

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**

Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Private intention
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	
	10.30 am	Ann O'Leary RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am	
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent [Lenten Fast Day]</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	7 pm	Ciara Wooller RIP
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Colin & Eileen Ryall RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	
	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP

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

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### **Fr Henry's appointments:**

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1 Peter 4:10*

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE – SUPPORTING PARISH LIFE**

This coming weekend, we launch our campaign: Renewing our parish commitment. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. *Thank you.*

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

- Fast from hurting words ..... and say kind words
- Fast from sadness ..... and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger ..... and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism ..... and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries ..... and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints ..... and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures ..... and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness ..... and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness ..... and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges ..... and be reconciled
- Fast from words ..... and be silent so you can listen

## CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY NEXT FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY



Collect a CAFOD envelope, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

## PARISH PASSOVER SUPPER

The Parish Passover Supper will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm. Tickets - Adult £6, School-aged child £3, Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15. Please sign-up on the sheet in the church porch. *Book Early as places are limited!*



## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

We will have a birthday prayer and blessing for all February celebrants this Sunday. Birthday cake will be served in the hall after 10.30 am Mass to celebrate the monthly birthdays. *Please join us.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£144.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£386.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£530.40</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 [rita@yaho.co.uk](mailto:rita@yaho.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.

**PLEASE HELP!**

A volunteer is needed, *every other Sunday*, for the Repository after the 10.30 am Mass.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



The items needed at the foodbank this week are orange juice, honey, rice pudding, custard, washing up liquid, longlife milk skimmed and whole, wheatabix, sugar, packet soups, tinned tomatoes and hot dogs. 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'.

**!!A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!**

Fr Richard Maniak will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with Mass at 11.30 am at English Martyrs, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



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)

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



Our next meeting will now take place from 7 – 9 pm on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**, which is the first Wednesday of the following month. *All will be welcome.*

**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.*



"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, Lent invites us to rely on God's Word. Pray for your vocation and the one God may be preparing for you. Contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

**THE LINK CAFE**

The Link Café in Tilehurst is a Christian, community café run by volunteers from all the local churches. We are currently in need of volunteers to work on Friday mornings from 9.30 am – 1 pm. If you would like to join our friendly, welcoming community, please contact Ann Epps 0798 919 2833 for more information.



**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:**

Are you a practising Catholic looking to make a real difference? Join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our children. Foundation Governors uphold the Catholic ethos, support school strategy, and oversee key decisions. You'll gain valuable skills, network with inspiring people, and truly impact the next generation. Vacancies available now - get involved and be the voice for our children! Interested? Email the Clerk to Governors at [rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

