

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5TH JULY 2026

Saturday, 4 th July Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Paddy Joyce RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, 5 th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato RIP
	*10.30 am	In Thanksgiving for Cathy & Carmen
Monday, 6 th June St Maria Goretti , Virgin, Martyr	10 am	Mary O'Shea RIP
Tuesday, 7 th June	10 am	John Drake RIP
Wednesday, 8 th July	9.30 am	Catrina Sweeney RIP
Thursday, 9 th July		
Friday, 10 th July	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Angela McGlynn's intentions
Saturday, 11 th July ST BENEDICT , Founder, Patron of Europe	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Nkop Emmanuel RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 12 th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	All souls of Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Tom Sheehan RIP
	5 – 7 pm	Syro Malabar

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: *<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



Please register with the parish:

*Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
click the link to the online
form here [REAJO Adult
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please click the link to
the online form here [REAJO Child
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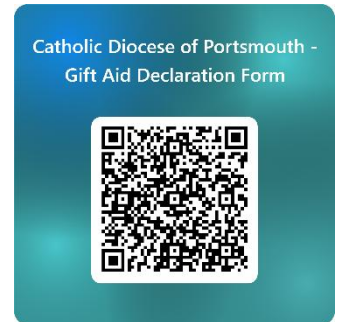
Printed copies and pens are available in the church porch. Please post your completed form through the letter box of the Parish Office as soon as you have completed it today. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

GIFT AID DECLARATION RENEWALS

If you have previously submitted a Gift Aid declaration form for St Joseph's, Tilehurst - HMRC now requires us to update your Gift Aid declaration. We can no longer rely on the old PRCDTR declarations; it must be in the name and Charity Number of CDP, due to HMRC rules. This declaration allows us to claim tax refunds on the donations you make.

There are a few options available to you:

- You can click the link below to access and complete the updated Gift Aid Declaration form online. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q4Rua0kQk-BPslWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VIRVNkRRSVE4STQ00C4u>
- You can scan the QR code displayed here:
- You can complete a paper form - available in the church porch.



If you would like any assistance, please let us know and a member of the Finance Team can advise and help, as required.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY - 4TH/5TH JULY



We are pleased to announce that the Diocese of Portsmouth has approved St Patrick's Missionary Society (SPS) to make a Mission Appeal. They will visit our parish this weekend for this special appeal. Please keep them in your prayers and support their important Mission, including during the second collection.

Web: <http://www.spms.org>. Email: Office@stpatricksuk.co.uk.

242 Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 ORD.

STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY CALLED APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) - 11TH/12TH JULY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday, 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. *Thank you.*



Please give by bank transfer, card reader machine, your Gift Aid envelope or donate online (*admin fee incurred*).

THANKSGIVING MASS

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 this Sunday, 5th July. *All are welcome.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on Mondays at 4.30 pm. Forms are available on the parish website, in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office by **Monday, 14th September 2026.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Jackie, Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna, Pat.



KEVIN KEEP RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Kevin Keep who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Kevin's soul. *Funeral details will follow.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
27TH/28TH JUNE 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£215.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£30.00
Loose Plate	£346.51
TOTAL	£591.51
Peter's Pence	£351.81

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.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeG02u35lST6F9uPEJH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX



St Vincent
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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

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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week, we are short of **breakfast cereal, tinned spam, hotdogs, meatballs, tuna and sardines, packet soup, baked beans, long life apple juice, squash 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.



"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
or call 01329 318 869.

**ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT
PRAYER GROUP**



The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 - 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

SOURCE AND SUMMIT 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



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DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *All are welcome.*

DIOCESAN MISSION MASS

We are invited to a special Mission Mass to celebrate 90 years of the Red Box. It will take place at Corpus Christi, Sturges Road, Wokingham, RG40 2HE, on Saturday, 4th July at 11 am. The celebrants will be Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, the Missio National Director and Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru, the Missio Diocesan Director. We are also invited to a shared lunch afterwards. RSVP to redbox@missio.org.uk or phone 0759 354 4622.

The Summer magazines are available at the back of the church; you are welcome to take one whether you support Missio or not.

The Boxes are now due to be emptied; please hand yours into the Sacristy after Mass or hand it into the Parish office (office hours only). Mike Tomas, APF Missio Secretary.



MASS AT PROSPECT PARK

On Sunday, 19th July, at 3 pm, English Martyrs parish will once again be celebrating Mass in Prospect Park. This is a great opportunity to witness to our faith to our friends and neighbours in our local community and to share with them our gratitude to God for 100 years of worship and service at English Martyrs Church. St Joseph's parishioners are also warmly encouraged to join us; do bring your own chairs and a picnic to continue the celebration after Mass. In previous years, other park users have been happy to join in our hymns and to chat with us afterwards.

(Please note: No 5 pm Mass at English Martyrs on that Sunday).

PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

Father Henry would like to meet the leaders of all ministries together with your team members to discuss thoughts and ideas. *For convenience, Fr Henry suggests these meetings be held after 10.30 am Mass on any Sunday.* Please liaise with your team members to decide on a suitable date for everyone involved. The ministries concerned are: Cleaners, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Catechists, Gardeners, Eucharistic Ministers, Events Team, Repository, Welcomers, Maintenance, Readers, IT/AV screen/laptop/web site, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Liturgy, Confirmation, SVP, Foodbank Team, Sacristans.



MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd – 4th October.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 729 6983.



CAFOD-DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.



Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or simply curious to know more? Join our RCIA course where you will find a warm and friendly space for adults to explore and learn more at their own pace. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Coming along does not commit you to making a final decision. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office.

WELCOME



A warm welcome to Eleanor Mmaduakolam who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's next Saturday, 11th July.