


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY – 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025

Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER</b> , feast	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Leonora Spry RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	John Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Marianna RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Martin Mullin RIP
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Phil Sims' intentions
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February		
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	John & Eileen Drake RIP
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>ST DAVID</b> , Religious, Bishop	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Sullivan/Callaghan family RIP
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Mary & John English RIP
	10.30 am	Marian Falenta RIP

### 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.



**ASH WEDNESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** There will be blessing and distribution of ashes at the following Masses: 9.30 am & 7 pm. ***A day of fasting and abstinence which is mandatory on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*** Lent calls us to repent - a time of enrichment, nourishment and conversion, when we actively seek to grow in our faith through prayer, fasting and charity.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
15<sup>TH</sup>/16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£160.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£307.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£472.85</b>
<i>Lepra Appeal (World Leprosy Day)</i>	<i>£433.92</i>

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.



**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](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. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins*, SVP Treasurer - 0773 449 9190.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We will soon begin the programme of preparation for Confirmation. If your son/daughter is in year 7 or above and would like to join the programme, please send names and contact details to the Parish Office. Register by: **9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

**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: For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: **Orange juice, alternative milk soya, hot chocolate, tinned fruit, deodorant for men and ladies, jam, biscuits and rice pudding**. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.



**RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the families of:

**TOM MCKEOWN** who passed away recently. *Please pray for the repose of Tom's soul.* Tom's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March at 1 pm, followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium at 3 pm. *All are welcome.*

**TERRY CLARKE** who passed away last Thursday. *Please pray for the repose of Terry's soul.* Funeral details to follow.

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT**

**Building a Eucharistic Community**

Day of Reflection

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



Exploring our identity and mission as a Parish

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.**

**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 McMahan, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the Parish Office.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please notify the Parish Office if you have moved house or changed your telephone number so that parish records can be updated. *Thank you.*

### RISE THEATRE LENT FUNDRAISER FILM EVENT

**LENT FUNDRAISER FILM EVENT**

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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)

### HEADTEACHER ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - START DATE SEPTEMBER 2025

St Paul's is a vibrant and inclusive Catholic primary school where we are rooted in our mission, "United through Jesus in faith, love and learning". For an application pack and more information about the role, please visit the school website: [St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Home](http://St Paul's Catholic Primary School - Home). St Paul's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, and online checks will be completed for shortlisted candidates.



"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.

[vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

### THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March here at St Joseph's. The celebration will take place after 10.30 Mass in the large hall. We will ask for food donations nearer the time. Please reserve the date and do come and celebrate with us. *Everyone is welcome.*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer, will take place this year on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Reading service will be held at 10.30 am on that day at Wesley Methodist Church in Queens Road. There is no service in Tilehurst that day but, as last year, there will be an informal service at St Catherine's Church, Wittenham Avenue, on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm organised by St Catherine's Mothers' Union. *Everyone is welcome.*

### 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  
**£32PP**

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  
07904569437**

TRANSFER TO MARCELLE ALINE PHILLIPS  
ACCOUNT NO: 20739494 SORT CODE: 54:21:28

**CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2025**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10 am starts at St Anne's, Caversham. Join your Reading Catholic community as Pilgrims of Hope raising funds for CAFOD. Father Joe will begin with a small Jubilee celebration. We will learn about the Holy door, and fulfil an indulgence ingredient, followed by a period of prayer together at the Shrine of our Lady of Caversham. We will listen to an explanation from the Confraternity of St James of how the walk we are about to embark on ties into the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. We will pause at the Camino mural in Friar Street, walking onto Reading Abbey via St James, and then along the Kennet into beautiful countryside following the tow path, as far as the Cunning Man pub in Burghfield, or a shorter flood proof version will end at Christ the King in Whitley. The total time including regular stops for prayers of hope and hymns of joy will be 3 hours. *Of course, above all else, the purpose is to raise funds for CAFOD*, as we fight poverty and injustice wherever it is found. The site for sponsorship is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/reading-parishes-big-lent-walk-2025>



**CAFOD LENT APPEAL  
FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION  
- FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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=qQbCUITFgX7FeBG>



**WORLD YOUTH DAY  
PILGRIMAGE**

Join the Diocese on our Pilgrimage to Rome for the World Youth Day Jubilee!

Join Bishop Philip and a group of young people, from across the diocese aged 17+ on this pilgrimage to Rome for the chance to unite with thousands of young people from across the world.

Be present in Rome at the ceremony when Pope Francis declares Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati a saint!

Departing on 28th July – 4th August (7 Nights)  
Total Price: £1,350

Included in this price are flights, hotel accommodation, breakfast and dinner, travel in Rome, entrance and participation fees, a pilgrim pack and much more...

For more information and booking please contact email [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Tel 07780 221 686

**CELEBRATING  
SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11 am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

Please contact the Parish Office or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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 could you 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 by post to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

**WORLD MISSION (MISSIO) SUNDAY 2024**

A message of thanks from Missio: Thank you very much for the gift of £487.30 from your parish. Through your prayers and financial support, you and your parishioners are responding to Christ's call to share our faith so that all may experience God's love. Your support on World Mission Sunday enables new, young, or poor communities to grow, to become self-sufficient, and most importantly, to join together to celebrate the Sacraments; to hear God's Word, to support each other; and to pray with and for one another. *Thank you.*

