


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 13TH APRIL 2025

| MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 13 TH APRIL – 29 TH APRIL 2025 | | |
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| Saturday, 12 th April of the 5 th Week of Lent | 9 am | Rosary & Exposition |
| | 10 am | |
| | 10.30 am | Confessions |
| | 11 am | Funeral: Una Grant RIP |
| | 5 pm Vigil | Don O'Sullivan RIP |
| PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord, 13 th April | 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 |
| Monday, 14 th April of HOLY WEEK | 10 am | Terry Clarke RIP |
| Tuesday, 15 th April of HOLY WEEK | 10 am | The Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral at 11 am |
| [Spy] Wednesday, 16 th April of HOLY WEEK | 9.30 am 10 am | Funeral: John McKenna RIP |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17 th April | 8 pm | For Vocations |
| GOOD FRIDAY, 18 th April | 9.30 – 10.30 am | Stations of the Cross <i>outside</i> |
| | 11 am | Stations of the Cross <i>in church</i> |
| | 3 pm | Solemn Liturgy |
| HOLY SATURDAY, 19 th April | 4 – 6.30 pm | Syro Malabar Easter Mass |
| | 9 pm Vigil | People of the parish |
| EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 20 th April | 8.30 am | People of the parish |
| | 10.30 am | People of the parish |

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>

R.I.P.

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 cremation 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

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| MAUNDY THURSDAY, 17th April THE EASTER TRIDUUM | 8 pm | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, including Washing of the Feet, <i>followed by watching until Midnight. Sign-up sheet available in porch.</i> |
| GOOD FRIDAY, 18th 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, 19th April | 9 pm | <i>*There will be no 5 pm Vigil Mass*</i> |
| 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
Our Lady of Peace: 12th April 9 am - 12 noon
English Martyrs: 12th April 9.45 am

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 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.*

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 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.*

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:
5TH/6TH APRIL 2025**

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| Gift Aid (envelopes) | £284.00 |
| Planned Giving (envelopes) | £5.00 |
| Loose Plate | £369.47 |
| TOTAL | £658.47 |

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

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.

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.

The Parish office will be closed next Tuesday, 15th April.

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS:

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

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



**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.*



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.*

CAR PARK

Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to park your car in the church car park for an extended period of time so that we are aware who is on site. *Thank you.*

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20th - 22nd June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 729 6983.

**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.