


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	James Joyce RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Marie Kiernan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St Scholastica, Virgin</b>	10 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>10 am</b>	People of the parish
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>ST CYRIL, Religious &amp; ST METHIDIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</b>	<del>6 pm</del>	<del>Exposition</del>
	<del>7 pm</del>	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP and Harry & Thomas
	10.30 am	James Joyce RIP

### LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed.\*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition and quiet time followed by 7 pm Mass.

Saturdays: Exposition and Rosary at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### **Fr Henry's appointments:**

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

### **VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY FAIR – 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

We invite all parishioners to take a few moments to join us in the hall straight after Mass today for our Volunteer/Ministry Fair. Come and meet all the volunteers and groups who keep our parish vibrant, including cleaners, altar servers, catechists, gardeners, Eucharistic Ministers and readers, to name but a few. We encourage you to consider volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of our parish community.



### SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' SOUP LUNCH



Come and enjoy a variety of delicious soups and fresh bread, sample some delectable homemade cakes and pastries, over a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1 pm - 3 pm in the large hall. If you would like to join us, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch **by 9<sup>th</sup> February**. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". *John 6:35*.

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](mailto: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.



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

### TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 – 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: **Weetabix, tinned hot dogs/corned beef/spam/meatballs, tinned chicken soup, whole/semi-skimmed long life milk, sugar, orange/apple juice, peanut butter and wet wipes**. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling, Terry Clarke. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£162.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£370.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£542.94</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Lepra Appeal (for World Leprosy Day) next weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February. *Please be as generous as you can.*

You are encouraged to donate to our parish by bank transfer in order to avoid any admin fees:

A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph.  
Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

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



The Liturgy Project is a project of The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth which is available to all. It exists to help people to encounter Christ through the liturgy of the Holy Mass. We hope that it can serve you as a liturgical resource and respond to the needs of those serving in the local church and to empower them to fully participate in the liturgy where they are:  
[www.theliturgyproject.com](http://www.theliturgyproject.com)

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL**

On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest. Catholic Chaplaincy RBH - 0118 322 7105. *Arrangements are patient-led.*

"They left everything and followed him." As we celebrate World Marriage Day, we honour the beauty and commitment of married couples who follow Christ together. Just as the apostles left behind their former lives to follow Jesus, couples are called to embrace their vocation of marriage with faith and trust, journeying together toward holiness. Take this opportunity to renew your marriage vows in your heart.

**HEADTEACHER**  
**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL, TILEHURST**  
**- START DATE SEPTEMBER 2025**



St Paul's is a vibrant and inclusive Catholic primary school where we are rooted in our mission, "United through Jesus in faith, love and learning".

We offer:

- A strong Catholic ethos where Gospel values inspire everything we do.
- Enthusiastic and respectful pupils who love to learn and thrive.
- A dedicated and talented team of staff passionate about teaching and learning.
- A supportive governing body and close partnership with St Joseph's Parish and the Diocese of Portsmouth.

We Are Looking For:

- A practicing Catholic who is passionate about Catholic education and dedicated to the spiritual, moral, and academic development of every child.
- An inspirational and strategic leader who can build on our successes and drive the school forward.
- An effective communicator who builds strong relationships with all stakeholders.

For an application pack and more information about the role, please visit the school website.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and online checks will be completed for shortlisted candidates.

**FUNDRAISING: DIOCESAN FREE WILLS SERVICE**

The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic a simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. Link for further information: [Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

**OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE**

Please use the [Right to Life email tool](#) to contact your MP. A [letter template](#) is also available in the church porch to those who do not use email or who would prefer to lodge your opposition by post. The template simply requires you to address, sign and date the letter. The home page of the Diocesan website now contains resources and information to oppose assisted suicide [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#).

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development  
CAFOD meeting on Saturday, 22nd February from

10.30 am to 1 pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Reading, RG2 8NR. Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on [jlwry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlwry@cafod.org.uk)