

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November <b>ST ANDREW</b> , Apostle, feast <i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	10 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Margaret O'Connell <i>Confessions</i> David Petersen RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C	8.30 am 10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP Margaret Wilson RIP
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>	10 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December <b>St Francis Xavier</b> , Priest	10 am	Patrick & Martha Munnelly RIP
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>	9.30 am	Patricia & Michael Knowles RIP
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>	7 pm	Marian Falenta RIP
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St Ambrose</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church <i>The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to next Monday (Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i>	10 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Mary Barco & family's intentions <i>Confessions</i> Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Helen & John Spillane RIP Marie Barbara O'Toole Syro Malabar

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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



### SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Please join us for our annual SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1 - 4.30 pm, St Joseph Parish Hall**. Traditional Hot Christmas Lunch | St Paul's Children's Choir | Carol Singing with the Silver Tones | Bingo . . . . . *and more!* Come alone, bring a friend, make some friends – all welcome! If you would like to spend a relaxing afternoon amongst friends, please put your name down on the list in the church porch by **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922. **"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them". Matthew 18:20.**



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

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)



Come along and celebrate with us the Joyous Season!

Our EYFS children will perform a traditional Nativity Play in our lovely School.

This invitation is aimed to any child under 4 years with their parents, grandparents or their nursery!

If you would like to find out more about this event or our school, please scan the QR code or phone **0118 942 2003**



**THE RESPONSE TO THE BLESSING OF LECTIONARIES:**

***May the Word of the Lord take root in our hearts and bring forth a rich harvest. Amen.***

**THIS WEEKEND, WE BEGIN ADVENT AND A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR - YEAR C**

The Gospel readings will be taken from St Luke - from the English Standard Version Catholic Edition Bible rather than the Jerusalem Bible which is currently used. For those of you who would like to order a new Sunday Missal from us - £18.99 each - please complete the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

**POSADA**

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) starts its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota in the porch **before** 1st December.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

- Tuesday, 24th December – Christmas Eve Mass: The Nativity of the Lord at 6 pm (Carols at 5.45 pm) and 11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
- Wednesday, 25th December – Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.

**BID FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

The winner of the Christmas Hamper has generously donated it back; so, this weekend we invite parishioners to make a bid for it. The highest bid will win. Bids starting at £25. Make your offer to the steward or drop your bid into the suggestion box in the porch. Closing date for bids: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form a major part of his annual income. Parishioners should use their marked box of envelopes, the card reader, or put an offering into any envelope and mark it for *Fr Henry*. The link to the Clergy Christmas Collection fundraising page for our parish is as follows: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2024>

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 7 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£183.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£12.00
Loose Plate	£313.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£508.64</b>

**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, Colin Joseph, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**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, 1 - 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday, 5 - 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: **tinned meat (corned beef, spam, hot dogs, stewed steak), instant mash potato, tea, coffee, long-life milk, sugar, apple/orange juice and toilet rolls**. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747*.

**APF/MISSIO**

It is time to empty the APF Missio boxes again. I shall be outside after both Sunday Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> December to collect your contributions. If you attend the Vigil Mass, please hand your box into the sacristy. Alternatively, please hand your box into the office (office hours only). For those of you who took a box following the appeal, please ensure that your name and contact details are written on the label. Contact me if you have any difficulties. The Autumn magazines are available at the back of the church; please take your free copy. *Mike Tomas, APF/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743*.

**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)*



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**CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11 am - 1 pm at English Martyrs Church Hall. Charities include Life and the Children's Society. Stalls selling: Gifts, cards, Christmas items, plants, toys, records, books, handicrafts, jewellery, cakes, a tombola, raffle and a free children's make and take table. Admission FREE.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thank you very much to everyone who supported St Joseph's Christmas fair last weekend. It was a great success. Sincere thanks to everyone who made donations. We had a great selection - well done! A special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped out, to Fr Henry for doing the draw, to the SVP for organising teas, coffees and other beverages - A great team effort! So far, we have raised £816.47 (£690.47 in cash and £126 from the contactless card machine). We know there are more funds outstanding, so we will disclose the grand total as soon as we have the figures. The winner of the Christmas Hamper has donated it back, so everyone will get a chance to make a bid on it. These are the winning raffle numbers: Ticket 255 Whiskey taken. Ticket 445 Champagne taken. Ticket 207 Chocolate taken. Ticket 344 Voucher taken. Ticket 990 Whiskey to be collected. Ticket Voucher 317 to be collected. *Thank you - from the Events team.*

**DIOCESAN 10 YEAR PLAN**

Fr Henry invites all parishioners to attend an information session on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm in the large hall to learn about the progress in our Pastoral Area regarding the Diocesan 10 Year Plan. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more but are unavailable on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**FIRST FRIDAYS - MOTHERS PRAYERS:  
PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN!**

Mums, Grandmas, Aunties: We invite you to join us in church after Mass on Friday evening to pray for our children, grandchildren and families. All are welcome. For more information, see *Aline Phillips* or the Mothers Prayers website: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>

**PARISH OFFICE**

The office will be closed from Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December re-opening on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**FR HENRY**

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses, with the exception of Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30 am for the feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day.



*Children in KS1 at St Paul's would like to invite parishioners from our parish of St Joseph's to a special performance of our Nativity, for the local community on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road. If you would like to come, please let the school office know by calling 0118 942 2003. We look forward to welcoming you.*