

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2025

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Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL
– 18TH/19TH JANUARY 2025

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts, we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society.

This year, appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. *Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.*

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY - 26TH JANUARY 2025

Saturday, 18 th January	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Maxim & Ravinia Jokhool RIP
<i>Today is the beginning of</i>	10.30 am	Confessions
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	5 pm Vigil	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
Sunday, 19 th January	8.30 am	William & Pearl Painter RIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Arthur & Francisca Pinto RIP
Monday, 20 th January	10 am	Lalana's private intention
Tuesday, 21 st January	10 am	Leszek Wlasak RIP
St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr		
Wednesday, 22 nd January	9.30 am	People of the parish
Thursday, 23 rd January		
Friday, 24 th January	6 pm	Exposition
St Francis de Sales, Bishop,	7 pm	Chris Knollys RIP
Doctor of the Church		
Saturday, 25 th January	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	10 am	Marc James Hopper RIP
<i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	10.30 am	Confessions
<i>ends today</i>	5 pm Vigil	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 26 th January	8.30 am	Lalana's private intention
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Donald O'Sullivan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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

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

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!

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
11TH/12TH JANUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£183.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	35.00
Loose Plate	£300.41
TOTAL	£518.41

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the Cathedral on 25th/26th January. [Donate to Portsmouth St John's Catholic Cathedral | Give as you Live Donate](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefan 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, Terry Clarke. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 – 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: tinned hot dogs/meat, oil, coffee, sugar, honey, orange juice and toothpaste. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747*.



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

Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless 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. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer - 0773 449 9190*.

**VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY FAIR
- 8TH/9TH FEBRUARY**

We will have a Ministry Fair after Masses on 8th/9th February. Please consider volunteering your help for the good of our parish - come and see what appeals to you. *YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!*

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There is 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 contact *Lewis and Hannah*: Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk



SUGGESTION BOX

Please put any suggestions you have in the marked box in the church porch. Fr Henry will read all suggestions and direct them to the relevant committee for discussion and implementation.

**ENGAGED COUPLES BREAKFAST
- SATURDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2025**

If you will be getting married in 2025, please see the invitation (printed copies also available in the church porch), from Bishop Philip who will be hosting a St Valentine's Day Breakfast for our engaged couples on Saturday, 8th February at the Cathedral. Deacon Peter Silsbury will be making the arrangements.

A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18th January, 10.30 am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee



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* jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 0771 009 4447.