

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 25TH FEBRUARY 2024 (YEAR B)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY - SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH

Saturday, 24 th February	5 pm (Vigil)	Judith & Ricky's intentions
Sunday, 25 th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Madge McNulty RIP
	10.30 am*	Leszek Wlasak RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 26 th February of the 2nd Week of Lent	10.30 am	Patrick Donohue RIP
Tuesday, 27 th February of the 2nd Week of Lent	10.30 am	Peg Aspell RIP
	2 pm	Funeral: Christina Raymond RIP
Wednesday, 28 th February of the 2nd Week of Lent	10 am	Stations of the Cross
	10.30 am	Renato de Franciscis RIP
Thursday, 29 th February of the 2nd Week of Lent		
Friday, 1 st March ST DAVID , Religious, Bishop	5.30 pm	Syro Malabar Way of the Cross
	7 pm	Edith Westley RIP
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 2 nd March of the 2nd Week of Lent	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 3 rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP
	10.30 am*	Special intention
	1.30 pm	Syro Malabar retreat

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 for Lent: Tuesday, 12th March at 6.45 pm

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

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 family of:

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 Christina's soul.*

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*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
17TH/18TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£237.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£427.37
TOTAL	£674.37
Running Totals	
Cathedral Fund	£437.37
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£97.50

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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Come to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips' home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Contact Aline on 0790 456 9437 for further details.



NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th – 18th March at St Joseph's, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach and for the intentions of all who support their work. Masses are at 10 am each day (except Sunday at 11 am) and are available to follow on Zoom via the website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. You are invited to send in your petitions which will be placed at St Joseph's Altar during the Novena. Please write to Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ. Donations to the Society's work are gratefully received. Please make cheques payable to Charity for St Joseph's Missionary Society. Thank you. Also available on Zoom will be the Novena prayer recited daily at 6 pm. This prayer will be available as an attachment to next week's newsletter so that we can offer a Novena for our own personal intentions. A few hard copies will be available.



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.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:
FRI, 23RD FEB – 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Give today using the envelope or online at CAFOD - Catholic international development charity and please join us in praying that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. *Thank you.*



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Come and join your Reading Catholic community on a walking tour through our historic churches with hymns and history at every stop. All to raise funds for Cafod's Lent campaign for the world's poorest and most marginalised. Start will be gathering at St Anne's Caversham at 10.15 am on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, via St James, Reading Abbey, St William of York, Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi, and ending at Christ the King. Total walking time 2 hours. You are free to join and leave at any stop. It is a whole lot of fun and does a whole lot of good! If there is a lot of interest from Tilehurst, there is a potential of a mini Camino Ingles from St James to the Cuning Man pub <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk>

**PASSOVER SUPPER – SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH**

Tickets will be on sale after the Saturday/Sunday Masses from this weekend until 17<sup>th</sup> March. Adults £6, school age children £3, family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch. *Book early as numbers are limited.*

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Thank you for all your prayers, donations and support! We are short of toothpaste, sugar (small packs), marmite, honey and tinned rice pudding, so would appreciate donations of these items. Envelopes with cash donations, your name, Gift Aid number and "FOODBANK", written on top, can be added to the collection basket or given to 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 0776 925 1747 or Alan 0790 569 5041.

**C.I.R.D.I.C. MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS**

Donations to C.I.R.D.I.C. of clean and wearable clothes, underclothes and footwear for Adult Men (*not women or children*) are welcome on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the church porch and post it to your MP urgently in support of the abortion time limit reduction amendment!

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm to which everyone is invited.