

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28TH APRIL 2024

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 5TH MAY 2024

Saturday, 27 th April	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Colin Joseph – In Thanksgiving
Sunday, 28 th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Pedro & Cathy's intentions Elizabeth Ojeda RIP Syro Malabar
Monday, 29 th April St CATHERINE of SIENA, Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	10 am	Caroline Hurst RIP
Tuesday, 30 th April of the 5th Week of Easter	10 am	Paddy Donohoe RIP
Wednesday, 1 st May of the 5th Week of Easter	9.30 am	Joan O'Brien RIP
Thursday, 2 nd May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church		
Friday, 3 rd May Ss PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles	7 pm	Dionisia Perrini RIP
Saturday, 4 th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 5 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP Lew Yew Choy & Chen Foong Ying 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, Stefan Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

MARGARET WILSON RIP

Margaret knew all of you from the youngest to the oldest. Before her illness, Margaret would always say who she had been talking to at church and what was happening in their lives. I thank everyone who attended or contributed in any way to her wonderful funeral service. It will always stay with me. I give you my heartfelt thanks also to those who sent Mass cards and sympathy cards. You will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers. Please remember Margaret in your prayers. God bless you and all your families.
Willie Wilson.

TRAINING DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Led by the Dominican Sisters: 1st June from 10 am – 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2 EB. Day starts with Mass at 10 am. Bring a packed lunch. *Pastoral area event - open to all catechists.*



Our SVP Conference extends their hand to 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.

DRIVERS

The SVP urgently needs volunteer drivers (men or women) for food centre deliveries in the Reading area. An estate car/small van would be ideal. Membership of the SVP is not required. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer* - [0773 449 9190](tel:07734499190).



TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for all your prayers, donations and support! This week, we are short of pasta sauce, tinned spaghetti hoops, corned beef, tinned/packet soup, small bottles of oil, pot noodles, tinned fruit and baby wipes, 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 foyer 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 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.



QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT: SAT, 11TH MAY
Save the date! Tickets on sale after weekend Masses.

"CREATION AND EVOLUTION. FACT OR FICTION"

On Saturday, 27th April at 7 pm at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi Church, Earley. Please join us for two captivating presentations. The first, led by Hugh Owen, delves into the timeless teachings of the Catholic Church regarding genesis as elucidated by the Councils, Fathers, and Doctors of the Church. The second talk led by Greg Clovis unveils the latest cutting-edge scientific discoveries questioning the evolution Hypothesis. Tea and coffee will be served. *See poster for more details.*

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER



With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [Calling for action with your parish during general election 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk) for more information, including an online session on Saturday, 4th May to learn more. CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, provides practical support to people and communities in need around the world. But as part of its mission CAFOD also encourages Catholics in England and Wales to respond to the call of the Church to promote the common good. We are all invited to play our part in creating the social conditions necessary to build a world that reflects the Kingdom of God. Thank you once again for your support and encouragement as we work together to improve the lives of people both in our local community, and in the wider world. With best wishes and prayers, *Colette Byrne, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Liverpool and North Wales.*

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.

DONA CARD MACHINE

MORE FUNDS available for contactless card donations. The card machine shows 4 funds. Please use the 'Next' button to show more funds. Funds available for selection include Sunday Offering, Second Collection (e.g. Clergy Training), Repository, Current Event (e.g. Quiz night), Tea/Coffee (for Divine Mercy), SVP and Foodbank.

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.

THE LITURGY PROJECT FORMATION DAYS

At St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX: A Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday, 4th May 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. A Day for Readers: Saturday, 19th October 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. More information can be found on the advertising poster in church porch. Please R.S.V.P. to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk