

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 6TH APRIL 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 6TH APRIL – 13TH APRIL 2025

Saturday, 5 th April of the 4th Week of Lent	9 am	<i>Rosary & Exposition</i>
	10 am	Mass followed by PARISH RETREAT
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 6 th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	In Thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Terry Clarke RIP
Monday, 7 th April of the 5th Week of Lent	10 am	Tom McKeown RIP
Tuesday, 8 th April of the 5th Week of Lent	10 am	Emilia and Franciszek Najman RIP
Wednesday, 9 th April of the 5th Week of Lent	9.30 am	Natasha, Francis & family's intentions
Thursday, 10 th April of the 5th Week of Lent		
Friday, 11 th April of the 5th Week of Lent	6.30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	7 pm	Terry Clarke RIP
Saturday, 12 th April of the 5th Week of Lent	9 am	<i>Rosary & Exposition</i>
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	11 am	Funeral: Una Grant RIP
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 13 th April PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
	10.30 am	Tom McKeown RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

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

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

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition and quiet time followed by 7 pm Mass.

Saturdays: Exposition and Rosary at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of:

UNA GRANT: Una's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 12th April at 11 am, followed by interment at Henley Road Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of Una's soul. *All are welcome.*

JOHN MCKENNA: John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 16th April at 10 am, followed by interment at Pangbourne Hill Cemetery at 11.30 am. Please pray for the repose of John's soul. *All are welcome.*



EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY , 17 th April THE EASTER TRIDUUM	8 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, including Washing of the Feet, <i>followed by watching until Midnight</i> <i>(Sign-up sheet available in porch)</i>
GOOD FRIDAY , 18 th April <i>A Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	9.30 – 10.30 am	Individual Stations of the Cross outside
	11 am	Stations of the Cross in church followed by Walk of Witness to Tilehurst Triangle
	3 pm	Solemn Liturgy Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY , 19 th April	9 pm	*There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD , 20 th April	8.30 am	
	10.30 am	

LENT CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA

St James: Every Saturday 5 - 5.40 pm

St John Bosco: 8th April 7 - 8 pm

ST JOSEPH'S: 9TH APRIL 7 PM BEGINNING WITH EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AT 6.30 PM

Christ the King: 10th April 7 pm

Our Lady of Peace: 12th April 9 am - 12 noon

English Martyrs: 12th April 9.45 am

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's Parish Passover Supper will be held on Saturday, 12th April at 6.30 pm. Tickets on sale now.

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, 15th April 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, 18th April: 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!*

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.*

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 drop your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, pay via the card reader machine or by bank transfer. *Thank you.*

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-second-collection>

SVP SENIORS' EASTER LUNCH

Please join us in the large hall on Saturday, 26th 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 20th April. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
23RD & 30TH MARCH 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£425.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Loose Plate	£833.32
TOTAL	£1,273.32
Our Lady of Walsingham	£316.83

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 18th 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

Stephen Newbury (Rise Theatre) and the Parish Events Team would like to sincerely thank parishioners for their generosity at the recent Film Fundraiser on 15th March. The event raised a wonderful £1,061.59 towards Rise Theatre's Passion Play performances and for St Joseph's parish. Thank you also to Fr Henry for his support of this event.

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: **Wheetabix,**

packet soups, plain rice for cooking, longlife milk - skimmed and semi skimmed, fruit juice - orange and apple, tuna, pot noodles, custard, rice puddings and honey. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 10th May. Save the date. *More details to follow.*

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 (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*.

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS:

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

LIFE CHARITY SPRING FAYRE

Saturday, 5th April, 11 am - 1 pm at the English Martyrs Church Hall. Charities: LIFE, The Children's Society and Thames Valley Animal Rescue. Stalls: gifts, cards, toiletries, jewellery, plants, toys, bric-a-brac, also Avon, Handicrafts, cakes and more! Tombola, raffle, refreshments and a few children's make-and-take table. Admission free!

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT

Building a Eucharistic Community - A Day of Reflection led by Sr Veronica, OP, on Saturday, 5th April from 10 am - 3.40 pm in the large hall. Mass - Retreat talks - Discussion - Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

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



St Joseph's Tilehurst

**PASSION PLAY IN READING
ON 18TH & 19TH APRIL**

Following last year's success, Rise Theatre CIC, again perform their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens, Reading, on Good Friday, 18th April at 3.30 pm & Saturday 19th 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 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 24th April. *All are welcome.*

