

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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CORPUS CHRISTI [THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST] – SUNDAY, 2ND JUNE 2024

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND JUNE – SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2024

Saturday, 1 st June	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 2 nd June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]	8.30 am 10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP Kitty O'Carroll RIP
Monday, 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	10 am	Maura McNeill RIP
Tuesday, 4 th June	10 am	Catherine Carolan RIP
Wednesday, 5 th June St Boniface, Religious & Martyr	9.30 am	Margaret & Denis Froud RIP
Thursday, 6 th June		
Friday, 7 th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity	7 pm	Billy Flynn RIP
Saturday, 8 th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary, memorial	5 pm 5.30 pm (Vigil)	Confessions Patrick & Kathleen Shaughnessy RIP
Sunday, 9 th June TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am 4 pm	Romano Rato RIP Peter Mooney RIP Syro Malabar

Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:

<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.

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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 McMahan, 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*.



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.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
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Turning Concern into Action

Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations 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 - 0773 449 9190*.

SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [A Year of Encounter: Call for action with your parish at the general election \(cafod.org.uk\)](#) or [2024 UK General Election: Using our Catholic voice | St Vincent de Paul Society \(svp.org.uk\)](#) for more information.



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MISSION MASS FOR MISSIO



Missio supporters, volunteers and the wider Catholic community are invited to come together in prayer for the Global Church at Christ the King Church, Northumberland Avenue, Reading on Tuesday, 4th June at 7 pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Innaiah Maddineni, Diocesan Director for Missio and followed by refreshments and a chance to learn more about the work of Missio and the Red Box. *All are welcome.*

RED BOX APPEAL MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr Joseph Thangaraj Balaswamy MHM to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young or in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. *Mike Tomas - APF Secretary.*

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for all your prayers, donations and support! This week we are short of **Cornflakes/Weetabix, instant mashed potato, marmite, long life milk, tinned fruit, apple/orange juice, small bags of sugar and rice pudding**, so would greatly appreciate donations of any 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.



L.I.S. DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH ON ZOOM

7 Sessions starting Thursdays, 6th June – 18th July from 7.30 – 9 pm Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 29th June starting 9.30 am with Mass until 1 pm. Adoration at 8.30 am. Tea & coffee provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. Please register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZllf--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcwy7lzHwq87dG> Free to all – Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISportsmouthLIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

LADIES NIGHT

Wednesday, 19th June. Meet from 7.30 pm. All welcome! Come for a chat and meet new people. Venue to be confirmed - weather dependent! See newsletter/announcement on 16th June. For more information, see Sue Collier, Ann Epps, Siobhan Newbury or send a message to the Parish Office. If you don't like arriving on your own, please let us know and we'll sort it! Join our Whatsapp Group for up to date info.

TRAINING DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Led by the Dominican Sisters: 1st June from 10 am – 4 pm at the English Martyrs Church, 64 Liebenrod Road, Reading, RG30 2EB. Day starts with Mass at 10 am. Bring a packed lunch. Pastoral area event - open to all catechists.

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC AND SALE
SUNDAY, 23RD JUNE

Starting after 10.30 am Mass in hall/gardens. All welcome. Please bring your lunch and a picnic blanket. Hot drinks available. Ice cream van will visit. Volunteers to help with games please! Contact Sue Collier. Stalls selling cakes, plants, homemade cards, quality unwanted gifts. Donations and volunteers wanted. Please contact Eileen Kerrigan.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Bishop Philip invites all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join him for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday, 7th September at 2 pm. If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, be sure to save the date! If you would like to attend, please contact your Parish Office or email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

"This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

Michael Ogbuagu writes:

Now that the dark days of CoVid and all its restrictions are behind us, we must all now endeavour to consciously return to the practice of the time-honoured customs and traditions of our beautiful Catholic faith which are deserving of being preserved and passed onto future generations. I am referring specifically to the Eucharistic ritual of the 'Sign of Peace'.

The earliest description of the inclusion of this custom in the Mass goes as far back as 155 AD in the liturgy of St Justin Martyr, the second-century Church Father. "When we have completed the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss". "The kiss is a sign that our souls are united and that we have no remembrance of animus or ill-will". In today's liturgy of the Latin rite of the Roman Novus Ordo Mass, a 'Sign of Peace' offered in the form of a handshake extended to those in one's immediate proximity is considered appropriate. This is the current recommendation of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). It is and always has been a beautiful part of the celebration of Holy Mass. Respectfully, Michal Ogbuagu – R.C.I.A. Catechist.

R.C.I.A.

Are you in a quandary about the 'meaning of life'? Have you got faith related questions? Christ and His's Church have answers. Are you or someone you know searching? Catholic curious? Perhaps you were baptised into another christian denomination or maybe you have had absolutely no exposure to Christianity whatsoever. Then the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) might be for you. Come and dip your toe in the proverbial "...living water..." of the Church of Jesus Christ. No obligation.

S.P.U.C.

Brethren, changes to our criminal laws are planned. Labour MP Diana Johnson, has proposed an amendment to remove abortion entirely from the criminal law framework, which will remove all safeguards protecting both lives involved in pregnancy. Should the clause become law, it would become legal for a woman to choose to end her pregnancy at any stage up to full-term (birth). In addition to the obvious risk to the unborn and the complete disregard for the dignity of human life, this proposal ignores the significant potential risk of complications likely to be incurred by women seeking to procure dangerous late-term partial birth abortions. A debate is scheduled for 4/6/24. Please dear parishioners, kindly pray for the protection of the UNBORN.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
DAY FOR LIFE – 16TH JUNE

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The collection funds the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. *Please give generously.*



GOD CALLS US ALL
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

'Come Away With Me' Retreat *Mark 6:31*

We are inviting all young adults (18 - 35'ish) to a Summer Retreat Day with the theme:

"God's Call to Missionary Discipleship and Living Our Vocation"

Saturday 8th June 2024 at 10.30am

St Philip Howard Church/Hall, Fareham, PO14 1ND

Talks, testimony, prayer and fellowship.

After our Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm we will close the retreat day with an evening meal.

Booking required. For information please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

www.portsmouthvocations.org

