

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY (OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER) – 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026



Traditionally, there is a Novena for Mercy that begins on Good Friday and the Chaplet is said every day, ideally at 3 pm, for all our special intentions up to Divine Mercy Sunday: [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org). The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to us through the appearances of the Lord to St Faustina Kowalska. He asked that a Feast of Mercy be held on the Sunday after Easter.

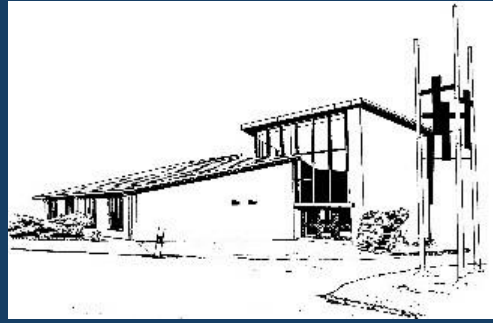
**Our Divine Mercy Sunday Service will be celebrated at 2.30 pm this Sunday, 12th April. All are invited to attend.**

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:  
[\\*https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKYpm12vvGWdDKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKYpm12vvGWdDKQ)

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> April <b>SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Una Grant RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marianna & Kubis family RIP
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of Divine Mercy (Octave Day of Easter)</b>	8.30 am	All souls in purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Pedro & Josie Rodrigues RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9.30 am	
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>		
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> every first Friday of the month
	7 pm	
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9 am	<b>Rosary &amp; Exposition</b>
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Falenta family's intentions
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>10.30 am Mass of Election</i>	8.30 am	François Vidot RIP
	*10.30 am	Renato & Monica Goncalves RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

# NEW CHURCH DATABASE



The parish is now using a system called ChurchSuite to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter.

To do this we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners.

To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive all communications from the parish including the newsletter – **please make sure you have filled out the new Registration Forms.**

There is a separate adult and child registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at:

0118 942 8632

[sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

The **Adult** Registration Form is available here:

[REAJO Adult Parishioner Registration Form](#)

Or by scanning this QR code:



The **Child** Registration Form is available here:

[REAJO Child Parishioner Registration Form](#)

Or by scanning this QR code:



For those who do not have access to a computer or mobile phone, please come to the Parish Office between 10 am – 12.30 pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and *Sheila* will help you to complete the form.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

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.

Easter Offering	£1,648.79
Holy Places	£620.91

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2026/27 are now available in the church porch. Even if you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your named box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.

## SVP SENIORS' EASTER LUNCH



Please join us in the parish hall on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April** from 1 - 3.30 pm, for a wonderful springtime celebration amongst friends. If you would like to come, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, **by 19<sup>th</sup> April**. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922.

## 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.

## TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week, we are short of cereal/weetabix, tea bags, instant coffee, long life juice, baked beans, cooking oil, tinned corned beef/spam/hotdogs, white rice, adult toothpaste and washing-up liquid. 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.*



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](mailto: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.

"Peace be with you." We pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honouring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

## 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.*

## WELCOME

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



## CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ

On Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm, at St Catherine of Siena Church, Wittenham Avenue, RG31 5LN. Tickets £10 per person to include light refreshments and nibbles, bring your own drink. Raffle and prizes. Contact [tickets@meadowsweet.eu](mailto:tickets@meadowsweet.eu)



## PENTECOST LUNCH

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in St Joseph's parish hall. Please bring your own lunch. Cake, desserts, hot and cold drinks available for a donation towards parish funds. *All are welcome. (See poster for further details).*



**!!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!**

Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.***

**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, 5<sup>th</sup> July. *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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



**2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES WITH BISHOP PHILIP**

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026)

To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026)

The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotel accommodation at the hotel La Solitude is on a full board basis. On our previous pilgrimages, our pilgrims have been very pleased with the hotel, its proximity to the Domain and the plentiful and varied food options with some even making use of the hotel's indoor swimming pool. As before, we hope that the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs, if required. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing).

The pilgrimage to Assisi and Turin is based on dual city hotel accommodation with breakfast and evening dinner with all travel included to all the advertised sites. Flights out to Turin and return from Perugia are to and from Gatwick airport. Costs are £1,695 per pilgrim (again, based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY FEAST 2026** Celebrations at St Andrews Church, Washington Drive, Cippenham, Slough SL1 5RE on 12 April at 2.30 pm. The service will be led by Mgr Sean Healy and will include Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, Mass, Talk, Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome to celebrate this glorious feast. Please call Millie on WhatsApp 0795 759 4646 for more information.

**OXFORD PRO-LIFE DRINKS**

Saturday 18th April | 7 pm | The Victoria, (90 Walton St, Oxford OX2 6EB). Come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. New-comers are especially welcome! Just turn up, and why not bring a friend? [Visit our website](#) for more info and to RSVP [oxfordprolife.org.uk](http://oxfordprolife.org.uk).