

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Soul for dead
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Edward Green RIP
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Tom McKeown RIP
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St Scolastica, Virgin</b>	10 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February		
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February		<del><b>First Friday Devotion</b></del> every first Friday of the month
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Palmira Almeida, Antonio Almeida & Maria Selina RIP
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>ST CYRIL, Religious &amp; ST METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Caroline Hurst RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Dr Michael Batt RIP
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	For the souls in purgatory and for Luana & Giovanna's intentions
	10.30 am	Eddie Green RIP

\*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

## LENT FAMILY FAST DAY WILL BE ON FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY/1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£363.15
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£453.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£821.47</b>

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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anna.



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.

**SVP SENIORS' SOUP LUNCH**



Come and enjoy a variety of delicious soups and fresh bread, sample some



delectable homemade cakes and pastries, over a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 1 - 2.30 pm in the large hall. If you would like to join us, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, by 15<sup>th</sup> February. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chssell* on 07740 547922. *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". John 6:35.*

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!**

A retreat morning will be held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March at St James' parish, Reading from 10.30 am - 1 pm: A time of reflection and prayer for the whole Reading Pastoral Area.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY  
& NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14). On World Marriage Day, we honour couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



This week we are short of coffee, squash, biscuits both sweet and savoury, sugar, pasta sauce, fruit juice, rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam and long-life whole milk. Thank you so much for your continued. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.

**MOTHER'S PRAYERS**



We meet after 7 pm Mass on Fridays to pray for our families. Please speak to *Aline Phillips* for more information, or just come along:

<https://www.mothersprayers.org>

**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.*



**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



*St Joseph's, Tilehurst*

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)

**MARY'S MEALS**

Fundraising for Mary's Meals will launch on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February with a cake bake sale at tea and coffee following the 10.30 am Mass. A cash donations tin will also be available. *All are welcome.*

At **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**, we are joyfully marking the **Year of St Francis**, a special time to reflect on the values that shaped his life: humility, care for creation, peace, and love for the poor. Throughout the year, our children will be learning about St Francis through prayer, liturgy, assemblies, and practical acts of kindness and stewardship, helping them to live out the Gospel in everyday ways. To support this, we would love to create a visible focus within school. If any parishioner has a statue, icon, or picture of St Francis of Assisi that they would be willing to loan for this special year, we would be delighted and very grateful. *Please contact the school office if you are able to help.*

