

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	10 am	Alex Hegarty RIP
<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish (7 of 7)
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, solemnity</b>	10.30 am	Kate & Richard Taylor's intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10 am	Johnny Roughneen RIP
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10 am	Liz Darling's intentions
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30 am	David Dye RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November		
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	7 pm	Mrs Maria Santana Fernandes RIP
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	10 am	Margaret O'Connell
<b>ST ANDREW, Apostle, feast</b> (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm	David Petersen RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C	10.30 am	Margaret Wilson RIP

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:\*

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

Saturdays: Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Colin Joseph, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

### NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS

The final Mass will be offered in November for our departed loved ones on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30 am. There is a basket in front of the Sanctuary to receive your petitions. **Please do not place any offerings in the basket;** instead, pass them to the *Parish Office*. Thank you.



### SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Please join us for our annual SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1 - 4.30 pm, St Joseph Parish Hall**. Traditional Hot Christmas Lunch | St Paul's Children's Choir | Carol Singing with the Silver Tones | Bingo . . . . and more! 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 at the back of the church, by **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**. If you would like more information, please 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**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
16<sup>TH</sup> /17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£246.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£17.50
Loose Plate	£372.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£636.49</b>

**ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> & SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

St Joseph's parish Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November after Masses. We would appreciate the following donations please:

- Bottles - wine, spirits.
- Hamper items - Christmas cakes, preserves, biscuits, chutney, nuts, chocolates, jams, coffee, tea and wine.
- Hand wash, candles, room scent, sanitiser, hand gel.
- Jewellery.
- Any unwanted and unused good quality items.

Please place the donations in the **Christmas Fair donations box** in the porch or give them to one of the church welcomers. Proceeds from the Christmas fair this year will be donated to supplement church funds for on-going maintenance and new projects. Thank you for your support - *Events Team*.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. We are open every Wednesday, 1 - 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open on Fridays, 5 - 630 pm. This week, we need: long-life milk, sugar, Weetabix, packet soup, spam/corned beef, instant mash potato, juice and rice pudding. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747*.

**APF/MISSIO**

It is time to empty the APF Missio boxes again. I shall be outside after both Sunday Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> December to collect your contributions. If you attend the Vigil Mass, please hand your box into the sacristy. Alternatively, please hand your box into the office (office hours only). For those of you who took a box following the appeal, please ensure that your name and contact details are written on the label. Contact me if you have any difficulties. The Autumn magazines are available at the back of the church; please take your free copy. *Mike Tomas, APF/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743*.

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' will be on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There will be food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI*. If you want to get involved, please see *Lewis and Hannah*.



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**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION - 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

The Missionary Society of St Paul UK Region invitations available in the church porch. Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.30 pm followed by reception.

**POSADA**

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) starts its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota in the porch before 1st December which gives further details about the Posada.

**CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11 am - 1 pm at the English Martyrs Church Hall, Liebenrood Road, Reading. Charities to include: Life and the Children's Society. Stalls selling: Gifts, cards, Christmas items, plants, toys, records, books, handicrafts, jewellery, cakes, a tombola, raffle and a free children's make and take table. Admission FREE.

The Quiz night and Raffle last weekend raised £317 for parish funds. Thank you to the quiz organisers and to all those who contributed. We had a very enjoyable evening, as always!

**END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS  
& CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy Portsmouth Diocese would like to invite all Nigerians to their Thanksgiving Mass and Christmas Party on 30th November 2024 at Christ the King Catholic Church Whitley RG2 8NR. Mass starts at 12 noon followed by a party. *RSVP 0759 778 1139 (Whatsapp only)*.

**A FORM OF BLESSING OF LECTIONARIES**

Next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, the Lectionaries will be blessed after the Collect (Opening Prayer) during the Vigil Mass.

The response to the Blessing of Lectionaries is:

***May the Word of the Lord take root in our hearts and bring forth a rich harvest. Amen.***

**DON O'SULLIVAN RIP**

The family of Don O'Sullivan would like to thank everyone who attended his Funeral Mass at St Luke's on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for the Masses, cards, gifts, prayers and expressions of sympathy on the death of Don. A Mass will be celebrated for all your intentions on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5 pm.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - ST JOSEPH'S**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*