

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9TH AUGUST 2026

Saturday, 8 th August St Dominic , Founder	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 9 th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Gert Podlewska, Stanislaw Drost & Madge McNulty
	*10.30 am	Danuta & Jerzy Gradosielski RIP
Monday, 10 th August ST LAURENCE , Deacon, Martyr	10 am	Nwokolo Vivian RIP
Tuesday, 11 th August St Clare , Foundress	10 am	Patricia Patrick - private intention
Wednesday, 12 th August St Jane Frances de Chantal , Foundress	9.30 am	Lalana Pang – private intention
Thursday, 13 th August St Pontian , Pope, & St Hippolytus , Priest, Martyrs		
Friday, 14 th August St Maximilian Maria Kolbe , Religious, Priest, Martyr	10 am – 11 am	Exposition: Four Special Fridays of Prayer
	12 noon	Funeral: Graeme Irvine RIP
	3 pm – 6.45 pm	Exposition: Four Special Fridays of Prayer
	7 pm	Christina Kushidzo RIP
Saturday, 15 th August Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Monica Nkop – private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 16 th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY , solemnity	8.30 am	All Souls of Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Juvenal & Alzira Costa 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 **FOUR SPECIAL FRIDAYS OF PRAYER**

Dear Parishioners,

Join us for Four Special Fridays of Prayer

On Fridays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August. Time: 10 am – 6.45 pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst.

Spend time with Jesus in a Day of Eucharistic Adoration, and Reparation, praying for our parish, our families, our children, our friends, and the needs of our world.

Please sign the Adoration Watch List at the back of the church to ensure that Jesus is never left alone.

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Come and spend an hour with the Lord. Everyone is welcome.

*May St Padre Pio and Our Lady intercede for us. **Fr Henry.***



GRAEME IRVINE RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Graeme Irvine who died recently. Graeme's funeral service will be celebrated on Friday, 14th August at 12 noon, followed by committal at Reading Crematorium South Chapel. Please pray for the repose of Graeme's soul.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on Mondays at 4.30 pm. Forms are available on the parish website, in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office by **Monday, 14th September 2026**.



Please register with the parish:

*Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
click the link to the online
form here [REAJO Adult Parishioner
Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please click the link to
the online form here [REAJO Child
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



Printed copies and pens are available in the church porch. Please post your completed form through the letter box of the Parish Office as soon as you have completed it today. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

GIFT AID DECLARATION RENEWALS

If you have previously submitted a Gift Aid declaration form for St Joseph's, Tilehurst - HMRC now requires us to update your Gift Aid declaration. We can no longer rely on the old PRCDTR declarations; it must be in the name and Charity Number of CDP, due to HMRC rules. This declaration allows us to claim tax refunds on the donations you make.

There are a few options available to you:

- You can click the link below to access and complete the updated Gift Aid Declaration form online.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q4Rua0kQk-BPslWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VIRVNkRRSVE4STQ00C4u>
- You can scan the QR code displayed here:
- You can complete a paper form - available in the church porch.

If you would like any assistance, please let us know and a member of the Finance Team can advise and help, as required.

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth -
Gift Aid Declaration Form



PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS: WHY ARE THEY NEEDED?

Many people today have little connection with the Church or have drifted away from faith. They are unlikely to encounter Christ unless someone they know reflects His love. Parish Evangelisation Cells help create a culture where faith grows, friendships deepen and every Catholic is equipped for mission. If you'd like to discover more, save the date for our **Parish Evangelisation Envisioning Evening** on 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 16th September at St Joseph's, Tilehurst. Together, we'll explore how this simple vision has helped renew parishes around the world and what it could mean for our own parishes. To find out more go to www.pecsengland.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Jackie, Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna, Pat, Cameron.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Join our RCIA course to explore and learn more. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL LEAVE

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 14th August – Tuesday, 1st September.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
1ST/2ND AUGUST 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£171.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£50.00
Loose Plate	£364.78
TOTAL	£585.78

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.



The bus will be leaving at 5 am from St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ. Price £38. If you are interested, please contact Aline directly on 0790 456 9437.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeG02u35IST6F9uPEJH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX



WELCOME

A warm welcome to Helios who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.



THE HOME PILGRIM VIRGIN VISITATION STATUES (HPVS)

A portable statue of the Pilgrim Virgin to visit parishioner's homes for one week with a special blessing from the sanctuary of the parish church, to encourage us, as we kneel in prayer before the Mother of the Holy Family, to entrust to her loving care all the struggles and difficulties, joys and sorrows, which we experience day by day in our own family.

Let us resolve faithfully to pray her Rosary every day, meditating on the divine mysteries of her Son, as she requested at Fatima, so that we may deserve to experience Our Lady's powerful and consoling assistance in our lives.

PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT OF OUR LADY

- The principles behind the Pilgrim Virgin programme are the promotion of conversion, peace, unity and love, as well as the desire to bring families to pray together and be united in their faith in Christ.
- Any member of the parish who makes a request may have the Pilgrim Virgin, even if they are a one-person household. The Pilgrim Virgin statue should remain with the family/household for one week, during which time the rosary should be prayed daily before it, in fulfilment of Our Lady's request at Fatima.
- Friends and neighbours may be invited by the host family to join in praying with them, if they so wish. The Pilgrim Virgin statue can also visit residential homes, hospitals, and schools, providing, of course, that the necessary permission has been obtained.
- When everyone who has requested the Pilgrim Virgin statue has received a visit, then a second round of visits may be started.
- The Rosary should always begin with the introductory prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father and for the good of the Church entrusted to his care. That way, any indulgence gained can be offered for the holy souls in Purgatory.

To request a visit or for more information, please contact:
Aline Phillips +44 7904 569437

Pray the Rosary • Invite Others • Grow in Faith • Unite in Christ

The statue of Our Lady will start her journey around the homes of our parishioners on the Feast of the Assumption. Please complete the sign-up sheet, available from this weekend in the church porch, if you wish to receive Our Lady into your home.

CARDINAL RAYMOND BURKE:

Why the message of Fatima is more important than ever: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=YEveTnIF0w&is=37AIC71VkpSpwMfZ>

EVENTS

- 17th – 21st August: Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026 at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is Allegiance – 'But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Joshua 24:15). See the following link for more information: [Fanning The Flame Catholic Mission](https://www.fanningtheflame.org.uk/)
- The parish Curry Night has been moved to Saturday, 26th September. Apologies for any inconvenience.
- Saturday, 17th October: Formation Day for Readers (Winchester). RSVP to the Liturgy Team: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome.

**DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY – PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESE – SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER
9.30AM – 1.30 PM | ST BEDE'S, BASINGSTOKE**

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, *"Go therefore and make disciples..."* (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. To register your interest, please go

to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



**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* ritaaur@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

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week, we are short of **tinned corned beef/spam, tinned tuna, tinned potatoes, instant mash potatoes, sugar, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner**. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. *Many thanks.*



**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE
– CHRIST THE KING PARISH
21st – 28th September 2026**

Cost £859 per person. Early booking is recommended. If you are interested, please contact *Nicole Wilford* on *WhatsApp*: 07531 422 527 or email: marienicolewilford@gmail.com

**ST JOHN BOSCO PARISH
NEW ROOF FUNDRAISING
CHARITY GOLF DAY**

Friday, 4th September at Mapledurham Golf Course, Reading. Day includes: 18-hole championship course; competitions, prizes, raffle, auction and summer BBQ. Cost: £300 per team of 4 players (£75 each). Alternatively, come along at 6 pm and join in with the BBQ, auction and raffle. Please support this fundraising initiative organised by our parishioner, Richard Wilson. Richard needs 6 volunteers to help him on the day. If you want to enrol a team, get a ticket for the BBQ, can offer your volunteering help - email richardjwilson069@gmail.com or call 0781 075 0469.

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Re-starts on 3rd September. *All are welcome.*



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome. **We will not be meeting in August and will reconvene the first Tuesday in September.***



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

HOLIDAY TIME

At last, the summer holidays have arrived! Schools have all broken up and many of us are heading off. Please remember Sunday obligation! It has never been easier to find Mass times given that many churches and every diocese have web sites with useful links.

