

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – 5TH APRIL 2026

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 5TH APRIL – SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL 2026

Saturday, 4 th April HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL	8 pm	People of the parish
Sunday, 5 th April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8.30 am	People of the parish
	10.30 am	People of the parish
Monday, 6 th April MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	10 am	Private intention
Tuesday, 7 th April TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	10 am	Emilia & Franciszek Najman RIP
Wednesday, 8 th April WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	9.30 am	Hugh Kelly RIP
Thursday, 9 th April THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
Friday, 10 th April FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	6 pm	First Friday Devotion every first Friday of the month
	7 pm	Intentions of Aline, Christine, Ligia, Corazon & Rita's
Saturday, 11 th April SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Una Grant RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marianna & Kubis family RIP
Sunday, 12 th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am	All souls in purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Pedro & Josie Rodrigues RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter. To do this, we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, including the newsletter, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form. There is a separate adult and child registration form.

Adult Parishioner Registration Form. Please find a link to the online form here [REAJO Adult Parishioner Registration Form](#) OR scan the QR code:



Child Parishioner Registration Form. Please find a link to the online form here [REAJO Child Parishioner Registration Form](#) OR scan the QR code:



For those who do not have access to a computer or mobile phone, please come to the Parish Office between 10 am - 12.30 pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and Sheila will help you to complete the form.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
28TH/29TH 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£183.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£542.50
TOTAL	£725.50

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2026/27 are now available in the church porch. Even if you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your named box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Sunday collection is for our Parish Priests in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese, and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr Henry in his vocation and mission this Easter, please place your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, pay via the card reader machine, by bank transfer or <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2026> (admin fee incurred). Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anna.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of cereal/weetabix, jam, long life milk, tea, instant coffee, sugar, cooking oil, ketchup, tinned fruit and shampoo. 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.*



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the following link to Careers in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

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We are recruiting for a Hall Cleaner & Administrator. Salary: £3,965.52 per annum (£24,784.50 FTE). Contract: Permanent, Part-time, working 6 hours per week. Location: St Joseph's, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ. Applicants can apply here: <https://catholicdioceseofportsmouth.peoplehr.net/Pages/JobBoard/Opening.aspx?v=4eb210cb-2dea-4e1c-87c7-0fe35ee80d4d>



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.

THANK YOU!

A **huge** thank you to our cleaners, flower arrangers, gardeners, stewards, readers, AV/livestream operators, health & safety/maintenance team, catechists, sacristans, co-ordinating group, finance committee, events team, and those who have supported the parish financially and through prayer. Your hard work is very much appreciated. *God bless you and grant you special Easter joy!* **Fr Henry.**

“He is not here; for He has risen.” Christ’s resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call 0132 931 8869.

**PASSION PLAY IN READING
ON 3RD & 4TH APRIL 2026**

Rise Theatre CIC, a local professional Christian theatre company, are again performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens (RG1 3BB) in central Reading at **2 pm on both Good Friday, 3rd April and Saturday 4th April.** It is a **FREE** event. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! The play includes a dramatic interpretation of the crucifixion, so parental guidance is advised. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information and to WATCH THE VIDEO TRAILER. *Please support this local initiative during the Easter weekend and invite your friends too!*

ST JOSEPH’S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only. All are welcome.*



PARKING

It is always good to see a full church. However, at busy services there have been parking problems in Berkshire Drive. So please be considerate to our neighbours by not obstructing access to their driveways. *Thank you.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you or a loved one is/are taken into hospital, please let the Catholic Chaplaincy know. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Contact the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

**ST PAUL’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:**



Are you a practising Catholic looking to make a real difference? Join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our children. Foundation Governors uphold the Catholic ethos, support school strategy, and oversee key decisions. You’ll gain valuable skills, network with inspiring people, and truly impact the next generation. Vacancies available now - get involved and be the voice for our children! Interested? Email the Clerk to Governors at rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

Our parish youth group for school students (aged 11-18), 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesdays (term-time) from 6.30 pm - 8 pm for food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness'* - Pope Benedict XVI. If you want to get involved, contact *Lewis* and *Hannah*: Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk



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SVP SENIORS' EASTER LUNCH

Please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, 25th April from 1 - 3.30 pm, for a wonderful springtime celebration amongst friends. If you would like to come, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, by April 19th. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.



CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ

On Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm, at St Catherine of Siena Church, Wittenham Avenue, RG31 5LN. Tickets £10 per person to include light refreshments and nibbles, bring your own drink. Raffle and prizes. Contact tickets@meadowsweet.eu



!!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40th (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24th May with Mass at 11.30 am at the English Martyrs Church, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

Update: Fr Richard will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph’s on Sunday, 14th June at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

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A Mass in Thanksgiving for Cathy Weafer and Carmen, following their many years of hard work and devotion to the parish, will be celebrated at 10.30 am on Sunday, 5th July. All are welcome.

PENTECOST LUNCH

On Sunday, 24th May at 12 noon in St Joseph’s parish hall. Please bring your own lunch. Cake, desserts, hot and cold drinks available for a donation towards parish funds. *All are welcome. (See poster for further details).*

