

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter after Ascension</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	11 am	Confirmation at the English Martyrs Church
	5 pm Vigil	Deceased members of the Falenta family and friends RIP
Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Cathy Rodrigues' intentions
	*10.30 am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	Matthew Gale RIP
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <b>DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH, feast</b>	10 am	Gerard Patten's intentions
	11 am	May procession by the whole of St Paul's School
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <b>of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>11 am</b>	Funeral Mass: Paddy Joyce RIP
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May <b>of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>		
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Funeral Mass: Mary O'Shea RIP
	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Cynthia Fitzpatrick RIP
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY, solemnity</b>	8.30 am	Helen & John Spillane RIP
	*10.30 am	Eugene Carolan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: \*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdKQ>  
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The parish offers condolences to the families of Paddy Joyce and Mary O'Shea.

Please pray for the repose of their souls.

**Paddy's** Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11 am, followed by re-patriation to Ireland. *All are welcome.*

**Mary's** Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 noon, followed by refreshments in the large hall. *All are welcome.*

There will be a *private* cremation service, later in the day, following Mary's Funeral Mass.



Please register with the parish, as below:

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



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



**Update: If you would prefer to complete a handwritten registration form, the welcomers have printed copies and pens. 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.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

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

*Some friends have been on the prayers for the sick and housebound for years. This is not a problem, but it is always good to hear news.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£196.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£50.00
Loose Plate	£429.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£675.56</b>

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.

**PENTECOST LUNCH**



On Sunday, 24th May at 12 noon in St Joseph's parish hall. Please bring your own lunch. A lovely selection of cakes and desserts, hot and cold drinks will also be available for donations towards the Church Windows Fund. For catering purposes, please let us

know if you plan to come. *There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch.*

**CHURCH WINDOWS FUND**

Two of our church windows are in need of replacement and we have a goal of £420. Donations from the Pentecost Lunch and the Family Picnic/Fair will go towards this fund.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK - THIS WEEKEND**

Sunday, 17th May marks the 60<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme is *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*. The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communication the Good News of the Gospel. For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please visit: [bccew.org.uk/wcd/](http://bccew.org.uk/wcd/)

Please visit and share our Give as you Live page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network-second-collection>



Please place your offering into the collection plate, via the card reader machine or by bank transfer, to avoid admin fee.

**CURRENT JOB VACANCIES**

Please click the following link to Careers in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS**



**Parish Summer Picnic**

21<sup>st</sup> June from 11.30 am - 3 pm

**Cake Sale**

12<sup>th</sup> July after all Masses

**Curry Supper Night**

5<sup>th</sup> September from 6 pm

**Cake Sale**

25<sup>th</sup> October after all Masses

**Parish Christmas Fair**

6<sup>th</sup> December after 10.30 am Mass

## CONFIRMATION MASS

Let us continue to pray for our Senior Youth who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip at the English Martyrs Church on Saturday, 16th May at 11 am.

### !!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

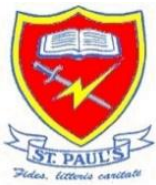
Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May with Mass at 11.30 am at the English Martyrs Church, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

**Update: Fr Richard will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.**

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**A Mass in Thanksgiving for Cathy Weafer and Carmen, following their many years of hard work and devotion to the parish, will be celebrated at 10.30 am on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. All are welcome.**

## ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:



Are you a practising Catholic looking to make a real difference? Join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our children. Foundation Governors uphold the Catholic ethos, support school strategy, and oversee key decisions. You'll gain valuable skills, network with inspiring people, and truly impact the next generation. Vacancies available now - get involved and be the voice for our children! Interested? Email the Clerk to Governors at [rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

## TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week, we are short of Weetabix, corned beef/spam, baked beans, mackerel, long life milk, long life orange/apple juice and packet soup. Financial donations can be made to CDP. 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.*



"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them." Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869



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* [ritauro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritauro@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.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES WITH BISHOP PHILIP THIS YEAR

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July)  
To Assisi & Turin  
(from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July)

The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotel accommodation at the hotel La Solitude is on a full board basis. As before, we hope that the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs, if required. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing).

The pilgrimage to Assisi and Turin is based on dual city hotel accommodation with breakfast and evening dinner with all travel included to all the advertised sites. Flights out to Turin and return from Perugia are to and from Gatwick airport. Costs are £1,695 per pilgrim (again, based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | IC Journeys](#)

## ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, WOODLEY - MAIN FUNDRAISER THIS SUMMER

Community sponsored walk & family picnic Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. This will take place at St Dominic's School field straight after 10 am Mass. We have launched a campaign page here:

[ROOF PROJECT FUNDRAISING - SPONSORED WALK & ACTIVITIES - Give as you Live Donate so you can donate and share the link with your contacts.](#) Here is the QR Code:





**Catholic Legacy Week**, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR

code or at [www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)

**ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

During Pentecost, the St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening, in the small room at the back of the church from 7 - 9 pm. We will be participating in a 'Life in the Spirit' course with different inspiring speakers talking about the Holy Spirit on the internet each week until 2nd June. *Everyone is welcome.*



**SISTERS OF ST ANN, BAMENDA**

All donations from refreshments after the 10.30 am Mass go to the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda. If you don't have cash, you can use the 'Tea/Coffee' fund on the card machine. *Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

**ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

On Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only. All are welcome.*



**WELCOME**



A warm welcome to Zaylen Damien Estrochio who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's next Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



Our parish youth group for school students (aged 11-18), 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesdays (term-time) from 6.30 pm - 8 pm for food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI.* If you

want to get involved, contact Lewis and Hannah: [Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)

**FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS**

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am - 12 noon.

**NEW PARISH DATABASE**

'ChurchSuite' is our new parishioner Database. Our old Database was discontinued on 31st January.

Please register on our new Database:



If you don't have a PC or smart phone there are 2 ways to register:

**BY PHONE**  
0118 942 8632  
Tues & Thurs  
10am - 12pm

**IN PERSON**  
@ Parish Office  
Tues & Thurs  
10am - 12pm

Scan the QR code!



*You must register to continue to receive our newsletter by email!*

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your Parish Secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire ([kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)), in Bishop's Office. *Thank you.*



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISHES**

Date: Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July - Leave English Martyrs by coach at 5.30 am. Return to English Martyrs by coach at approximately 9 pm. There will be a brief break on each journey. Picnic Lunch will be needed.



Any queries to:

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Fr Gaston [gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Price: £40. Payment - Parish Bank details: A/C

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