


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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

Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>after Ash Wednesday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	John & Bridgie O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Jack & Theresa Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse, Joseph Capron RIP, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
	2 - 3.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Edgar Welch RIP
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Tom McKeown RIP
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am	Daniel Fernandes' intentions
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Zofia Cetkowska RIP
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am	Edward & Janina Gembala 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/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.

### 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, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anne. 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> MARCH 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£132.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£308.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£450.09</b>

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL**  
**FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION**  
**- FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelopes available in the church porch, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Lent prayer light of hope video:



<https://youtu.be/oEtpTxt3Pag?si=qQbCUJTFgX7FeBG>

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2025**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10 am starts at St Anne's, Caversham. Join your Reading Catholic community as Pilgrims of Hope raising funds for CAFOD. Father Joe will begin with a small Jubilee celebration. We will learn about the Holy door, and fulfil an indulgence ingredient, followed by a period of prayer together at the Shrine of our Lady of Caversham. We will listen to an explanation from the Confraternity of St James of how the walk we are about to embark on ties into the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. We will pause at the Camino mural in Friar Street, walking onto Reading Abbey via St James, and then along the Kennet into beautiful countryside following the tow path, as far as the Cunning Man pub in Burghfield, or a shorter flood proof version will end at Christ the King in Whitley. The total time including regular stops for prayers of hope and hymns of joy will be 3 hours. *Of course, above all else, the purpose is to raise funds for CAFOD, as we fight poverty and injustice wherever it is found.* The site for sponsorship is:



<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk-2025>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Catholic Bishops of English and Wales have scheduled a special collection for the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March. This National Collection will take place in parishes across England and is dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine. *Please give generously.*

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.

**TERRY CLARKE RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of Terry Clarke who passed away on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Terry's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30 am followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium at 1 pm. Please pray for the repose of Terry's soul. *All are welcome.*



Please note: Road works are planned for Hindens Drive on 18<sup>th</sup> March, so you may need to access the church from the top of Berkshire at Park Lane.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

If you have the diocesan book: Via Crucis The Road to Heaven, please bring it to Stations of the Cross on Fridays so that you can follow along with the reading.

**RISE THEATRE**  
**LENT FUNDRAISER FILM EVENT**

**THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH**

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March after the 10.30 Mass in the large hall. Food donations for the celebration are very welcome: Please add your name and indicate what you will donate on the sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome. *Thank you.*



Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need 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, 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.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's Parish Passover Supper will be held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March. *More details to follow.*

### 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: **Wheetabix, whole/semi-skimmed long life milk, sugar, orange juice, squash, instant mashed potato, coffee and tinned fruit.** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT

## Building a Eucharistic Community

Day of  
Reflection

St Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Tilehurst,  
RG31 5JJ



Exploring our  
identity and  
mission as a  
Parish

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-3.40pm

Mass - Retreat talks - Discussion - Adoration

Led by Sr Veronica, OP:  
Dominican Sisters  
of St Joseph

Please bring a packed lunch.  
Tea and coffee will be  
provided



*"Churches are not museums that display perfect people. They are hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing." - Nicky Gumbel*

**All are welcome.**  
**Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.**

### 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)*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We will soon begin the programme of preparation for Confirmation. If your son/daughter is in year 7 or above and would like to join the programme, please send names and contact details to the Parish Office. Register by: **9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

18TH  
MAY 2025  
£32PP



"DO ALL THIS UNTO MY SPECIAL PLACE AND HONOR, AND ALL WHO ARE IN ANY WAY DISTRESSED OR IN NEED, LET THEM SEEK ME HERE IN THAT LITTLE HOUSE YOU HAVE MADE IN WALSINGHAM"

ST JOSEPHS PARISH  
WALSINGHAM

# PILGRIMAGE

DEPARTURE FROM ST JOSEPHS CHURCH  
RG31 5JJ AT 5:30AM

**CONTACT: ALINE PHILLIPS**

**07904569437**

TRANSFER TO MARCELLE ALINE PHILLIPS  
ACCOUNT NO: 20739494 SORT CODE: 54:21:28

### CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND NETWORKING

The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting three online events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7.30 pm and last for one hour. Catechists can choose from the three events based on their area of catechesis:

- Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March (Children's Liturgy and First Holy Communion)
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Marriage Preparation and Baptism)
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Confirmation and RCIA)

To sign up for these events, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/VkCdj1SWzA>.

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)* or call 0132 931 8869.

### **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](#).

### **WORLD YOUTH DAY (YWYD)**

Diocesan WYD Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. This pilgrimage to Rome is 28th July - 4th August and is open to young people aged 17-35. The cost is approx. £1,350 pp for a shared room and the packed programme of events by Bishop Philip. Spaces are limited so anybody interested should contact [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) asap.

### **SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact the Parish Office or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form, or if you have no access to the internet you can post a copy along with completed form to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

### **RESILIENCE TRAINING FOR WOMEN**

#### **(CF. PHIL 4:13)**

Free introductory session on a resilience training program designed for women (ages 17+) at Our Lady of Peace parish (338 Wokingham Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA). Open to friends from other parishes, this course will help you: Build self-confidence, strengthen mental and physical resilience, develop character and inner strength and kick-start a healthy lifestyle. The training will be led by Dieye – a fitness trainer, self-defence instructor, and trauma medic. Course Details: Free introductory session on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15 pm in the parish hall. Four follow-up sessions (1 hour each, including warm-up) Cost: £10 for all four sessions Registration open until 16<sup>th</sup> March (course will run if there's sufficient interest). Register after Mass on Sundays or via: [office@olop.org.uk](mailto:office@olop.org.uk) Spread the word and take a step toward greater confidence and well-being!

