

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***



### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

<b>HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>*There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*</i>	4 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Vigil
	<b>9 pm Vigil</b>	People of the Parish
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10.30 am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>	<del>10 am</del>	
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>	<del>10 am</del>	
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>	9.30 am	
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>		
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>	7 pm	
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>within Octave of Easter</b>	9 am 10 am 10.30 am 5 pm Vigil	Rosary & Exposition Confessions In Thanksgiving to friends of Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> of Divine Mercy (Octave Day of Easter)	<b>8.30 am</b> <b>10.30 am</b> <b>5 pm</b>	Pedro & Cathy Rodrigues' intentions Terry Clarke RIP Syro Malabar

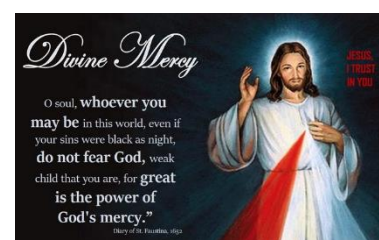
### LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

*\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed.\**

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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 2.15 PM

Traditionally, there is a Novena for Mercy that begins on Good Friday and the Chaplet is said every day, ideally at 3 pm, for all our special intentions up to Divine Mercy Sunday: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org). The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to us through the appearances of the Lord to St Faustina Kowalska. He asked that a Feast of Mercy be held on the Sunday after Easter. **All are welcome.**



### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April: Collection for the Holy Places. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this small community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. "May this year's collection pro Terra Sancta be an opportunity for everyone not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Places but rather to lighten their burdens." – Leonardo Card. Sandri

Please place your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, pay via the card reader machine, by bank transfer or [Holy Places Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#). *Thank you for your donations.*

Please note that the Good Friday collection is for the Holy Places **ONLY**.

The Easter Vigil Mass, and the two Easter Sunday morning Mass collections are for the priest **ONLY**.

### 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 Henry in his vocation and mission this Easter, please place your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, pay via the card reader machine, by bank transfer or <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-second-collection>. *Thank you.*

*All donations, including Gift Aid where applicable, given at Masses on Easter Sunday (including the Easter Vigil), other than those by regular standing order, will be used exclusively to support the priest(s) appointed to the parish.*

### SVP SENIORS' EASTER LUNCH



Please join us in the large hall on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April from 1 - 4 pm for a wonderful springtime celebration amongst friends. If you would like to come, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, by 20<sup>th</sup> April. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.



### FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS:

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

### 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, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

# THANK YOU!

A **huge** thank you to our finance committee, events team, cleaners, stewards, readers, AV/livestream operators, gardeners, health & safety/maintenance team, and flower arrangers, catechists, sacristans, and those who have supported the parish financially and through prayer. *Your hard work is very much appreciated. God bless you and grant you special Easter joy! Fr Henry.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£308.10
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£525.00
Loose Plate	£408.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,242.03</b>

Donate to our parish by bank transfer in order to avoid any admin fees:

A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph.  
Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday offering envelopes for 2025/26 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 JOSEPH'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

We will travel to Walsingham at 5.30 am on 18<sup>th</sup> May - £32 pp. Contact Aline Phillips 0790 456 9437 for further details.



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

Our SVP Conference helps all who need support. We also provide help to SVP

Conferences in Sudan, India and to various foodbanks in Reading. Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No. 46075070, 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)

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 - 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 - 6.30 pm. This week, we are short of the following items: **cereal especially Weetabix, whole/semi-skimmed long life milk, orange/apple juice, hot dogs, packet soups, pot noodles, tea and hot chocolate.** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

Our parish youth group for school students (aged 11-18), 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesdays (term-time) from 6.30 pm - 8 pm for food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI.* If you want to get involved, contact *Lewis* and *Hannah*: [Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



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**PASSION PLAY IN READING  
ON 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Following last year's success, Rise Theatre CIC, again perform their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens, Reading, on Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30 pm & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm. A FREE event. Bring a blanket or chair. 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) to WATCH THE VIDEO TRAILER. Please support this local initiative during the Easter weekend and invite your friends too!

**BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

If you are a Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Childminder and you 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.* Re-starts 24<sup>th</sup> April. *All are welcome.*



**QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT  
SATURDAY, 10TH MAY AT 6.30 PM**

Tickets are now on sale for our Quiz and Supper Night. Ticket price £12 includes fish and chips or pasty and chips. Payment can be made in cash or using the 'St Jo Event' button on the DONA machine.

**CHURCH ITEMS**

Fr Henry asks that you please consider donating towards:

- Chalice £374.97
- Two ciboriums £476.26 & £544.84
- Brass acolytes (x2) £700.00 each

Payment can be made via the card reader machine under the "Special" slot, the donations box in the church porch or by bank transfer referencing these items. *Any donation amount would be gratefully received.*

**CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal to provide water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Donate at [www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar)

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Contact the Parish Office or email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form to complete and return. Please provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form or post a copy with completed form to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).