

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – SUNDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER & FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 30TH NOVEMBER 2025.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2025

Saturday, 22 nd November St Cecilia , Virgin, Martyr, <i>memorial</i>	9 am 10 am 10.30 am	Rosary & Exposition John & Eileen Drake RIP Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 23 rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE , <i>solemnity</i> <i>Adoration following the 10.30 am Mass</i>	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Jo Boase RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i> Elsie Loftus RIP Syro Malabar
Monday, 24 th November St Andrew Dung-Lac , Priest, & Companions , Martyrs	10 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Tuesday, 25 th November	10 am	Deceased members of the parish (6 of 7)
Wednesday, 26 th November	9.30 am	Renata's family intentions
Thursday, 27 th November		
Friday, 28 th November	7 pm	David Dye RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Saturday, 29 th November Our Lady on Saturday	9 am 10 am 10.30 am 5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Rosary & Exposition Tess & James Joyce RIP Confessions Kubis family RIP
Sunday, 30 th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Lectionary for Sundays & Feasts: Year A	8.30 am 10.30 am	Deceased members of the parish (7 of 7) Tess & Gerry Heenan RIP
Monday, 1 st December St Edmund Campion , Priest, Martyr	10 am	Deceased members of Renata's family RIP
Tuesday, 2 nd December of the 1st Week of Advent	10 am	Martha & Patrick Munnelly RIP
Wednesday, 3 rd December St Francis Xavier , Priest	9.30 am	
Thursday, 4 th December of the 1st Week of Advent		
Friday, 5 th December of the 1st Week of Advent	6 pm 7 pm	First Friday Devotion <i>every first Friday of the month</i> P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 6 th December of the 1st Week of Advent	9 am 10 am 10.30 am 5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Rosary & Exposition Gerard Lawrence RIP <i>(Inaugural Mass for First Holy Communion candidates and their parents)</i> Confessions Private intention
Sunday, 7 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am 10.30 am	Pauline Brown RIP Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions <i>(Bishop Philip to celebrate the 10.30 am Mass of Enrolment of Confirmation candidates)</i>

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRuCvuFlvKVpml2vvGwDdKQ>

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C.
FROM FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 15TH/16TH NOVEMBER 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£189.68
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£401.92
TOTAL	£596.60

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 ritauro@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' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us for our annual SVP Seniors' Christmas Party on *Saturday, 6th December, 1 - 4 pm*, St Joseph's Parish Hall. Traditional Hot Christmas Lunch|

St Paul's Children's Choir| Bingo and a visit from *Father Christmas himself!* Come alone, bring a friend, make some friends - all welcome! If you would like to spend a relaxing afternoon amongst friends, please put your name down on the list in the church porch **by Sunday, 23rd November**. For more information, contact Patrizia Chessell on 0774 054 7922. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them". Matthew 18:20.*

OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER BEGINNING WITH QUIET ADORATION AT 6.30 PM AND CONFESSIONS FROM 7 PM.

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which is available in the porch giving further details about the Posada.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations.

This week, the items needed are: Shower gel, sugar, rice pudding, custard, packet soups, orange juice, coffee, cereal, longlife milk whole and skimmed. 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'.



NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS

The following designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Friday, 21 st	7 pm
Tuesday, 25 th	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	8.30 am

There will be a basket in front of the Altar to receive your Mass intentions for your departed loved ones. *Please place your intention and offering in the basket before the beginning of Mass.*

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



St Joseph's Tilehurst

WE WELCOME OUR BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

We warmly welcome Bishop Philip who will be making a pastoral visit to us on Sunday, 7th December. He will celebrate the 10.30 am Mass and everyone is welcome to join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall.



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

Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*.
All are welcome.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE CHURCH CAVERSHAM

Following the announcement that Lis Leddy will be retiring 31/12/25, the parish is looking to recruit a new parish administrator. The role is part-time, 15 hrs/week, 5 hours/day on Tues/Wed and Thurs. @ £12.72/hour. For further information including the job description, please contact ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk Closing date: 5 pm Thursday, 27th November. Short listing: Monday, 1st December. Interviews: Thursday, 4th December.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church porch.

!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#).

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation programme will start soon. If you have registered but haven't received the list of dates, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 13th December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR FAITH RESEARCH

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. They would like to hear from any adult neurodivergent Catholics or caregivers of neurodivergent Catholics as their experiences will help the Conference become more inclusive and responsive to their needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for bottles for the bottle stall and good quality items and unused presents to sell at our Christmas Fair. We rely on your support and generosity, so please donate if you can. A "Donations" box will be placed in the church porch where you can place your donations. Many thanks in advance. *Events Team.*



The Christmas Fair hamper is on display in the church porch. Tickets will be sold *on the day* at £2 each.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES/CONFESSIONS

- St. Joseph's – 17th December at 7 pm.
- Christ the King – 18th December at 7 pm.
- Our Lady of Peace – 20th December at 10 am.
- English Martyrs – 20th December at 10 am.
- St James - Each Saturday of Advent at 5 pm.
- St John Bosco – 8th, 9th & 12th December at 8 pm.

A BED FOR THE NIGHT: WINTER NIGHT SHELTER



Reading's Christian churches provide a venue each night of the week for some of our homeless rough sleepers during the coldest nights of winter. Guests get an evening meal, a warm and safe place to sleep and breakfast the following morning. This year, the Catholic community will be hosting Bed for the Night in English Martyrs Church on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings from 5th January – 30th March. To find out more and how YOU can help, come to an Information Evening on Wednesday, 26th November, 7.30 - 8.30 pm in EM Church Hall. The B4N coordinator and local Catholic volunteers will answer your questions on how the shelter is organised, who are the guests, different ways you can help, e.g. set up beds & tables, cook or serve meals, host our guests. It's your opportunity to hear stories from experienced volunteers and meet potential team members. You are welcome to come along to find out more about Bed for the Night, with no obligation. You can also contact seonaidhull@live.co.uk or attend B4N training session on Monday, 24th November at Tyndale Baptist Church, Cressingham Road, 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

The Parish Office will be closed next week and will re-open on Tuesday, 2nd December at 9 am. Reminder: The office is not open on Mondays. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

St Joseph's Tilehurst
Sunday 30th November
9.30am – 3.00pm
in the church hall

Christmas Raffle

Hamper

Bottle Stall

Jams

Bric-a-Brac

Tombola

Christmas Cards

Chutneys

Cakes & Biscuits

Face Painting

Table Tennis

Cards



Free Entry

Tea and coffee will be available