

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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26TH JULY 2026



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

Saturday, 25 th July ST JAMES, Apostle	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 26 th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Paddy Joyce RIP
	*10.30 am	Harry & Thomas' intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 27 th July	10 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	4 pm	Kevin Keep's coffin to be received into church
Tuesday, 28 th July	11 am	Funeral: Kevin Keep RIP
Wednesday, 29 th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.30 am	John & Stephen McKenna RIP
Thursday, 30 th July		
Friday, 31 st July St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	
Saturday, 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 2 nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Private intention
	*10.30 am	Beatrice Pinto RIP

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



Please register with the parish:

Adult Parishioner Registration Form. Please click the link to the online form here [REAJO Adult Parishioner Registration Form](#) or scan the QR code here:



Child Parishioner Registration Form. Please click the link to the online form here [REAJO Child Parishioner Registration Form](#) or scan the QR code here:



Printed copies and pens are available in the church porch. 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.*

GIFT AID DECLARATION RENEWALS

If you have previously submitted a Gift Aid declaration form for St Joseph's, Tilehurst - HMRC now requires us to update your Gift Aid declaration. We can no longer rely on the old PRCOTR declarations; it must be in the name and Charity Number of CDP, due to HMRC rules. This declaration allows us to claim tax refunds on the donations you make.

There are a few options available to you:

- You can click the link below to access and complete the updated Gift Aid Declaration form online. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q4Rua0kQk-BPslWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VIRVNkRRSVE4STQ00C4u>
- You can scan the QR code displayed here:
- You can complete a paper form - available in the church porch.

If you would like any assistance, please let us know and a member of the Finance Team can advise and help, as required.

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth -
Gift Aid Declaration Form



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on Mondays at 4.30 pm. Forms are available on the parish website, in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office by **Monday, 14th September 2026**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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



KEVIN KEEP RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Kevin Keep who died recently. Please pray for the repose of Kevin's soul. Kevin's body will be received into the church on Monday, 27th July at 4 pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 28th July at 11 am, followed by burial committal at Henley Road Cemetery. *All are welcome.*

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *All are welcome.*

PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS: CALLED TO MORE

Jesus' final command was not simply to gather for worship, but to "Go and make disciples." Every baptised Catholic shares in this mission. Over the coming weeks you'll be introduced to **Parish Evangelisation Cells** which are a simple way of helping each of us grow in faith, build community and share Christ naturally with those around us. This vision echoes the Diocese of Portsmouth's call to become missionary parishes, where every person is formed and sent to witness through daily life. Could God be inviting you to play a part in the renewal of your parish and the sharing of the Gospel? To find out more go to www.pecsengland.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Join our RCIA course to explore and learn more. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office.

RED MISSIO BOXES

The Summer magazines are available at the back of the church; you are welcome to take one whether you support Missio or not. The Boxes are now due to be emptied; please hand yours into the Sacristy after Mass or hand it into the Parish office (office hours only). *Mike Tomas, APF Missio Secretary.*



Dear Parishioners,

Due to the availability of our volunteers, church cleaning may sometimes take place shortly before or after Mass. We kindly ask for your understanding during these times. Please rest assured that our team does its best to remain discreet so that you can continue your time with God in peace and prayer. Thank you for your patience and your continued support in helping us care for our church. God bless you. The Cleaning Team.

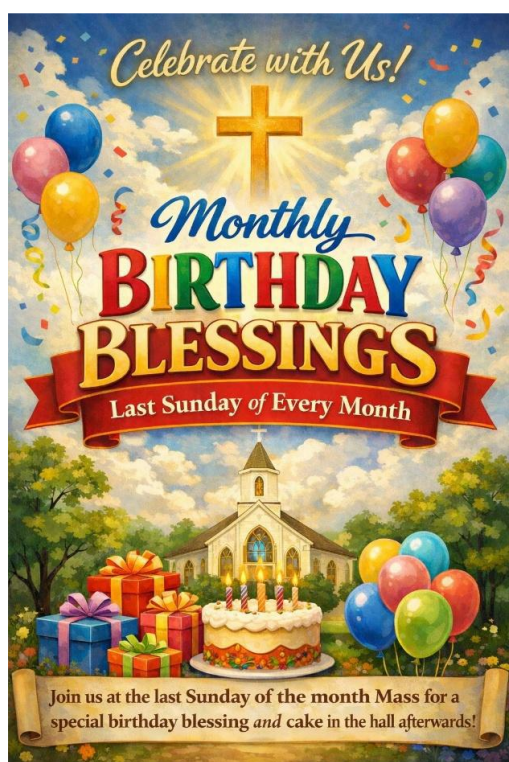
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
18TH/19TH JULY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£276.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£310.59
TOTAL	£606.59

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.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeG02u35IST6F9uPEjH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX



**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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week, we are short of **tinned corned beef/spam/hotdogs, baked beans, spaghetti hoops, rice, ketchup, mayonnaise, apple/orange juice, tinned fruit, sugar, squash, peanut butter and toilet rolls**. 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 JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Re-starts on 3rd September 2026. *All are welcome.*



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome. **We will not be meeting in August and will reconvene the first Tuesday in September.***

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIJUGORJE

21st - 28th September 2026

Cost £859 per person. Early booking is recommended. If you are interested, please contact **Nicole Wilford** on WhatsApp: 07531 422 527 or email: marienicolewilford@gmail.com



The bus will be leaving at 5 am from St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ. Price £38. If you are interested, please contact **Aline** directly on 0790 456 9437.

PARISH MINISTRIES MEETING

Father Henry would like to meet the leaders of all ministries together with your team members to discuss thoughts and ideas. *For convenience, Fr Henry suggests these meetings be held after 10.30 am Mass on any Sunday.* Please liaise with your team members to decide on a suitable date for everyone involved. The ministries concerned are: Cleaners, Altar Servers, Flower Arrangers, Catechists, Gardeners, Eucharistic Ministers, Events Team, Repository, Welcomers, Maintenance, Readers, IT/AV screen/laptop/web site, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Liturgy, Confirmation, SVP, Foodbank Team, Sacristans.

EVENTS

- 17th – 21st August: Fanning the Flame Summer Camp 2026 at St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The theme this year is Allegiance – 'But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord' (Joshua 24:15). See the following link for more information: [Fanning The Flame Catholic Mission](#)
- Saturday, 17th October: Formation Day for Readers (Winchester). RSVP to the Liturgy Team (details below).



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team



The Liturgy Project

FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)

9 am to 1.30 pm
Pastoral Centre, Winchester

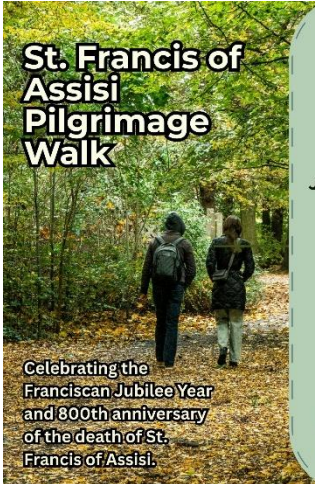
9th May 2026	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
17th October 2026	Day for Readers

 Please RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#):

- [Parish Finance Administrator, Andover](#)
- [Parish Administrator, Southampton](#)
- [Development and Fundraising Manager, Portsmouth](#)
- [Parish Campaign Coordinator, Portsmouth](#)
- [Parish Administrator, Fareham](#)



St. Francis of Assisi Pilgrimage Walk

Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year and 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

Date: 10 October 2026
Departure time: 9.30am
Departing from: St James Church

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Join us for walking, prayer, reflection and sustenance.

- Gentle, easy terrain for all ages.
- Toilets and refreshment stops throughout and at the finish.
- Public transport at several points for those wishing to head back early.
- 11.5 MILE walk, full day event, bus (Lime 2) back to Reading

Contact the Parish office email office@stjw.co.uk if you would like to join us, or find out more.