


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9 am	<i>Rosary &amp; Exposition</i>
	10 am	
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	10.30 am	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	1 pm	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
	5 pm Vigil	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Pedro & Cathy and family for Good Health
	10.30 am	Linda O'Brien RIP
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <b>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH, feast</b>	10 am	Mike Scholes RIP
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9.30 am	Terry Clarke RIP
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>		
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	7 pm	Thanksgiving for good health and all the blessings received for Barbara Holas
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Caroline Hurst RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Terry Clarke RIP
	10.30 am	Lina O'Connor's intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

### **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/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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.

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another." Love is at the heart of every vocation. Take time to reflect on how God may be inviting you to live out His new commandment of love in a way that serves others. What does that call look like for you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.*

### 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 and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Jenny Horton. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

### CAKE SALE

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed/supported the cake and card fundraising event at St Joseph's last weekend. We raised £220 for church and hall maintenance and local charities. We really appreciate your support. *Thank you – Events Team.*



## Reading Catechist Day

Saturday 24th May 10am – 1pm  
English Martyrs Church, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading,  
RG30 2EB

An opportunity to meet with other catechists from across Reading. The day will consist of Mass followed by a time of prayer before formation from Fr Gaston Afah and an opportunity to share with catechists to hear what other parishes are doing and to learn from each other.

### The Day

10:00am	Morning Mass
10:30am	Coffee and Welcome
10:45am	Prayer
11:00am	The Role of the Christian Community in Catechesis Fr Gaston Afah Forbah (Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation)
11:20am	A Catechist's Testimony
11:25am	Sharing with other Catechists
12:00pm	Questions and Comments
12:30pm	Lunch

Lunch will be provided on the day. Please mention any allergies when confirming your attendance via [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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### ST JOSEPH'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP



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

***After many years of hard work and devotion, Cathy has decided to step down from the Toddler Group at the end of the summer term. If you would like to ensure that the Toddler Group can continue by committing to take it over, please contact the Parish Office.***

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For those people who are not catholic, we can help you with R.C.I.A. and prepare you to become catholic at Easter next year. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*



**Join us: Everyone is Welcome!** Catholic Charismatic Renewal Meeting, 31<sup>st</sup> May 11 am - 1 pm at St Joseph's Small Church Hall, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst RG31 5JJ. Live-streaming of Praise, Testimonies Talks, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit. **Faith, Hope and Love, the Greatest Gift is Love.** *If you are coming, please text John Foley 0776 925 1747, as this helps the catering.*

### SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Contact the Parish Office or email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form to complete and return. Please provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form or post a copy with completed form to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**  
**10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£210.20
Loose Plate	£395.57
Clergy Training Fund	£485.55

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.

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday offering envelopes for 2025/26 are now available in the church porch. Please pick up your named box of envelopes. If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your marked box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.



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 [rita@yaho.co.uk](mailto:rita@yaho.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.

Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) 0797 338 0443.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



We are supporting 35 households with food, thanks to your donations. The number benefitting is increasing every month, so we appeal to your generosity for more donations. This week we are short of weetabix/cornflakes, pot noodles, sugar, baked beans, oil (small/medium size), pasta sauce, tinned fruit, biscuits and shampoo. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Include as a reference, 'Your Surname, Foodbank'. *Many thanks.*

**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: [Lewisdownle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdownle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



**GIFT AID BOX NO. 83**

Would the parishioner who has taken home box number 83, please contact the Parish Office on 0118 942 8632, as soon as possible. *Thank you.*

**CHURCH ITEMS**

Fr Henry asks that you please consider donating any amount, *no matter how small*, towards:

- Two ciboriums £476.26 & £544.84

Payment can be made via the card reader machine under the "Special" slot, the donations box in the church porch or by bank transfer referencing these items. *Any donation amount would be gratefully received.*



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

Vacancy for full-time Receptionist at HQ, Kennington, London, SE11. For further details: [www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam](http://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam)

**CARITAS**

Charity and Volunteer Networking Event – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at John the Baptist Parish in Andover (SP10 3AD) from 2.30 -4.30 pm. Everyone welcome. There is plenty of parking at the parish and close by and it is a less than 10 minute walk from the station. For more information and a flyer visit: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk> or email [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 7<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes has been confirmed for 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Booking form can be found here: [Portsouth-Diocesan-booking-form-2025-FINAL.pdf](https://portsmouth-diocesan-booking-form-2025-final.pdf)

**JUBILEE 2025**

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME!**

To celebrate Youth Week in the Jubilee Year 2025, Bishop Philip is inviting anyone who is 17+ to take part in the Diocese of Portsmouth Youth Pilgrimage to Rome between 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August, coinciding with the World Youth Day. Cost: £1,350 per person for a shared room including flights and transport in Rome, hotel accommodation including breakfast and evening meal at the hotel and 20kg of luggage. You will need a valid passport, EHIC or GHIC and your own travel insurance. For more information, please email: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)