

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19TH JULY 2026

Saturday, 18 th July Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Cedric Wilson RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Paddy Joyce RIP
Sunday, 19 th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Mary Duggan's intentions
	*10.30 am	John Horkan RIP
Monday, 20 th July	10 am	Kevin Keep RIP
Tuesday, 21 st July	10 am	Kerrigan family's intentions
Wednesday, 22 nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast	9.30 am	Michael Robinson's intentions
Thursday, 23 rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Foundress, Patron of Europe		
Friday, 24 th July	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Cameron Foley's intentions
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

*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 [REAJ0 Adult
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please click the link to
the online form here [REAJ0 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 PRC DTR 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-BPsjWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VIRVNkRRSVE4STQ00C4u>
- 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.



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.*

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.

MASS AT PROSPECT PARK

On Sunday, 19th July, at 3 pm, English Martyrs parish will once again be celebrating Mass in Prospect Park. This is a great opportunity to witness to our faith to our friends and neighbours in our local community and to share with them our gratitude to God for 100 years of worship and service at English Martyrs Church. St Joseph's parishioners are also warmly encouraged to join us; do bring your own chairs and a picnic to continue the celebration after Mass. In previous years, other park users have been happy to join in our hymns and to chat with us afterwards. *(Please note: No 5 pm Mass at English Martyrs on that Sunday).*

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.*



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
11TH/12TH JULY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£202.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£30.00
Loose Plate	£295.68
TOTAL	£527.68
Stella Maris (Sea Sunday)	£952.80

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.



STELLA MARIS
Thank you for your generous donations and support of the cake sale £348.45. The total amount raised is **£952.80 which will be matched by Barclays Bank.** Miriam Da Cruz Fernandes.

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 spam/corned beef, tinned tuna/mackerel, whole/semi skimmed long life milk, shower gel, shampoo/ conditioner, wet wipes and washing up liquid..** 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.*



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

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.*

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.*

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, PANTASAPH
Cordially invites you for...

ST. PIO AND ST. VINCENT
DELIVERANCE & HEALING CONVENTION

Come join us for this powerful moment of Deliverance and Grace through the intercession of Padre Pio at the National shrine of Padre Pio

22ND August
10 AM - 4 PM

Fr. Michael Paryapally VC | Fr. Joseph Edatta VC | Bishop Peter Brignall | Fr. Denny Mandapathil VC | Fr. Paul Pallichankudiyal VC

Healing Adoration | Holy Mass | Breaking of the Word of God | Eucharistic Procession | Veneration of Relic | Confession available

Address: Divine Retreat Centre, Monastery Rd, Pantasaph, Holywell, CH8 8PE

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.

WELCOME



A warm welcome to Alexander Florian Howse who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's next Saturday, 25th July.