

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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PENTECOST SUNDAY - 8TH JUNE, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – 15TH JUNE & CORPUS CHRISTI [THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST] – SUNDAY, 22ND JUNE

Pentecost Sunday – 8th June: "Receive the Holy Spirit." As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with power, so too can He fill you with the strength to answer a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Be open to His prompting.

The Most Holy Trinity – 15th June: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you." The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God's life and love. How is God calling you to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading you toward the sacred union of holy matrimony.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - 22nd June: "He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a priest?

Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

BEGINNING ON MONDAY, 23RD JUNE, THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 8.30 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY EACH WEEK. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition and quiet time followed by 7 pm Mass.

**Saturdays: Exposition and Rosary at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.
*ALL ARE WELCOME!***

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS:

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

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

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

R.I.P.

The parish offers condolences to the families of:



- **Fr Vincent Convery.** The Funeral, a Requiem Mass, will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, 18th June at the Chapel at Kiln Green.
- **Dorothy McMahon.** Reception into church at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 19th June followed by Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday, 20th June, then onto St Michael's for the burial at 1.30 pm.
- **Margaret Van Rensburg.** Funeral Mass to be celebrated on Wednesday, 18th June at 11 am here at St Joseph's Church.

Please pray for the repose of their souls. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8TH JUNE – 29TH JUNE 2025

Saturday, 7 th June of the 7th Week of Easter	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
Sunday, 8 th June PENTECOST SUNDAY	5 pm	Marian & parents RIP
	<i>Vigil</i>	
	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
	10.30 am	Soledad Belino & Elvira Belino RIP
Monday, 9 th June ORDINARY TIME RESUMES (Week 10)	5 pm	Syro Malabar
	10 am	Una Grant RIP
Tuesday, 10 th June	10 am	John McKenna RIP
Wednesday, 11 th June St Barnabas, Apostle	9.30 am	Una Grant RIP
Thursday, 12 th June OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		
Friday, 13 th June St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor of the Church	7 pm	John McKenna RIP
Saturday, 14 th June Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	<i>Rosary & Exposition</i>
	10 am	Fr José Maria La Porte's intentions
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, 15 th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	5 pm	Mick & Kath Conroy RIP
	<i>Vigil</i>	
	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP
Monday, 16 th June	10.30 am	John McKenna RIP
Tuesday, 17 th June	10 am	John & Doreen Kee's intentions
Wednesday, 18 th June	10 am	Joe & Bridie Jennings RIP
Thursday, 19 th June	11 am	Funeral: Margaret Van Rensberg RIP
Friday, 20 th June		
Saturday, 21 st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	7 pm	Fr José Maria La Porte's intentions
	9 am	<i>Rosary & Exposition</i>
	10 am	Fr Joseph Murphy's intentions
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
Sunday, 22 nd June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]	5 pm	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
	<i>Vigil</i>	
	8.30 am	Kitty O'Carroll RIP
Monday, 23 rd June	10.30 am	Kevin Spellman RIP
Tuesday, 24 th June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Wednesday, 25 th June	10 am	Renata's family intentions
Thursday, 26 th June	10 am	Marie Thérèse Capron RIP (50 th Anniversary of death)
Friday, 27 th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.30 am	Renata's deceased family members RIP
Saturday, 28 th June		
	11 am	St Paul's School (outdoor Mass) <i>at school</i>
	7 pm	Fr José Maria La Porte's intentions
Sunday, 29 th June Ss PETER & PAUL, Apostles	9 am	<i>Rosary & Exposition</i>
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm	John Drake RIP
	<i>Vigil</i>	
	8.30 am	Fr Stephen Wang's intentions
	10.30 am	Una Grant RIP

'United Through Jesus in Faith, Love and Learning'



JOIN US FOR A
Thanksgiving Mass

in celebration and gratitude for

Nuala Oster's

dedicated time and service at St. Paul's.

TUESDAY | 15TH JULY | 6:30PM

St Joseph's Church, Berkshire Drive, Tilehurst

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the large hall.

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After 12 years as our Headteacher, and about 30 years altogether as part of the St Paul's family, Mrs Oster is leaving us.

We warmly invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Mass in celebration and gratitude for Nuala Oster's dedicated time and service at St. Paul's.

This Mass is an opportunity for colleagues, governors, past pupils and families to come together and give thanks for all that Nuala has done during her time at St Paul's and the lasting impact she has made.

Over the years, Nuala has touched the lives of generations of families, with many past pupils now returning as parents, and even as teachers themselves. This is a true reflection of the strong sense of belonging, inspiration, and community she has nurtured at our school.

We hope you can join us in celebrating Nuala's achievements and wishing her happiness and blessings in all that lies ahead.



ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER FAIR AND FAMILY PICNIC

St Joseph's Summer fair and Family Picnic will take place on Sunday, 29th June from 11.30 am in both halls. Please do come along and support this event. All the money raised will go towards maintaining our church, hall and grounds. Donations: Please only donate items of good quality that will sell. Bottles: Wine, spirits and soft drinks. Bric- a-Brac items: Including toiletries and candles. Jewellery: Any unwanted and unused boxed items. Please place the donations in the box in the porch or give them to one of the church welcomers. We are also grateful to receive cash donations. Thank you for your support. *Events team.*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Day for Life – 14th 15th June
Peter's Pence – 28th/29th June
Stella Maris – 12th/13th July

Parishioners may use their Gift Aid envelopes, the card reader or donate online (*admin fee incurred*).

If you would like to donate to our parish and avoid admin fees, please do so by bank transfer: A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

DAY FOR LIFE 2025 – SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE

On Sunday, 15th June, Catholics across England and Wales will mark Day for Life, an annual occasion dedicated to cherishing and protecting human life from conception to natural death. The 2025 Day for Life comes at a crucial time as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill - commonly known as the Assisted Dying Bill - is making its way through Parliament. This proposed legislation would permit adults with mental capacity, diagnosed as terminally ill and within six months of death, to request medical assistance to end their lives. While supporters argue this offers autonomy, a wide coalition - including religious leaders, medical professionals, and ethicists - have voiced grave concerns about the dangers of legalising assisted suicide and the erosion of palliative care. Read the Bishop of Portsmouth's call to action to oppose the Bill: [BoP-PL39-301024-Assisted-Suicide.pdf](#). You can find prayers in support of Day for Life 2025 here: [Prayers for Day for Life 2025 - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2025/26 are available in the church porch. If you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your marked box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.



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@yahoo.co.uk

SVP annual raffle tickets will be on sale; we will do our best to sell them after all Masses. If you have any queries, please speak to Rita Boyce

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 35 households with food, thanks to your generous donations. This week, we are short of porridge, apple/orange juice, tinned meat/fish, Marmite, instant mashed potato and toothpaste. We are also in urgent need of more volunteers. If interested, do come over and meet us, during our Wednesday 1 – 3 pm sessions, at St Joseph's Church Hall. *Many thanks.*

ST JOSEPH'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP



Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. All are welcome. ***After many years of hard work and devotion, Cathy has decided to step down from the Toddler Group at the end of the summer term. If you would like to ensure that the Toddler Group can continue by committing to take it over, please contact the Parish Office.***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, 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, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Jenny Horton. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For those people who are not catholic, we can help you with R.C.I.A. and prepare you to become catholic at Easter next year. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*

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



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It is time to empty the red boxes again. I shall be outside after both Masses next Sunday to collect your boxes. If you attend Mass on Saturday evening, please hand your box into the Sacristy. Thank you. *Mike Tomas.*

ALL PARISH KEYHOLDERS

Fr Henry would like an up to date list of keyholders. Please submit your name and details of the parish keys which you have by 30th June. Post them through the letter box or email the Parish Office. *Thank you.*