

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 2ND AUGUST 2026

Saturday, 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguori , Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Ann Widdecombe RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 2 nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Private intention
	*10.30 am	Beatrice Pinto RIP
Monday, 3 rd August	10 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 4 th August St John Vianney, Priest	10 am	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday, 5 th August	9.30 am	
Thursday, 6 th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10 am	
Friday, 7 th August St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions , Martyrs	6 pm	First Friday Devotion Exposition
	7 pm	
Saturday, 8 th August St Dominic , Founder	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 9 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Gert Podlowska, Stanislaw Drost & Madge McNulty
	*10.30 am	Danuta & Jerzy Gradosielski RIP

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: *<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A

FOUR SPECIAL FRIDAYS OF PRAYER

Dear Parishioners,

Join us for Four Special Fridays of Prayer

On Fridays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August. Time: 10 am – 6.45 pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst.

Spend time with Jesus in a Day of Eucharistic Adoration, and Reparation, praying for our parish, our families, our children, our friends, and the needs of our world.

Please sign the Adoration Watch List at the back of the church to ensure that Jesus is never left alone.

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Come and spend an hour with the Lord. Everyone is welcome.

*May St Padre Pio and Our Lady intercede for us. **Fr Henry.***

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on Mondays at 4.30 pm. Forms are available on the parish website, in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office by **Monday, 14th September 2026**.



Please register with the parish:

*Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
click the link to the online
form here [REAJO Adult Parishioner
Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please click the link to
the online form here [REAJO Child
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



Printed copies and pens are available in the church porch. Please post your completed form through the letter box of the Parish Office as soon as you have completed it today. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

GIFT AID DECLARATION RENEWALS

If you have previously submitted a Gift Aid declaration form for St Joseph's, Tilehurst - HMRC now requires us to update your Gift Aid declaration. We can no longer rely on the old PRCDTR declarations; it must be in the name and Charity Number of CDP, due to HMRC rules. This declaration allows us to claim tax refunds on the donations you make.

There are a few options available to you:

- You can click the link below to access and complete the updated Gift Aid Declaration form online.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-BNr06EKJ6fBel0q4Rua0kQk-BPsjWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VIRVNkRRSVE4STQ00C4u>
- You can scan the QR code displayed here:
- You can complete a paper form - available in the church porch.

If you would like any assistance, please let us know and a member of the Finance Team can advise and help, as required.



PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS: WHAT ARE THEY?

Parish Evangelisation Cell is not another committee; it is a small group of people who meet regularly to pray, worship, reflect on Scripture and encourage each other to actively bring people closer to Jesus with their lives. Each week they pray together, especially for the people God has already placed in their lives such as their family, friends, neighbours and colleagues and during the week they look for opportunities to share Christ through friendship, kindness and invitation. These cells help evangelisation become part of everyday Catholic life. Small groups like these have helped renew parishes around the world by helping ordinary Catholics become joyful missionary disciples. To find out more go to www.pecsengland.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week, we are short of **tinned corned beef/spam/hotdogs, baked beans, pot noodles, tea, sugar, peanut butter, shower gel, shampoo 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.*



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

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Join our RCIA course to explore and learn more. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office..

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
25TH/26TH JULY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£213.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£357.77
TOTAL	£570.77

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.



The bus will be leaving at 5 am from St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ. Price £38. If you are interested, please contact *Aline* directly on 0790 456 9437.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeGQ02u35lST6F9uPEjH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX



ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Re-starts on 3rd September 2026. *All are welcome*.



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome*. ****We will not be meeting in August and will reconvene the first Tuesday in September.****



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – CHRIST THE KING PARISH

21st - 28th September 2026

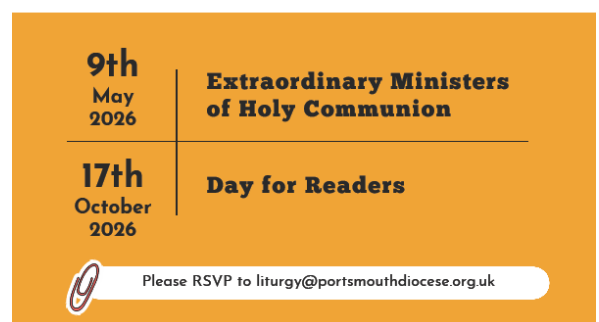
Cost £859 per person. Early booking is recommended. If you are interested, please contact *Nicole Wilford* on WhatsApp: 07531 422 527 or email: marienicolewilford@gmail.com

EVENTS

- 17th – 21st August: Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026 at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is Allegiance – 'But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Joshua 24:15). See the following link for more information: [Fanning The Flame Catholic Mission](https://www.fanningtheflame.org/)
- Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the parish Curry Night has been moved to Saturday, 26th September. *Apologies for any inconvenience.*
- Saturday, 17th October: Formation Day for Readers (Winchester). RSVP to the Liturgy Team (details below).



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team



Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

Father Henry would like to meet the leaders of all ministries together with your team members to discuss thoughts and ideas. *For convenience, Fr Henry suggests these meetings be held after 10.30 am Mass on any Sunday.* Please liaise with your team members to decide on a suitable date for everyone involved. The ministries concerned are: Cleaners, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Catechists, Gardeners, Eucharistic Ministers, Events Team, Repository, Welcomers, Maintenance, Readers, IT/AV screen/laptop/web site, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Liturgy, Confirmation, SVP, Foodbank Team, Sacristans.

ST JOHN BOSCO PARISH NEW ROOF FUNDRAISING CHARITY GOLF DAY

Friday, 4th September at Mapledurham Golf Course, Reading. Day includes: 18-hole championship course; competitions, prizes, raffle, auction and summer BBQ. Cost: £300 per team of 4 players (£75 each). Alternatively, come along at 6 pm and join in with the BBQ, auction and raffle. Please support this fundraising initiative organised by our parishioner, Richard Wilson. Richard needs 6 volunteers to help him on the day. If you want to enrol a team, get a ticket for the BBQ, can offer your volunteering help - email richardjwilson069@gmail.com or call 0781 075 0469.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY - PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE - SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER | 9.30AM - 1.30 PM | ST BEDE'S, BASINGSTOKE

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. To register your interest, please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SHALOM WORLD TV



Have you come across the excellent Shalom World TV - a commercial-free Catholic media network with 32 million viewers worldwide? They offer live Holy Mass, devotional content, documentaries, family and youth programmes broadcast and streamed free across the UK. You can watch for free online via their official site, through the Shalom World app, or on supported smart TV and streaming platforms.



RADIO MARIA

UNITED KINGDOM

Radio Maria UK is a 24-hour Catholic radio station dedicated to sharing the Christian faith, supporting Catholics spiritually, and offering programmes for all who wish to explore the Catholic tradition. It offers 24/7 Catholic programming to inspire, inform, and accompany listeners on their faith journey. Tune in to grow closer to God, anytime, anywhere. Ask for 'Radio Maria England' on your smart speaker, online or look for their app.



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

Our SVP Conference helps all who need support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan, India and to

various foodbanks in Reading. 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.

ST JOHN VIANNEY, PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS



Next Tuesday, 4th August, is the Memorial of St John Vianney, the "Curé D'Ars," and Patron Saint of Priests and parish clergy. Please pray for all priests in our Pastoral Area. It is also the anniversary of the day in 1984 in Altrincham when Bishop Philip was ordained to the priesthood - please say a prayer for our Bishop too. St John Vianney's relics are placed in our altar here at St Joseph's, Tilehurst.

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