

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 22ND DECEMBER 2024

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 22 ND DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 29 TH DECEMBER 2024		
Saturday, 21 st December Liturgy of the Day	9.30 am	Jimmy Walshe, Ann Griffin & family's intentions
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm Vigil	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 22 nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
	10.30 am	John Walshe's intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 23 rd December Liturgy of the Day	10 am	Anne Walshe's intentions
Tuesday, 24 th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	6 pm Vigil	People of the parish
	Midnight	People of the parish
Wednesday, 25 th December	10.30 am	People of the parish
Thursday, 26 th December ST STEPHEN, the First Martyr		
Friday, 27 th December ST JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist	7 pm	Babs & Don O'Sullivan (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Saturday, 28 th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS	10 am	Ulrick Devane RIP
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm Vigil	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 29 th December THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	8.30 am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen O'Shea RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

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>

*Fr Henry would like to wish all parishioners a peaceful
and joyful Christmas and every blessing for 2025*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
14TH/15TH DECEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£331.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£354.15
TOTAL	£690.15

ADVENT AND A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR - YEAR C

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.

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, Terry Clarke. 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**



The volunteers of the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre and Foodbank would like to express their deep gratitude for your support, prayers and generous donations, which enabled us to serve the needy with love. We will be closed during the Christmas/New Year period and re-open on January 8th. *We wish all our supporters a Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with blessings!!*

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 30th December – 4th January. There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses, with the exception of Wednesday, 1st January at 10.30 am for the feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day.



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

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 27th December re-opening on Tuesday, 7th January.

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



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want to get involved, please contact *Lewis and Hannah*: Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

To those who have prepared our Christmas celebration; and to those who serve the parish throughout the year, in many ways: the team of Sacristans, those who clean the Church and arrange the flowers, those who look after the Repository, those who provide the singing and musical accompaniment, those who read as Ministers of the Word, the Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers, those who provide Liturgies for the children, those who provide the Catechetical instruction, the Leaders and helpers of our Toddler Group, the Governors and Staff of our Catholic Schools, the members of our Finance Committee, Liturgy Group, Co-ordinating Team, SVP, Events Team, Food Bank, Youth Group, those who care for families, the young, the elderly, the sick, those who represent the parish at weekday Mass, those who help with administration, those who ensure the safety and maintenance of our church property, those who administer the hall hiring, those who attend to the cleaning and maintenance, those who maintain the church grounds, lighting & other equipment, those who attend to the finances of the parish, including Gift Aid, counting, book-keeping and banking, those who prepare the Audio-Visual slides, screen operators, IT and the website. Have I left anyone out? If so, I offer my sincere apologies. Please do continue your kind service to the Glory of God. *Thank you and God bless you all. Father Henry.*

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS). The KHS is widely believed to date back to 1099 A.D., to the first crusade. For centuries their mission has been to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. The need to help this year is hugely urgent, thanks to the war in the Holy Land. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

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The 2025 calendars are available in the church porch.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – 23RD / 24TH NOVEMBER

Thank you to everyone who supported St Joseph's Christmas Fair. We can confirm that the total raised was £947.49. A wonderful achievement!! We would like to thank Warings Bakery for their contribution. *Thank you from the Events Team.*