

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 5TH MAY 2024

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 5TH MAY – SUNDAY, 12TH MAY 2024

Saturday, 4 th May	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
Monday, 6 th May of the 6th Week of Easter <i>21st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i>	10 am	Theresa Mathew RIP
Tuesday, 7 th May of the 6th Week of Easter	10 am	O J Cherian RIP
Wednesday, 8 th May of the 6th Week of Easter	9.30 am	Gregory Sakaria RIP
Thursday, 9 th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD , solemnity <i>A Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10 am 7 pm	Kay Morrin RIP Leszek Wlasak RIP
Friday, 10 th May of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension	7 pm	Renato de Franciscis RIP
Saturday, 11 th May of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension	10.30 am 5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	<i>First Confessions</i> Confessions Kath & Michael Conroy RIP
Sunday, 12 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Lindamira Stephens RIP Margaret Wilson RIP Syro Malabar

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.

CONFIRMATION 2023-24

Please keep in your prayers our seven Confirmation candidates: Hindolo, Isaiah, Kaitlyn, Sophia, Alryk, Nicolas and Jacob. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral this Sunday, 5th May at 3 pm.




St Paul's school is anxious to always provide good quality Bibles for our children to use in class, but budget constraints have made this very difficult. We know that everyone's finances are constrained at present but wondered if any families would consider 'sponsoring' a Bible. The edition we use is the Good News Bible Catholic Edition, it costs £16. We would be delighted to place a dedication inside the front cover as a lasting memory of your gift. If you are able to make such a donation please place cash or a cheque to St Paul's Catholic Primary School in an envelope, addressed to the school, in the normal weekend collection.

PENTECOST: FOREIGN LANGUAGE BIDDING PRAYERS

We are looking for parishioners at 5.30 pm and 8.30 am Masses for Pentecost (18th/19th May) who might like to read a Bidding prayer in their own native language (not English). We have volunteers for 10.30 am Mass already, but if you would like to read at 5.30 pm or 8.30 am Mass, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday, 8th May and leave your contact details.

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* -  Jack.Ewins@svp.org.uk or call 0773 449 9190.


QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT: SAT. 11TH MAY

Starts at 6.45 pm. Tickets in advance only. £10/person. Choice of Fish and Chips or Vegetarian Pasty and chips. Please bring your own drinks.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

 Many thanks for all your prayers, donations and support! This week we are short of pasta sauce, tinned/packet soup, instant mash, tinned fruit, apple/orange juice, rice pudding, small jars of coffee and small bags of sugar, 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. 

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.

NEXT MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 10 AM MASS WILL BE THE MASS OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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), 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*.

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS

Caritas Portsmouth is hosting Sue Carter from the Alzheimer's Society, to run a Dementia Friends



Information Session for anyone interested in hosting a Dementia Café, looking to make their parish more Dementia Friendly or just want to know more to support people in their family or community. The session will be held online on Tuesday, 21st May at 7 pm. Please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/4ysur27w>. For more information please contact us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

SECOND COLLECTIONS: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - 12TH MAY 2024

Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? You can read the full message here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message>. Please place your offering into the collection plate, via the Parish Office, card reader, bank transfer or via the online link which incurs an admin fee: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024> The Second Collection for World Communications Day assists the Church to support this theme and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

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.