



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PASTORAL AREA
 St Joseph's | Christ the King | St John Bosco |
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St Joseph's Church

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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ALL SAINTS – SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Saturday, 31 st October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 1 st November ALL SAINTS , solemnity	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP (1 of 7)
	*10.30 am	Michael & Lavinia Fernandes – for good health & safe travels
Monday, 2 nd November Commemoration of ALL SOULS	10 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	7 pm	P O Joseph RIP
Tuesday, 3 rd November St Martin de Porres , Religious	10 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP (2 of 7)
Wednesday, 4 th November St Charles Borromeo , Bishop	9.30 am	John O'Shea RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday, 5 th November	NO MASS	
Friday, 6 th November	6 pm	First Friday Devotion
	7 pm	Wendy Kelly RIP (Foundation Mass)
Saturday, 7 th November St Willibrord , Bishop	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP (Foundation Mass)
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Baby Jeswin Jerry RIP
Sunday, 8 th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday	8.30 am	John Cummins RIP
	*10.30 am	Deceased members of Aline's family RIP

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>



This weekend, we celebrate Bamenda Sunday and our special link with Bamenda dating back to 1974. In the early years, priests from here helped a new diocese to set down strong roots enabling it to grow and flourish. Now we welcome priests from Bamenda who serve in parishes across the diocese.

You can find out more about this partnership in the Bamenda newsletter: [Interior Plants Dark Green Simple Newsletter Template](#). Please donate as generously as you can - your support transforms lives. You

can donate online, set up a direct debit or standing order or by BACS (CDP Bamenda Commission. Account No: 00867633 Sort Code: 30-93-04). Please Gift Aid if you pay enough tax, as this gives a further 25% with no cost to you - or donate via the Bamenda Sunday collection held in our parish. *Thank you.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
31ST OCTOBER/1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£475.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£361.77
TOTAL	£856.77

Donate to our parish by bank transfer thus avoiding admin fees: A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

APF/MISSIO

It's time to open the Red boxes again. Please hand your box into the Sacristy or the Parish Office (office hours only). If that's not convenient, please contact me. The deadline is 15th December; any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2026 accounts. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church. *Mike Tomas, APf/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna, Pat, Cameron.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle tickets are available before and after all Masses this weekend. It would be wonderful if all parishioners could consider taking at least 5 books to sell to family, neighbours and friends. Stubs, money and unsold tickets can be returned to the Parish Office. All income from the Christmas Raffle and Fair will go towards improving our heating system in the church. *Thank you in advance for your help with tickets.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR
- SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER

We are looking for volunteers to make festive gifts and treats for sale at the fair. We also welcome all offers of help at the fair as well. If you are willing to help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch. *Thank you!*



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

Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No. 46075070, 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

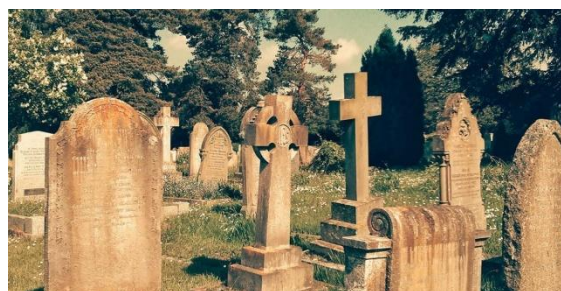
DRIVERS: The SVP urgently needs volunteer drivers (men or women) for food centre deliveries in the Reading area. An estate car/small van would be ideal. Membership of the SVP is not required. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer - 0773 449 9190.*

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 12th December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

This week, we are short of tinned hot dogs, meatballs, tinned spaghetti hoops, semi-skimmed milk, coffee, sugar, peanut butter and washing up liquid. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. *Many thanks.*



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER	
Mayes Lane Cemetery	3 pm
SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER	
Henley Road Cemetery	2 pm
SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER	
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER	
St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm

[Image: Office Holidays]



NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS

The following seven designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Sunday, 1 st	8.30 am
Tuesday, 3 rd	10 am
Tuesday, 10 th	10 am
Saturday, 14 th	10 am
Monday, 16 th	10 am
Saturday, 21 st	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	10 am

There will be a basket in front of the Altar to receive your Mass intentions for your departed loved ones. Please place your intention and offering in the basket before the beginning of Mass.

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 29th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which will be available in the church porch soon.



Gifts that make a difference

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue available in the church porch.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Sessions run from September - Easter. If you would like to find out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for Youth Group volunteers to help and support our parish youth group which meets every Wednesday 6.30 pm, during term-time. If you are interested in supporting our young people, please speak to Fr Henry after Mass.



Bishop Philip invites us to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire about our Holy Habits and the diocesan plan. By sharing your experience, you will be actively contributing to the growth and development of the

Diocese and helping him discern how the Lord is at work. It will take only a few minutes. Please scan the QR code or Ctrl+Click to follow link:

[Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Mission Plan survey 2026](#)

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays | 8.45 – 11.30 am | large hall | term-time only. *All are welcome.*



!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



Every first and third Tuesday | small room at the back of church | 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, 16th December beginning at 6.30 pm, with individual confessions at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

LAY LEADERS CONFERENCE - SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses, the Lay Leaders Conference will take place on Saturday, 21st November the Solent Hotel Whiteley near Southampton and run from 9 - 3.30 pm. It will offer an opportunity to share experiences, explore fresh ideas and consider how clergy and laity can work together to strengthen our parishes and bring more people to know Jesus Christ. As we look to the future of our Diocese, we want as many people as possible to be part of this important conversation. Whether you are involved with liturgy, catechesis, pastoral councils, outreach or any other aspect of parish life, this conference is for you. See the flyer in the church porch for full details of the day and how to book your place. There is no charge for attending, though you will need to register in advance: [Lay leaders conference 21 November 2026 registration form](#)

RELATIVES IN HOSPITAL?



In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we have a number of major hospitals. It is crucially important that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. One suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a call from the family to the ward, making the request. Hospital staff are often under immense pressure and a person's religious details and requests may be overlooked. Let us pray for all the medical staff who are caring for the sick – and also for our magnificent chaplains in their irreplaceable work. Let us pray too that no Catholic dies without the sacramental care of Mother Church. [Image: Royal Berkshire NHS]

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)



For further information about St Paul's Primary School Open Days on **5th November at 11 am**, 18th November at 1.45 pm and 8th December at 9 am, please contact the School Office on 0118 942 2003, or speak to *Michael Robinson* after 10.30 am Mass.