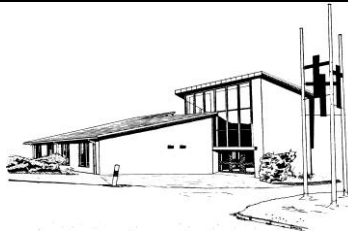


# NEWSLETTER FOR ST JOSEPH'S, TILEHURST



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Registered Charity No. 246871

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

### **Easter Triduum:**

**GOOD FRIDAY** will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April - A day of **Fasting and Abstinence**, which is *mandatory* on Good Friday. Holy Week and the Easter Triduum is upon us, and I encourage you to join the three celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection (*details below*).

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <i>Watching until Midnight</i>	The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(including blessing of all welcomers, musicians and readers and the commissioning and re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers)</i>	8 pm
<b>Good Friday</b> <i>(Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence)</i>	Stations of the Cross followed by Walk of Witness to The Triangle Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	11 am  3 pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b> <i>in the Holy Night</i>	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	9 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	The Lord is Risen!	8.30 am & 10.30 am

### REMAINING LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm	St James'
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### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30 am	Jack & Theresa Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Brendan Ceiron Ryce RIP
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>CHRISM MASS AT PORTSMOUTH - 11 AM</b>	
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	11.30 am	Stations of the Cross
	12 noon	Donal & Maureen English's Intentions
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> , 18 <sup>th</sup> April	8 pm	Thanksgiving for the Priesthood
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> , 19 <sup>th</sup> April	11 am	Stations of the Cross, followed by Walk of Witness to the Triangle
	3 pm	Solemn Liturgy
	4 - 6 pm	Syro Malabar Easter Mass
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> , 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8.30 am	People of the Parish
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> , 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30 am	People of the Parish
	<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> Saturday: 9.20 am followed by 10 am Mass	
<b>ROSARY &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>		Saturday: Following 10 am Mass
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"		

## COLLECTION FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

Gift Aid (Envelopes)	£228.50
Planned Giving (Envelopes)	£44.00
Loose Plate	£377.97
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	£32.00
Clergy Assistance Fund	£26.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£83.50
Donation (Toddler Group)	£50.00
Candles	£43.51
Mass Stole Fees	£70.00
DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal (CAFOD)	£703.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,659.21</b>
<b><u>RUNNING TOTALS</u></b>	
TF3 (CAFOD)	£15.00
TF4 (Parish Events)	£151.69
TF9 ("On Fire!")	£1,722.36
First Holy Communion Subs	£825.00
Lenten Alms/Appeal	£907.23
Lent Fast Day (CAFOD)	748.24
DEC Cyclone Idai Appeal (CAFOD)	£703.73

### COLLECTIONS

Please note that there will be a collection on Good Friday in support of the Holy Places.

There will also be an Easter Collection next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>/Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. By tradition, your offerings at Easter are for the personal use of the Clergy, and form a significant part of their annual income. Thank you for your generosity.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Nora Colley, Dick O'Brien, Sheila Robinson, Ellen Knox, Pat Togher, Bernadette Smeesters, Gerard Tomas, Lya Turner, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Mary Hoban, Rita Boyce, Wendy Kelly, Mary O'Shea, Jean Trott, Stefen Griffiths, Tessie Joyce, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Michael O'Connell & Carmela Garzia.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

### REMINDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

- Counters:  
T Clarke and J Horton.
- Mass readers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – M Livingston.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – M Tomas.  
10.30 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading – G Heenan.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – A Archer.  
**Eucharistic Ministers\*\*:**  
8.30 am  
T Parnell, D Cathrew & M Ogbuagu.  
10.30 am  
M Fernandes, M Nevin & M Keep.
- Eucharistic Minister - Oakwood Ward:**  
C Fearn.

**\*\*Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: Will you kindly note that due to constant swapping around of dates, the accuracy of the above names cannot be guaranteed. Thank you\*\*.**

## CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER

The Church will be cleaned for Easter on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10 am. Any help from parishioners would be most welcome. "Many hands make light work!".

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday Prayer Group will meet again on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 am at St Catherine's. *All are welcome.*

### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us for tea & coffee which is served in the large hall after 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. *All are most welcome.*



### **RICHARD BRENDAN REYNOLDS RIP (KNOWN AS BRENDAN)**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Brendan Reynolds who died recently. Brendan's coffin will be received into St Joseph's Church at 7 pm on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and the Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, followed by a burial at Reading Cemetery. *All are welcome.*



### **ALFRED TURNER RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Alfred Turner who died recently. Please remember Alfred and his family in your prayers. Alfred's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon here at St Joseph's, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium. *All are welcome.*



### **(MARY) THERESA KERRIGAN RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Theresa Kerrigan who died recently. Please remember Theresa and her family in your prayers. Theresa's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon here at St Joseph's, followed by committal at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Holy Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'patient led'. Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle. Mobile: 0739 189 6559. RBH: 0118 322 7105.* Sunday Mass 4 pm. Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

### CHRISM MASS

NO MASS or Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, due to the Chrism Mass. The Mass of the Oils will take place on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Cathedral, Portsmouth at 11 am. All are invited to join the diocesan family with Bishop Philip and priests of the diocese.

### 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 during the Solemn Liturgy. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.*

### **VOCATION SEEKER EVENING**

At the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41 - 43 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. (Easy access via road, train & bus). Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: *Fr. John Cooke - vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is a Prayer Request box in the church porch into which you are invited to place any intentions that you may have. Each week during one of the Masses, Fr Peter will pray especially for those intentions. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY IN THE BOX.**

### **ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE**

In preparation for the Holy Week ceremonies, there will be an Altar Servers' practice on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> after midday Mass. If you want to serve, then you must attend, as the ceremonies are completely different from any other time of the year. If you are not present and I don't hear from you, then I will presume that you are unavailable. *Mike Tomas - 0770 803 2743.*

### **BROWN SCAPULAR**

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, Earley, parish has successfully started preparations to receive the Brown Scapular this summer. The course is led by one of the Carmelites Friars from Oxford - Fr Kevin. We would like to invite anyone interested to the next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.10 pm in our church in Dominic Barberi Room. For more information please contact *Parish Office on 0118 966 3711.*

### **CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS**

The Federation of St Martin's and St Anne's Primary Schools seeks applications for the role of Clerk to the Governors. Please see our advert at [www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk](http://www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk) and request an application form from *Jacqueline Campbell (School Business Manager)* at [bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk), or by phoning 0118 937 5597.

### **DROP-IN CENTRE & PARISH SVP**

Thank you very much to everyone for your most generous donations to the April Drop-in Centre and the parish SVP collection. Your donations were very much appreciated by those who received them. The next collection will be, as always, on the first Sunday of the month - 5<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you very much for your continued support with this collection. *Margaret Bailie.*

### **ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office will close on Maundy Thursday at 12.30 pm, and re-open again on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am.

### **LET THERE BE LIGHT**

Reading Showcase cinema will be showing an inspirational Christian film LET THERE BE LIGHT from Good Friday. Do try and see it during the Easter Bank Holiday as it may then get a second week. For details [www.thechristianfilmreview.com](http://www.thechristianfilmreview.com). See poster in church porch.

### **SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

- Would you like to be a member of the Reading Branch of the above organisation and attend our meetings and other events?
- Join the peaceful vigils that are held on the first Saturday of each month at 9.00 am when prayers are said outside the British Pregnancy Advisory Service Abortion Clinic at 121 London Street, Reading, RG1 4QA?
- Be a parish representative for the Reading Branch.
- If you do not wish to attend the meetings, then you can, if you wish, become an activist, i.e., helping with delivering leaflets, coffee mornings and such like.
- If you cannot do any of the above then it will be a big help if you can please pray for the babies and their parents.
- We meet at the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Earley, from 8.15 - 9.30 pm once a month on a Tuesday.

If you have any queries about the above or would like to join then please telephone me, *Mary Holland*, on 0118 926 8860 or email me on [antoinette.holland@virginmedia.com](mailto:antoinette.holland@virginmedia.com).

### **PARISH LENTEN APPEAL**

Our Lenten Appeal is in support of the Divine Mercy Centre in Bamenda. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you are a Gift Aider, please write your Gift Aid number on the envelope, and place it into any collection plate over the coming Lenten weekends. *Thank you.*

### **ST JOSEPH'S JOURNAL - 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION**

The next edition of the journal will be available at Easter. In order to offset the high cost of production, it has been necessary to introduce a charge of 50p per copy. Please take a copy and place your donation in the money box provided. *Thank you.*

### **GIFT AID/PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020**

Gift Aid envelopes are now available in the church porch for the new financial year. Please ensure that you collect your individual box. Thank you for your ongoing donations - they are much appreciated. Even if you donate by Direct Debit or Standing Order, please take your box which contains envelopes for special collections.

### **PARISH/SVP EASTER LUNCH**

The Senior Citizens' Easter Lunch this year will take place on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Would you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Let us know if you have a specific dietary requirement and also if you require transport. The event will start at 1 pm and finish approximately 4.30 pm. Pick-up time for those requiring transport will be approximately 12.30 pm.



***Please note that there is now a designated wheelchair area in our church, situated beside the choir.***