

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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PENTECOST SUNDAY – 24TH MAY 2026

Saturday, 23 rd May of the 7th Week of Easter	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Cynthia Fitzpatrick RIP
Sunday, 24 th May PENTECOST SUNDAY, solemnity	8.30 am	Helen & John Spillane RIP
	*10.30 am	Eugene Carolan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 25 th May ORDINARY TIME RESUMES (Week 8) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	10 am	Paddy Joyce RIP
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Tuesday, 26 th May St Philip Neri, Priest, Founder	10 am	Paddy Joyce RIP
Wednesday, 27 th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop	9.30 am	John Horkan RIP
Thursday, 28 th May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		
Friday, 29 th May	6 pm	First Friday Devotion <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Dominic Clark's intentions – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Saturday, 30 th May Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Ann Murray RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Michael Lally RIP
Sunday, 31 st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, solemnity	8.30 am	Guidance and blessings at 18 and academic success for Zuzanna
	*10.30 am	Praseena Varghese RIP

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>



If you would prefer to complete a handwritten registration form, the welcomers have printed copies and pens. 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.*

Please register with the parish, as below:

*Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
find a link to the online form
here [REAJ0 Adult Parishioner
Registration Form](#)
OR scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please find a link to the
online form here [REAJ0 Child
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
OR scan the QR code here:*



PENTECOST LUNCH – THIS WEEKEND!!



This Sunday, 24th May at 12 noon in the large hall: Please bring your own lunch. A lovely selection of cakes and desserts, hot and cold drinks will also be available for donations towards the Church Windows Fund. For catering purposes, please let us know if you plan to come. *There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch.*

CHURCH WINDOWS FUND

Two of our church windows are in need of replacement and we have a goal of £420. Donations from the Pentecost Lunch and the Family Picnic/Fair will go towards this fund.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS



Parish Summer Picnic

21st June from 11.30 am – 3 pm

Cake Sale

12th July after all Masses

Curry Supper Night

5th September from 6 pm

Cake Sale

25th October after all Masses

Parish Christmas Fair

6th December after 10.30 am Mass

!!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

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

Update: Fr Richard will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14th June at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

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A Mass in Thanksgiving for Cathy Weafer and Carmen, following their many years of hard work and devotion to the parish, will be celebrated at 10.30 am on Sunday, 5th July. *All are welcome.*

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

16TH/17TH MAY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£274.30
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£528.66
TOTAL	£822.96
World Communications	£296.22

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

Some friends have been on the prayers for the sick and housebound for years. This is not a problem, but it is always good to hear news.

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

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. donations. This week we are short of Weetabix, baked beans, instant potato mash, pasta sauce, pot noodles, tinned tomato, toothpaste and shampoo. Financial donations can be made to CDP 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.*



"Receive the Holy Spirit." On the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of love, truth, and service. In priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, the Holy Spirit strengthens hearts to answer God's call courageously, guiding, inspiring, and sanctifying their work in the world. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, that more men and women may be filled with His grace and step boldly into their vocations.



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.



Catholic Legacy Week, 24th – 30th May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or

at www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES
WITH BISHOP PHILIP THIS YEAR**

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July)
To Assisi & Turin
(from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July)

If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#)

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, WOODLEY
- MAIN FUNDRAISER THIS SUMMER**

Community sponsored walk & family picnic Sunday, 14th June. This will take place at St Dominic's School field straight after 10 am Mass. We have launched a campaign page here:

[ROOF PROJECT FUNDRAISING - SPONSORED WALK & ACTIVITIES - Give as you Live Donate so you can donate and share the link with your contacts.](#) Here is the QR Code:



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

During Pentecost, the St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening, in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. We will be participating in a 'Life in the Spirit' course with different inspiring speakers talking about the Holy Spirit on the internet each week until 2nd June. *Everyone is welcome.*



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.*

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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:
ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISHES**

Date: Saturday, 4th July - Leave English Martyrs by coach at 5.30 am. Return to English Martyrs by coach at approximately 9 pm. There will be a brief break on each journey. Picnic Lunch will be needed.



Any queries to:

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Aline Phillips alinephillips1@aol.co.uk

Fr Gaston gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Price: £40. Payment - Parish Bank details: A/C

Name CDP Reading

English Martyrs.

Sort Code:30-93-04.

Account No.00885666.



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the following link to Careers in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth:
[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 20th June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact your Parish Secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. Thank you.



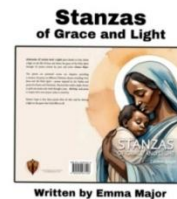
Following Jesus



Exhibition of Paintings by Emma Major

Exhibition Monday 1st June - 29th June
St Catherine's Tilehurst

Meet Artist and Poet Emma Major
Thursday 4th June at 2pm for a talk
about the paintings and to hear poems
from her new book



Written by Emma Major

ChurchSuite

NEW PARISH DATABASE

'ChurchSuite' is our new parishioner Database. Our old Database was discontinued on 31st January. Please register on our new Database:

REGISTER NOW

If you don't have a PC or smart phone there are 2 ways to register:

BY PHONE

0118 942 8632
Tues & Thurs
10am - 12pm

IN PERSON

@ Parish Office
Tues & Thurs
10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code!

You must register to continue to receive our newsletter by email!

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future.

These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>



On Monday, 8th June at 12.15 pm: the Stella Maris Mass for seafarers and fishers in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by emailing roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org by Tuesday, 28th May.

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

You are encouraged to participate in three, free, online presentations entitled: 'Ancient Texts for our Trouble Times': 2nd June, 4th August and 1st September: www.batkolinternational.org. In addition, there is a webinar, 'A Common Word Between Us and You': with Rev'd Dr Peter Colwell and Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra.

CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

Returns to West Sussex, 15th - 19th August. The Festival, one of the UK's leading Catholic family events, returns to Worth School in West Sussex and tickets are now available. The Festival expects to welcome around 1,000 attendees for five days of worship, teaching and community with the theme 'Let There Be Light': [CELEBRATE festival](http://celebratefestival.org)



ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

You are invited to join us, *St Joseph's Parish for our *Online Daily Rosary* 🙏. Starting *Monday, 1st June at 8 pm*. We will be coming together each evening to pray the Rosary as a community. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us as we ask Our Lady to intercede for us before her Son, Jesus. Together we will pray for peace in our world, forgiveness, healing for those in need and for ourselves, our friends, and our families. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. To join, please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeGO2u35lST6F9uPEJH0d5dnP.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX

We would be honored to pray with you. God bless you, and we look forward to praying with you soon.

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