

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) – 24TH MARCH 2024

“The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem”.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week of the year - the week that changed the world! By the close of today's long Passion Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.



EASTER TRIDUUM

GOOD FRIDAY will be on 29th March: A Day of Fasting and Abstinence which is mandatory on Good Friday. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is upon us. Please join the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection (details below). **Fr Jude.**

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH 2024

Saturday, 23 rd March	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Vidot François RIP
Sunday, 24 th March PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord <i>(Note: 10.30 am parishioners please assemble in the large hall for Palm Sunday procession)</i>	8.30 am	Marianna RIP
	10.30 am*	Chen Foong Ying & Leun Yew Choy RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 25 th March of HOLY WEEK	10 am	Leszek Wlasak RIP
Tuesday, 26 th March of HOLY WEEK		<i>Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</i>
[Spy] Wednesday, 27 th March of HOLY WEEK	9.30 am 10 am	Lucia Fernandes – In Thanksgiving <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
MAUNDY THURSDAY, 28th March THE EASTER TRIDUUM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper including washing of feet followed by watching until Midnight (<i>Sign-up sheet available in porch</i>)	8 pm	Thanksgiving for the Priesthood
GOOD FRIDAY, 29th March A Day of Fasting & Abstinence	11 am	Stations of the Cross led by Fr Jude outside, <i>weather-permitting</i> , or inside the church, if necessary
	11.45 am	Walk of Witness with St Catherine's parishioners to Tilehurst Triangle
	3 pm	Solemn Liturgy Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, 30th March * <i>There will be no 5.30 pm Vigil Mass *</i>	4 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Vigil
	8 pm	People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, 31st March	8.30 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	People of the Parish

Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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.



British Summer Time begins: Clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1 am next Sunday, 31st March.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
16TH/17TH MARCH 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£164.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£342.44
TOTAL	£516.94

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.

MARGARET WILSON RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Margaret Wilson who died last Friday, 15th March. Margaret's Funeral details will follow. *Please pray for the repose of Margaret's soul.*



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

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*

**SVP SENIOR CITIZEN'S
EASTER LUNCHEON CELEBRATION**

Saturday, 13th April from 1 - 3.30 pm
Please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch by 7th April. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.



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 for Veneration of the Cross. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.*

CAKE SALE

A cake sale will take place on Sunday, 7th April after each Mass. Proceeds will go to support the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank.

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. 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, 31st March. Tickets will be on sale in the small hall after weekend Masses. Proceeds in support of the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

This week, we are short of whole milk, instant mashed potato, custard, and small bottles of oil, jam, ketchup and mayonnaise. Envelopes with cash donations marked with your name, Gift Aid number and "FOODBANK" can be placed in the collection basket or the Parish Office, 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 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land – 29th March 2024. Place your offering in the collection basket on Good Friday, use your envelopes, the card reader or the link to the Give As You Live page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land> (admin fee incurred). *Thank you for your donations!*

EASTER COLLECTION

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, the card reader or online: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2024> (Admin fee incurred).

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, 26th March at 11 am in the Cathedral. There will no Mass here at St Joseph's on that day.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, 7th April at 2.30 pm here at St Joseph's. See poster on noticeboard. *All welcome.*