

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Anthony of Egypt</b> , Abbot, memorial	9 am 10 am 10.30 am  <b>5 pm Vigil</b>	Rosary & Exposition Joan & Norman Bricker RIP Confessions  Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am 10.30 am	Arthur & Francisca Pinto RIP Sheila Bishop RIP
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January <b>St Agnes</b> , Virgin, Martyr	9.30 am	
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January		
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	6 pm  7 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> every first Friday of the month
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Francis de Sales</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am 10 am 10.30 am  <b>5 pm Vigil</b>	Rosary & Exposition Confessions  Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>The Octave of Christian Unity ends today</i>	8.30 am  10.30 am  5 pm	For the souls in purgatory & for the intentions of Luana & Giovanna Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP Syro Malabar

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

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Fr Henry will take a break from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January during which time there will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses.



**Society for the Protection  
of Unborn Children**

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2026

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable. The Society is actively

leading the fight in courts, classrooms and culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts, we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Your support means everything to us. *Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time for our country.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£171.69
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£356.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£528.07</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.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Cathedral.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, 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.*



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](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. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins*, SVP Treasurer – 0773 449 9190.

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*.

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

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE**

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#)

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



We wish all our donors a very Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous contributions during 2025. On New Year's Eve, in partnership with SVP, we provided many homeless people 'fish and chips', treats, and winter packs, at Reading Minster. We have resumed operating, as usual, every week on Wednesdays and Fridays. This week we are short of cereal/Weetabix, long life juice, long life milk, coffee, sugar, instant mash potato, tinned potatoes, corned beef/spam, marmite and peanut butter. Thank you so much for your continued support. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.

**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)



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**MOTHER'S PRAYERS**



We meet after 7 pm Mass on Fridays to pray for our families. Please speak to *Aline Phillips* for more information, or just come along: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>

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

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



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

Gift card fraud is an increasingly common way of tricking victims into purchasing gift cards and sharing their details, leading to financial loss. Please be aware that there have been scam messages circulating which appear to come from priests or diocesan staff, asking people to buy gift cards or provide financial help urgently.

The Diocese and its clergy will never ask for money, gift cards, vouchers, or personal details by email, text message, or social media. If you receive a message of this kind, do not respond and do not send any money. Please report it to your Parish Office.

**HEADSHIP VACANCY  
AT CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL**

Headteacher Vacancy: Christ the King Catholic Primary School Reading, is seeking to appoint a Headteacher for September 2026. For further details please click the link: <https://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>