


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY – SUNDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>St Athanasius</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Joan O'Brien RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marian Falenta and his parents RIP
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Eileen & Marie Clare Mitchell RIP
	*10.30 am	Lew Yew Choy & Chen Foong Ying RIP
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May <b>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)</b> , feast	10 am	Helen Smyth RIP
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	Theresa Mathew RIP
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9.30 am	David Petersen RIP - <i>Foundation Mass</i>
		<i>Anniversary of the Dedication of the church 2003</i>
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>		
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Gregory Sakaria RIP
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Donal English RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Kath & Mick Conroy RIP
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	All souls in purgatory and Giovanna & Luanna
	*10.30 am	O J Cherian RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: \*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdKQ>

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



The parish offers condolences to the families of Paddy Joyce and Mary O'Shea.  
Please pray for the repose of their souls.

**Paddy's** Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am,  
followed by re-patriation back to Ireland. *All are welcome.*

**Mary's** Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 noon. *All are welcome.* There will be a *private* cremation service following Mary's Funeral Mass.



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 here:**



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



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:  
25<sup>TH</sup>/26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£345.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£22.00
Loose Plate	£410.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£777.11</b>
Clergy Training Fund	£490.56

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**

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**CURRENT JOB VACANCIES**

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

**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 or by parking unsafely near junctions. *Thank you.*

**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](mailto:rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of weetabix, tinned hot dogs, corned beef/spam and meatballs, long life milk, sugar, toilet rolls and toothpaste. 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.*



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](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. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer - 0773 449 9190.*

### 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](mailto:tickets@meadowsweet.eu)

### PENTECOST LUNCH

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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).



### !!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> July. *All are welcome.***

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES WITH BISHOP PHILIP THIS YEAR

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July)  
To Assisi & Turin  
(from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July)

The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotel accommodation at the hotel La Solitude is on a full board basis. On our previous pilgrimages, our pilgrims have been very pleased with the hotel, its proximity to the Domain and the plentiful and varied food options with some even making use of the hotel's indoor swimming pool. As before, we hope that the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs, if required. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing).

The pilgrimage to Assisi and Turin is based on dual city hotel accommodation with breakfast and evening dinner with all travel included to all the advertised sites. Flights out to Turin and return from Perugia are to and from Gatwick airport. Costs are £1,695 per pilgrim (again, based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#)

### !!SAVE THE DATE!!

21<sup>st</sup> June – Parish Picnic – *Further details to follow.*



A better world needs all of us

### STAND WITH SUDAN - GIVE MONTHLY

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence – with food, safe water and other



vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored." Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](http://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

### ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

During Pentecost, the St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening, in the small room at the back of the church, from 7 – 9 pm. We will be participating in a 'Life in the Spirit' course with different inspiring speakers talking about the Holy Spirit on the internet each week until 2nd June. *Everyone is welcome.*



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Jackie, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna.

*Some friends have been on the prayers for the sick and housebound for years. This is not a problem but it is always good to hear news.*

### SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP



St Joseph's Tidworth

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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



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 anniversary over 60 years?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact your Parish Secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, together with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, two of the visionaries, will be visiting the Catholic Cathedrals of England & Wales: St Michael & St George, Aldershot GU11 2BY, on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

1200hrs – Procession & Enthronement of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

1215hrs – Holy Mass

1315hrs – Veneration of the relics of visionaries St Francisco & St Jacinta

### FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS

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



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

**The Liturgy Project**  
**FORMATION DAYS**  
Talks & Reflections  
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)  
9 am to 1.30 pm  
Pastoral Centre, Winchester

<b>9th</b> May 2026	<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>
<b>17th</b> October 2026	<b>Day for Readers</b>

Please RSVP to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISHES

Date: Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July - Leave English Martyrs by coach at 5.30 am. Return to English Martyrs by coach at approximately 9 pm. There will be a brief break on each journey. Picnic Lunch will be needed.



Any queries to:

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Aline Phillips [alinephillips1@aol.co.uk](mailto:alinephillips1@aol.co.uk)

Fr Gaston [gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Price: £40. Payment -

Parish Bank details: A/C

Name CDP Reading English

Martyrs.

Sort Code:30-93-04.

Account No.00885666.

