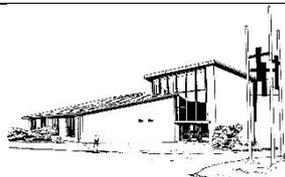


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 15TH MARCH 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH – SUNDAY, 22ND MARCH 2026

Saturday, 14 th March of the 3rd Week of Lent	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am 10.30 am	In Thanksgiving Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Margaret Wilson RIP
Sunday, 15 th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato & Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Intentions of: Aline, Christine, Ligia, Corazon & Rita
Monday, 16 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	10 am	Special intentions
Tuesday, 17 th March ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast	10 am	Sally Holt RIP
Wednesday, 18 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	9.30 am	Sandra & Everard Brewster's intentions
Thursday, 19 th March ST JOSEPH, Solemnity * <i>*(moved to 10.30 am Sunday Mass)</i>		
Friday, 20 th March of the 4th Week of Lent	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Intentions of: Aline, Christine, Ligia, Corazon & Rita
Saturday, 21 st March of the 4th Week of Lent	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	John & Bridgie O'Driscoll RIP
Sunday, 22 nd March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT * ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	8.30 am	For the souls in purgatory and for the intentions of Luana & Giovanna
	*10.30 am	Chen Foong Ying & Lew Yew Choy RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: [*https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ)

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A

PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE – SUPPORTING PARISH LIFE – THANK YOU

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him”
Colossians 3:17*

Thank you to everyone who supported or participated in the Renewing our parish commitment initiative over the last few weeks. Your contributions make a real and lasting difference to our parish. Once again, thank you to you all for all that you do for our parish. Please keep our parish in your prayers. *Thank you.*

LENT CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA

St James: Every Saturday from 5-5.45 pm

English Martyrs: 28th March at 10 am

ST JOSEPH'S: FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH at 7 pm !!PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!

Examination of Conscience at 6.30 pm, followed by individual confessions at 7 pm

St John Bosco: 23rd & 24th March from 6 – 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Peace: 28th March from 9 am - 12.30 pm

Christ the King: 26th March at 7 pm

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
7TH/8TH MARCH 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£193.71
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£481.84
TOTAL	£675.55

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.

THIS WEEKEND

The Second Collection for the Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund takes place on 14th/15th March. The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Clergy Support Team is



responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. It organises retreats, ministerial formation days, courses and sabbaticals.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/diocesan-clergy-assistance-fund>

Please donate via the collection plate, the card reader machine, or by bank transfer in order to avoid admin fees. Thank you.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2026/27 are now available in the church porch. Even if you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your named box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Sunday collection for our Parish Priests will take place throughout Easter, so you will have the opportunity to give, at any service which you attend. The Easter Sunday collection traditionally supports our Parish Priests, in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese, and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr Henry in his vocation and mission this Easter, please place your Easter offerings into the collection plate, into the Parish Office, pay via the card reader machine, by bank transfer or <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2026> . *Thank you.*

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

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

The items needed at the foodbank this week are rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, packet soups, cereal, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, honey, tinned tomatoes, and backed beans. Thank you so much for your continued support. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.



PARISH PASSOVER SUPPER

The Parish Passover Supper will take place on Saturday 28th 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!*



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



Our next meeting will take place from 7 – 9 pm on **Wednesday, 18th March**. *All are welcome.*

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 31st March at 11 am in the Cathedral. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church. The Mass is one of the main diocesan events of the year and during it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service, “manifesting their communion with the Bishop” (Roman Missal). It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith. *There will no Mass here at St Joseph's on that day.* Indeed, the Bishop warmly invites you to attend the Mass at the Cathedral if you can.

"I am the light of the world." Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

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.*



PARKING

It is always good to see a full church. However, at busy services there have been parking problems in Berkshire Drive. So please be considerate to our neighbours by not obstructing access to their driveways. *Thank you.*

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please let the Catholic Chaplaincy know. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Contact the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE

A joint Walsingham Pilgrimage is being planned for English Martyrs and St Joseph's parishes on 4th July. We had a great day last year - please join us this year. *Further details to follow.*

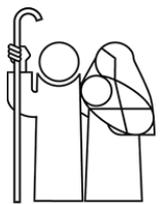
CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ



On Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm, at St Catherine of Siena Church, Wittenham Avenue, RG31 5LN. Tickets £10 per person to include light refreshments and nibbles, bring your own drink. Raffle and prizes. Contact tickets@meadowsweet.eu

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH - THE MIGRANT WORKER

From 10th – 18th March at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10 am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11 am, and on YouTube via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The Novena Prayer Book is available on request for a suggestion donation of £1 per booklet. Please send your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email novenamhm@gmail.com



!!A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

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

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



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

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS

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

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

There will be a Good Friday Liturgy for children at 3 pm in the large hall. Children should be brought to the hall between 2.45 - 3 pm and will return to their families in the Church for Veneration of the Cross. *Parents or a responsible adult must be present in the church.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, 3rd April: Collection for the Holy Places. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. Please place your offering into the collection plate, via the card reader machine, by bank transfer. *Thank you for your donations.*

THE MUSTARD TREE ARE RECRUITING!

Would you thrive in a varied role where every day brings opportunities to support others and strengthen community? You could be our new **Operations Administrator**. You would manage a variety of administrative tasks and create a positive and welcoming experience for our service beneficiaries, volunteers and partners. This role will suit someone who is organised and proactive and has strong communication and interpersonal skills. It is for 15 hrs per week with a salary ranging from 25-27k FTE dependant on your experience. For more information, please visit our website: [Join our team - The Mustard Tree](http://joinourteam-themustardtree.org) Katherine Shepherd CEO 0118 956 7000 / 07557 649461 themustardtree.org

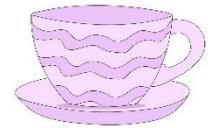


**** Reminder: British Summer Time begins - Clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1 am on Sunday, 29th March****

TEA/COFFEE DONATIONS

Many of you enjoy the refreshments after the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. Did you know that all donations towards these refreshments go to the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda? Don't worry if you don't have cash. You can make donations using the "Tea/Coffee" fund on the card machine.

TEA TIME



PASSION PLAY IN READING ON 3RD & 4TH APRIL

Rise Theatre are again performing their Passion Play in Forbury Gardens (RG1 3BB) in central Reading at 2 pm on both Good Friday, 3rd April and Saturday, 4th April. It is a FREE event. Parental guidance advised due to crucifixion themes. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information. *Please support this local initiative during the Easter weekend and invite your friends too!*

RISE THEATRE VAN APPEAL THANK YOU

Rise Theatre, led by parishioner Stephen Newbury, would like to thank everyone who donated recently towards their van appeal. We are hugely appreciative of your generosity once again, to enable us to get a fit for purpose van for the next chapter of our work. *Thank you so much.*

Wishing all mothers, a very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day!

