

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 14TH JANUARY 2024 (YEAR B)

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14TH JANUARY - SUNDAY, 21ST JANUARY

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| Sunday, 14 th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Peace | 5 pm (Vigil) | Leelamma Cherian RIP |
| | 8.30 am | Special intention |
| | 10.30 am* | Donal English RIP |
| | 5 pm | Syro Malabar |
| Monday, 15 th January | | |
| Tuesday, 16 th January | | |
| Wednesday, 17 th January St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot | | |
| Thursday, 18 th January Today is the beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity | | |
| Friday, 19 th January | | |
| Saturday, 20 th January | | |
| Sunday, 21 st January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 5 pm (Vigil) | Marianna RIP |
| | 8.30 am | Donal English RIP |
| | 10.30 am* | Yvonne Millichap RIP |

Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFhVKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Saturdays
+ Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. *All are welcome.*

Confessions are available after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

The church will be open for private prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays
from 8.30 am until after the 10.30 am Mass.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Thursday, *every other week.*

Fr Jude is available for appointments on Wednesdays between 11 am – 1 pm
or by telephone on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Marek, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Tony Chaplin, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahon.

If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL
NEXT WEEKEND 20TH/21ST JANUARY**

Ahead of this year's Second Collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese, which is scheduled to take place on 21st January, Father James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia puts the financial needs of the Cathedral in context.

Father James writes:

"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.

The heating and electrical systems are in urgent need of upgrading. One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money I had allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window. The two remaining boilers both failed in late November 2023. After a week of no central heating, the two boilers were repaired, but we have been advised that all three boilers have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago. We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient, "greener" system.

In the summer of 2023, the quinquennial architectural survey was completed and the report we received in September outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million.

I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21st January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us."

VOLUNTEER COUNTERS

New volunteers to help with counting the collection on a Sunday afternoon. The commitment is roughly once/month and volunteers will be trained and will work in a team.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
6TH/7TH JANUARY 2024**

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| Gift Aid (envelopes) | £158.00 |
| Planned Giving (envelopes) | £15.00 |
| Loose Plate | £259.46 |
| TOTAL | £432.46 |
| Running Totals | |
| Christmas offerings | £3,385.46 |

DONATIONS

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.



St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of an international Christian voluntary

network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. The SVP Conference here at St Joseph's extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help by offering friendship and support, transport to hospital and medical appointments, financial assistance where able and home visits. Social events such as Easter and Christmas Parties are also organised together with Soup Lunches and Afternoon Teas. Support is also provided to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India to CIRDIC, New Beginnings, Whitley Wood Community Centre and The Weller Centre, with monthly meat deliveries. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code 60-60-04. Account No 46075070 or contactless via the card reader machine. If you're a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation; SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, give your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. To donate to the SVP by Standing Order, complete a donation form, available in the church porch. Please return to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Many thanks for your generosity. Key contacts: SVP President: Rita Boyce - 0798 464 3250 ritaur@yahoo.co.uk. SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 jackewins9@gmail.com.

MOTHERS PRAYERS



Come together to pray with other mothers for our children, grandchildren and families. Meetings at Aline Phillips' home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Attendance is flexible. Contact Aline on 0790 456 9437 if you would like to attend and to hear more about the prayer group and meeting location.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK
- PARISH UPDATE**



Our great adventure has begun. We had our first training induction day on 3rd January attended by 17 of our volunteers with one apology. 11 now have enhanced DBS clearance with 6 more still being processed. Many thanks to Miriam and the safeguarding team for this incredible achievement over the Christmas period, enabling us to open to the public on Wednesday, 10th January. We announced our opening via local social media. Thank you to everyone who spread the word. We had six visitors at our first session of Welcome Wednesday, mostly people wanting to experience the atmosphere which would have been better with more visitors. To that end, we would like to encourage any St Joseph's parishioner who could spare some time between 1 - 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon, to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit as well as a chance to meet new people and build a caring Tilehurst community. We are on a steep learning curve, tweaking our offer as we go. We are now asking for the donations of games for adults like scrabble, Dominos and colouring books for under 5's. The Lord has blessed this project, and we have a lot of good will and support behind us. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and contributions. *John, Alan and all the volunteers.*

Items needed: We intend to publish a focused list of food donations that we need as and when we run short. We are well stocked at the moment but are looking for the following items:



- Instant Coffee
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Tampons & sanitary towels
- Female Deodorants (Roll-on and Aerosols)
- Male Razors
- Long-life fruit juices
- Long-life milk
- Cooking Oil
- Pasta sauce

We welcome cash donations in an envelope, with your name, Gift Aid number (if applicable) and "FOODBANK", written on top, can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or handed in to the Parish Office. You can also donate using the cash machine in the church porch or directly into the parish bank account by including "YOUR NAME, FOODBANK" as a reference. Account Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Many thanks for your generosity. Any questions, please contact *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

C.I.R.D.I.C. CLOTHING DONATIONS

Clothing donations for CIRDIC are welcome on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please place your bags behind the repository or in the crying room, for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided, please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information, contact *Jo Lewry* jlwry@cafod.org.uk or phone 0771 009 4447.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

On 27th January from 10 am – 1 pm: "Chosen to be holy – transformation by the Holy Spirit." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024. More information at www.altonrenewal.com

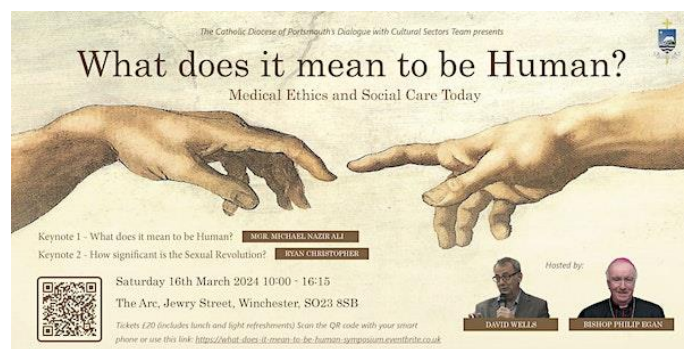
A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday, 10th February from 10 am – 5.30 pm: "A Day with Mary". A whole day retreat at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster for more details.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING

Praise and Worship' evening at St James Church at 7.30 pm on Friday, 2nd February. Tea and coffee from 7 pm. Please join us to spend time with Jesus, with uplifting praise and worship, scripture, personal prayer, adoration and so much more. All welcome.

Samuel learns to hear the voice of the Lord, responding, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Are you wondering how to respond to God's call? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn John Cooke*: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS RETREAT

At St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester, SO23 9SR on Saturday, 13th January 2024 from 10 am – 4 pm. Start the new year with this retreat delivered by Sr Margarida Mondral of the Verbum Dei Community. Refresh and reboot with a renewed appreciation of the core of our faith: the gift of the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit to animate our lived faith. This may appeal to all who want to reflect more deeply on Jesus and how his life relates to our lives. Please apply to *Liza Nahajski* for a place or for further details: lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk