


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

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

Saturday, 15 th February Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 16 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron RIP and Harry & Thomas
	10.30 am	James Joyce RIP
Monday, 17 th February	10 am	James Joyce RIP
Tuesday, 18 th February	10 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Wednesday, 19 th February	9.30 am	Roach & Nilda Figueira RIP
Thursday, 20 th February		
Friday, 21 st February	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Eileen & John Drake RIP
Saturday, 22 nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, 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 rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	John Kerrigan RIP
	10.30 am	Marianna 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, Terry Clarke. 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 FEBRUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£203.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£340.70
TOTAL	£564.20

SECOND COLLECTION

Lepra Appeal (for World Leprosy Day) this weekend 15th/16th February. *Please be as generous as you can.*

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* 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. 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.

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: **Wetabix, cornflakes, tinned meat, instant mashed potato, peanut butter, tinned fruit, toilet rolls, deodorant, dishwashing liquid.** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.



TOM MCKEOWN RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family 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, 4th March at 1 pm, followed by committal at West Berkshire Crematorium at 3 pm. *All are welcome.*

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.

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



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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**

**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. 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.



"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." A vocation to religious life calls for a life of simplicity and dedication to God's kingdom. Could God be calling you to this blessed path? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

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](#).



MINISTRY FAIR SUCCESS

Thank you to all who manned tables or visited the Ministry Fair last weekend and of course **thank you** to all those who offered their help in some way.

Here are the results from the Ministry Fair:

- 2 Welcomers
- 1 Eucharistic Minister
- 4 Readers
- 3+3 Children's liturgy (10.30 Mass):
3 adult helpers and 3 young helpers
- 5 Cleaning Church
- 2 Repository
- 3+2 Gardening:
3 adults and 2 young helpers
- 2 Sacramental Preparation
- 1 Social Events/Fundraising
- 4 Altar Servers:
Will be interested when they are old enough
- 1 New Projects Team:
One offered to join the Projects Team.
Two offered contact details for roofing engineers.
One offered his service as a database computer backup technician for the Food Bank.
One lady offered her service as an event organiser.
58 people shared their multiple views about what should be the priority for the Project Team.
- 8 SVP
- 4 Teams of our Lady
- 4 Mothers Prayers
- 1 Foodbank

£65 raised by Card Sale for St Joseph's funds

If you missed the fair, it is not too late to volunteer your time and talents for the good of our parish community. Just let Fr Henry or the Parish Office know. Below we list the roles that did not get filled and then a list of areas where we had some success but more is always good!

Roles urgently needing more help:

- Health and Safety Officer
- Maintenance helper - urgently need extra people to help Richard

Roles that no one new signed up for:

- Hall Heating
(set-up using HIVE app on phone every Sunday in winter)
- Technical Support
(computer, sound system etc)
- The Link Café
- Sunday Collections Counter
(count money after Sunday Masses)
- Run AV screen presentation
- Teas/Coffees after 10.30 Mass
- Musician
- Choir
- Flower arranging

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

CAFOD meeting on
Saturday, 22nd
February from

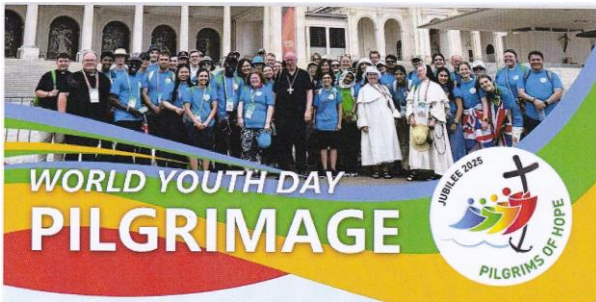
10.30 am - 1 pm at Christ the King Church Hall,
Reading, RG2 8NR. Please join us to find out how your
donations to CAFOD are making a difference to
communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and
please book your place so that we have an idea of
numbers by emailing Jo on jlewry@cafod.org.uk

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2025

Saturday, 8th 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>




**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 or Tel 07780 221 686

