

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12TH JULY 2026

Saturday, 11 th July ST BENEDICT , Founder, Patron of Europe	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Nkop Emmanuel RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 12 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	All souls of Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Tom Sheehan RIP
	5 – 7 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 13 th July	10 am	Renata's private intention
Tuesday, 14 th July	11 am	St Paul's School Leaver's Mass
Wednesday, 15 th July St Swithun , Bishop	9.30 am	Renata's private intention
Thursday, 16 th July		
Friday, 17 th July St Bonaventure , Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Special intention
Our Lady on Saturday Saturday, 18 th July	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Cedric Wilson RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Paddy Joyce RIP
Sunday, 19 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Mary Duggan's intentions
	*10.30 am	John Horkan 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



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.

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth -
Gift Aid Declaration Form



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) – 11TH/12TH JULY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday, 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. *Thank you.* There will also be a cake sale after all Sunday Masses. **Please give by bank transfer, card reader machine, your Gift Aid envelope or donate online (admin fee incurred).**



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 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.

KEVIN KEEP RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Kevin Keep who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Kevin's soul. Kevin's body will be received into the church on Monday, 27th July at 4 pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 28th July at 11 am, followed by burial committal at Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

PARISH MINSTRIES 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.

MASS AT PROSPECT PARK

On Sunday, 19th July, at 3 pm, English Martyrs parish will once again be celebrating Mass in Prospect Park. This is a great opportunity to witness to our faith to our friends and neighbours in our local community and to share with them our gratitude to God for 100 years of worship and service at English Martyrs Church. St Joseph's parishioners are also warmly encouraged to join us; do bring your own chairs and a picnic to continue the celebration after Mass. In previous years, other park users have been happy to join in our hymns and to chat with us afterwards. *(Please note: No 5 pm Mass at English Martyrs on that Sunday).*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
4TH/5TH JULY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£250.92
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£403.77
TOTAL	£674.69
St Patrick's Mission Appeal	£740.55

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.

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=xXHtnEeG02u35IST6F9uPEJHOd5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX



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.*

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



breakfast cereal (excl. shredded wheat), tinned spam/hotdogs, baked beans, mayonnaise, tinned fruit, sugar, squash and peanut butter. 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 (RCIA)

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.

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan.

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.*

SOURCE AND SUMMIT 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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THANK YOU, LEWIS AND HANNAH!

As Lewis and Hannah step down from leading our Source to Summit youth group this September, we would like to thank them for their dedication, commitment and the wonderful care they have shown to our young people over the years. We will be presenting them with a gift at the final Source to Summit session of the academic year on Wednesday, 15th July. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Lewis and Hannah", or drop it into St Paul's Catholic Primary School. Thank you for helping us show our appreciation for all they have done. *Michael Robinson, Headteacher - St Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School.*

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.*

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS

The Summer magazines are available at the back of the church; you are welcome to take one whether you support Missio or not. The Boxes are now due to be emptied; please hand yours into the Sacristy after Mass or hand it into the Parish office (office hours only). Mike Tomas, APF Missio Secretary.



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.*