7 pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St John Bosco	6.45 – 8.15 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christ the King	6.45 pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	English Martyrs	9.45 am
	Our Lady of Peace	10 am – 12 noon
	St James	5 – 6 pm & 7 pm

