


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 16TH MARCH 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 16TH MARCH – 23RD MARCH 2025

Saturday, 15 th March of the 1st Week of Lent	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Margaret Wilson RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 16 th March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am	Edward & Janina Gembala RIP
Monday, 17 th March ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast	10 am	Tom McKeown RIP
Tuesday, 18 th March of the 2nd Week of Lent	10 am	
	11.30 am	Funeral: Terry Clarke RIP
Wednesday, 19 th March ST JOSEPH, Solemnity	9.30 am	Thanksgiving for school admission
Thursday, 20 th March of the 2nd Week of Lent		
Friday, 21 st March of the 2nd Week of Lent	6.30 pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
	7 pm	Caroline Hurst RIP
Saturday, 22 nd March of the 2nd Week of Lent	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Lucia Fernandes' intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 23 rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Maria Rodrigues, Sebastiana Rato & Josephine Pereira RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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>

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen 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, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anne. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
8TH/9TH MARCH 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£208.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£146.37
TOTAL	£364.37

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL
FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION
- FRIDAY, 14TH MARCH**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be



supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelopes available in the church porch, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us

on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Lent prayer light of hope video: <https://youtu.be/oEtpTxt3Pag?si=qQbCUJTFgX7FeBG>

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2025

Thank you for your incredible generosity in raising a staggering £4,016.72, after gift aid. Yet again beating last year's total and yet again topping the national leaderboard. It was a special day for our Reading parish community, true Pilgrims of Hope, as we walked, sang, prayed, and got our mini camino stamps, all while bathed in the blessings of Spring sunshine. By way of an example of how the funds raised makes such a difference to the world's poorest communities, this total would buy the shade netting and local drought resistant seeds for approximately 800 vegetable gardens, providing a long term, sustainable source of nutrition to the equivalent of a small town. We can be very proud of our community and very proud of our faith.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Catholic Bishops of English and Wales have scheduled a special collection for the weekend of 22nd/23rd March. This National Collection will take place in parishes across England and is dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine. *Please give generously.*

Donate to our parish by bank transfer in order to avoid any admin fees:
A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph.
Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

If you have the diocesan book: Via Crucis - The Road to Heaven, please bring it to Stations of the Cross on Fridays so that you can follow along with the reading.

TERRY CLARKE RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Terry Clarke who passed away on Thursday, 20th February. Terry's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 18th March at 11.30 am followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium at 1 pm. Please pray for the repose of Terry's soul. *All are welcome.*



Please note: Road works are planned for Hildens Drive on 18th March, so you may need to access the church from the top of Berkshire at Park Lane.

TOM MCKEOWN RIP

The family of Tom McKeown, wish to express their appreciation for all the prayers and messages conveyed in so many ways during this difficult time. *Thank you most sincerely.*



THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - 19TH MARCH

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph on Sunday, 23rd March after the 10.30 Mass in the large hall. Food donations for the celebration are very welcome: Please add your name and indicate what you will donate on the sheet at the back of the church. Everyone is welcome. *Thank you.*

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The month of March, by custom, is devoted to St Joseph whose feast day is on 19th March. Pope Francis dedicated the year 2021 to him in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX.

Here is a Prayer that the Pope says to St Joseph every day and which we too recite at our Masses:

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph,
whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.
Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations
that I commend to you,
that they may have a happy outcome.
My beloved father, all my trust is in you.
Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power.
Amen.*

FEAST OF ST PATRICK - MONDAY, 17TH MARCH

On the Feast of St Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, we pray for the people of Ireland and wish them a *Happy St Patrick's Day!*



**RISE THEATRE
LENT FUNDRAISER FILM EVENT**

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RISE THEATRE present their two original short films 'THE ROOM' and 'THE MASTERPIECE' on

SATURDAY 15th MARCH 2025
@ St Joseph's Parish Hall, Berkshire Dr, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ

Screenings at 3.00pm and 7.30pm
both films shown at each as a double bill

Adults = £7 Children over 12 = £4

Buy tickets after some Masses or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre

An event to raise much needed funds for Rise Theatre's Passion Play outreach performances in Forbury Gardens at Easter and for St Joseph's Church.

Films contain Christian themes.

Event is under 2 hours including an interval, with refreshments available.

Films suitable for ages 12 and over.



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

Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need 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, 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.

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 10th May. Save the date. *More details to follow.*

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's Parish Passover Supper will be held on Saturday, 12th April at 6.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from 22nd/23rd March. *More details to follow.*

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: **men's and women's deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors, biscuits, custard, mayonnaise, milk and squash.** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT

Building a Eucharistic Community

Day of Reflection

Exploring our identity and mission as a Parish

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ

Saturday 5th April, 10am-3.40pm
Mass - Retreat talks - Discussion - Adoration

Led by Sr Veronica, OP:
Dominican Sisters of St Joseph

Please bring a packed lunch.
Tea and coffee will be provided



"Churches are not museums that display perfect people. They are hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing." - Nicky Gumbel

All are welcome.
Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

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

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Please use the [Right to Life email tool](#) to contact your MP. A [letter template](#) is also available in the church porch to those who do not use email or who would prefer to lodge your opposition by post. The template simply requires you to address, sign and date the letter. The home page of the Diocesan website now contains resources and information to oppose assisted suicide [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#).

18TH
MAY 2025
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"DO ALL THIS UNTO MY
SPECIAL PLACE AND
HONOR, AND ALL WHO
ARE IN ANY WAY
DISTRESSED OR IN
NEED, LET THEM SEEK
ME HERE IN THAT LITTLE
HOUSE YOU HAVE
MADE IN WALSINGHAM"

ST JOSEPHS PARISH
WALSINGHAM

PILGRIMAGE

DEPARTURE FROM ST JOSEPHS CHURCH
RG31 5JJ AT 5:30AM

CONTACT: ALINE PHILLIPS

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ACCOUNT NO: 20739494 SORT CODE: 54:21:28

CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND NETWORKING

The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting online events during Lent for Catechists across the diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7.30 pm and last for one hour. Catechists can choose from the three events based on their area of catechesis:

- Thursday 20th March
(Marriage Preparation and Baptism)
- Thursday 3rd April
(Confirmation and RCIA)

To sign up for these events, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/VkCdj1SWzA>.

A key was found in the hall last weekend. Please contact the Parish Office if it is your key. *Thank you.*

WORLD YOUTH DAY (YWYD)

Diocesan WYD Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. This pilgrimage to Rome is 28th July - 4th August and is open to young people aged 17-35. The cost is approx. £1,350 pp for a shared room and the packed programme of events by Bishop Philip. Spaces are limited so anybody interested should contact youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk asap.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 21st June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact the Parish Office or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form, or if you have no access to the internet, you can post a copy along with completed form to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

RESILIENCE TRAINING FOR WOMEN (CF. PHIL 4:13)

Free introductory session on a resilience training program designed for women (ages 17+) at Our Lady of Peace parish (338 Wokingham Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA). Open to friends from other parishes, this course will help you: Build self-confidence, strengthen mental and physical resilience, develop character and inner strength and kick-start a healthy lifestyle. The training will be led by Dieye – a fitness trainer, self-defence instructor, and trauma medic. Course Details: Free introductory session on 20th March at 7.15 pm in the parish hall. Four follow-up sessions (1 hour each, including warm-up) Cost: £10 for all four sessions Registration open until 16th March (course will run if there's sufficient interest). Register after Mass on Sundays or via: office@olop.org.uk Spread the word and take a step toward greater confidence and well-being!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, 18th March – Thursday, 27th March

