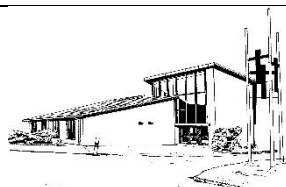


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 7TH DECEMBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Saturday, 6 th December of the 1st Week of Advent	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Gerard Lawrence RIP (Inaugural Mass for First Holy Communion candidates and their parents)
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Private intention
Sunday, 7 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am	Pauline Brown RIP
	10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
Monday, 8 th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity	10 am	Mary's intentions
	7 pm	Madge McNulty RIP
Tuesday, 9 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent	10 am	Frank Jennings RIP
Wednesday, 10 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent	9.30 am	Brian Warnes & Rose Pocock RIP
Thursday, 11 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent		
Friday, 12 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent	7 pm	John & Eileen Drake RIP
Saturday, 13 th December of the 2 nd Week of Advent St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Pedro Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	David Petersen RIP
Sunday, 14 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (‘Gaudete’)	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Praswin Varghese's intentions
	3 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

OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER BEGINNING WITH QUIET ADORATION AT 6.30 PM AND CONFESSIONS FROM 7 PM.

WE WELCOME OUR BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

We warmly welcome Bishop Philip who will be making a pastoral visit to us this Sunday, 7th December. He will celebrate the 10.30 am Mass and everyone is welcome to join us afterwards for refreshments in the hall.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
29TH/30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£177.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£388.12
TOTAL	£570.12

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.

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.



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 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations. This week, we are short of breakfast cereal (Weetabix), juice, tinned ham/spam, cooking oil, coffee, sugar, shampoo and shower gel. 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



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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.



Gifts that make a difference

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church porch.

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 13th December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES/CONFESSIONS

- St Joseph's – 17th December at 7 pm.
- Christ the King – 18th December at 7 pm.
- Our Lady of Peace – 20th December at 10 am.
- English Martyrs – 20th December at 10 am.
- St James - Each Saturday of Advent at 5 pm.
- St John Bosco – 8th, 9th & 12th December **from 6.30 pm – 8 pm.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form a major part of his annual income. Parishioners should use their marked box of envelopes, the card reader, or put an offering into any envelope and mark it for Fr Henry. The link to the Clergy Christmas Collection fundraising page for our parish is as follows: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025>

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

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

!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!