

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 18TH FEBRUARY 2024 (YEAR B)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY

Sunday, 18 th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerry Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am*	Rosa Forestiero RIP
Monday, 19 th February of the 1st Week of Lent	10.30 am	Edith Westley RIP
Tuesday, 20 th February of the 1st Week of Lent	10.30 am	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
	1 pm	Funeral: Leszek Wlasak RIP
Wednesday, 21 st February of the 1st Week of Lent	11 am	Funeral: Tony Chaplin RIP
Thursday, 22 nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, feast	9.30 am	Tony Chaplin RIP
Friday, 23 rd February of the 1st Week of Lent	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar Way of the Cross
	7 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday, 24 th February of the 1st Week of Lent		
Sunday, 25 th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	5 pm (Vigil)	Judith & Ricky's intentions
	8.30 am	Madge McNulty RIP
	10.30 am*	Leszek Wlasak RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Saturdays
+ Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. *All are welcome.*

Confessions are available after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

The church will be open for private prayer on Mon & Tue from 8.30 am until after morning Mass.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Thursday, *every other week.*

Fr Jude is available for appointments: Wed between 11 am – 1 pm or telephone on Mon, Tue or Wed.



R.I.P.

The parish offers condolences to the families of:

JIM DEMPSEY whose Requiem Mass was celebrated last Thursday, 15th February at English Martyrs Church.

LESZEK WLASAK who died on Sunday, 21st January. Leszek's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20th February at 1 pm followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard.

TONY CHAPLIN who died on 25th January. Tony's body will be received into the church on Tuesday, 20th February at 4.30 pm followed by his Funeral Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 21st February at 11 am.

CHRISTINA RAYMOND whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, 27th February at 2 pm followed by committal at Reading Crematorium.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
10TH/11TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£177.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£454.16
TOTAL	£641.66
Running Totals	
Cathedral Fund	£437.37

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.

During Lent: If you have unwanted prayer cards or prayer books, please leave them in the box in the church porch. We will make them available to anyone else who might like them. If nobody wants them, we will burn them at the end of Lent. This is the appropriate way to dispose of old prayer books.

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

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Come together to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips' home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Attendance is flexible. Contact *Aline* on 0790 456 9437 if you would like to attend and to hear more about the prayer group and meeting location.



THE LITURGY PROJECT

We are pleased to announce two training days at St Bede's, Basingstoke as follows: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday, 4th May. Readers – Saturday, 19th October. Both days will run from 9.30 am - 2.30 pm and will include a sandwich lunch. Please enrol now if you would like to by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Friday, 23rd February 2024, 7.15 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall. Tickets £6 each person. If members of St Joseph's want to take part, they can do so at half price (£3 per person). Maximum team 6 per table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For tickets ring 0780 921 4015.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES – SEE LINK BELOW

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>



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

The SVP Conference here at St Joseph's extend their hand in 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

!!DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Parish Passover Supper on Saturday, 23rd March at 7 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:
FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at CAFOD - Catholic international development charity and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. *Thank you.*



TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Thank you for all your prayers, donations and support! We are short of long life semi skimmed milk, instant coffee (small jars), marmite, peanut butter and tinned rice pudding, so would appreciate donations of these items. Envelopes with cash donations, your name, Gift Aid no. and "FOODBANK", written on top can be placed in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can use 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 Foley* 0776 925 1747.

C.I.R.D.I.C. CLOTHING DONATIONS

Clothing donations for CIRDIC are welcome on the 1st Sunday of every month. Place items behind the repository or in the crying room, for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer, formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer, will be held on Friday, 1st March. There will be no service in Tilehurst on that day, but there will be one at the Salvation Army, Castle Hill, Reading, at 10.30 am. A Tilehurst service will be held at St Catherine's Church on Wednesday, 13th March at 7.30 pm to which everyone is invited.

**Proposed changes to Mass times
starting from 1st March 2024:**

Monday & Tuesday	10 am	
Wednesday	9.30 am	Attended by St Paul's School children
		Stations of the Cross after Mass during Lent
Thursday	No Mass	Fr Jude's day off
Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross after Mass during Lent
Saturday	5.30 pm	Confessions at 5 pm

Before 1st March (i.e. as now):

Monday and Tuesday Mass at 10.30 am
 Wednesday Mass at 10.30 am,
 Stations of the Cross before Mass (on 28th February)
 Wednesday, 21st Feb Funeral Mass at 11 am,
 no Stations of the Cross
 Thursday Mass at 9.30 am (every other week)
 Friday No Mass (Fr Jude's day off);
 Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on 16th and 23rd Feb
 Saturday: Evening Mass at 5 pm as usual