

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 (YEAR B)

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Fr Mikie McCarthy RIP
	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Louis Capron RIP
	10.30 am*	Fr Peter's intentions
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St Agatha</b> , Virgin, Martyr	10.30 am	Maria George RIP
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> , Martyrs	10.30 am	Gerry Heenan RIP
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 am	Patrick Munnelly RIP
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Norman & Theresa's intentions
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February		
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February <b>St Scholastica</b> , Religious		
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerry Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Frank Jennings RIP
	10.30 am*	Gerry Heenan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

*\*Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:\**

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Saturdays + Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. <i>All are welcome.</i>
Confessions are available after any weekday Mass or by appointment.
The church will be open for private prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8.30 am until after the 10.30 am Mass.
Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Thursday, <i>every other week.</i>
Fr Jude is available for appointments on Wednesdays between 11 am – 1 pm or by telephone on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

### LESZEK WLASAK RIP

✠ The parish offers condolences to the family of Leszek Wlasak who died on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Leszek's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1 pm followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

### TONY CHAPLIN RIP

✠ The parish offers condolences to the family of Tony Chaplin who died on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Tony's body will be received into the church on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30 pm followed by his Funeral Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11 am. *All are welcome.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahan, John McKenna. 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:  
27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£165.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£392.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£567.76</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Christmas offerings	£3,468.77
Cathedral Fund	£432.37

**DONATIONS**

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

**VOLUNTEER COUNTERS**

New volunteers to help with counting the collection on a Sunday afternoon. The commitment is roughly once/month and volunteers will be trained and will work in a team.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am – 5.30 pm: “A Day with Mary”. A whole day retreat at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster for more details.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS**

Come together to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips’ home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Attendance is flexible. Contact Aline on 0790 456 9437 if you would like to attend and to hear more about the prayer group and meeting location.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Men’s Evening:**

**Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30 pm**

Water Tower pub, Tilehurst. RG31 4DU.  
Please contact Stephen Newbury on 0776 475 6811 for more info or see you there!



Please place your palms from last year in the basket provided in the church porch before Ash Wednesday.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

The parish offers congratulations to Theresa & Norman Bricker who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

***May God bless both of you as you celebrate 50 years of marriage, milestones, memories and many more to come!***

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:  
FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](http://CAFOD - Catholic international development charity) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. *Thank you.*



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

The SVP Conference here at St Joseph’s extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help by offering friendship and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in both Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code 60-60-04. Account No 46075070 or contactless via the card reader machine. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation by providing your full name and address in the envelope with your donation. To donate by Standing Order, please complete a donation form, available in the church porch. Please return to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Many thanks for your generosity. SVP President: *Rita Boyce - 0798 464 3250.*

**SVP SENIOR CITIZENS SOUP LUNCH**

Please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1 – 3 pm for a delightful afternoon in the company of friends. If you would like to come, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch by February 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Please remember that our own parishioners are welcome to drop in for a couple of hours on a Wednesday afternoon. Any questions, please contact *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

**C.I.R.D.I.C. CLOTHING DONATIONS**

Clothing donations for CIRDIC are welcome on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Place items behind the repository or in the crying room, for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

“To preach the Gospel is a duty which has been laid on me!” Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call 0132 931 8869.



A warm welcome to Fayosola Samuel Afolayan who is to be baptised here at St Joseph’s this weekend.

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

Link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>