

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February <b>of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Colin & Eileen Ryall RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Dolores B Imperial RIP
	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Patrick & Kathleen Shaughnessy RIP
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am	
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	7 pm	Intentions of Aline, Christine, Ligia, Corazon & Rita
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna RIP
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	
	10.30 am	Ronald Hussey RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: [\\*https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ)

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*"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" Luke 14:28*

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE – SUPPORTING PARISH LIFE

Last week, our parish embarked on the Renewing our parish commitment initiative. Over the coming weeks, we ask all parishioners to take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances. This weekend, we shall hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship; including why our parish needs financial support to cover our costs and secure our future. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. At the end of Mass, you will be given a 'Renewing our parish commitment' information pack. Please read this information carefully. This will enable our parish to plan ahead for the future with confidence. If you have any questions, there will be Finance Committee members available after Mass today. *Thank you.*

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

- Fast from hurting words ..... and say kind words
- Fast from sadness ..... and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger ..... and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism ..... and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries ..... and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints ..... and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures ..... and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness ..... and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness ..... and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges ..... and be reconciled
- Fast from words ..... and be silent so you can listen

### CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY

Collect a CAFOD envelope, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **A second collection will take place at Masses this weekend.**



### PARISH PASSOVER SUPPER

The Parish Passover Supper will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm. Tickets - Adult £6, School-aged child £3, Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch. *Book Early as places are limited!*



**THANK YOU!** In our recent cake sale, we raised an amazing **£503!** (£227 via card and £276 cash). Parishioners were so generous in donating both cake and cash! *Thank you for all the volunteers who helped to serve tea, coffee and cakes.* One way you can support our work is by saying the Mary's Meals prayer: ***Our Father, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work You created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen.*** You can download our prayer card to print out and share: [Mary's Meals prayer card](#)

### NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH - THE MIGRANT WORKER

From 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10 am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11 am, and on YouTube via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena). The Novena Prayer Book is available on request for a suggestion donation of £1 per booklet. Please send your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet. Write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£166.21
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£482.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£653.30</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.

**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](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.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

The items needed at the foodbank this week are Tinned tomatoes, corned beef, ham, hot dogs, mackerel, squash, cooking oil, cereal, sugar, biscuits and fruit juice. Thank you so much for your continued. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.



**!!A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!**

Fr Richard Maniak will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with Mass at 11.30 am at English Martyrs, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

**WELCOME**

A warm welcome to Pak Lim Lau to be baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.



BAPTISM

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



St Joseph's, Tilehurst

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)

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



Come Holy Spirit

Our next meeting will now take place from 7 - 9 pm on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**, which is the first Wednesday of the following month. *All will be welcome.*

**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.*



"This is my beloved Son . . . listen to him." God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

**THE LINK CAFE**

The Link Café in Tilehurst is a Christian, community café run by volunteers from all the local churches. We are currently in need of volunteers to work on Friday mornings from 9.30 am - 1 pm. If you would like to join our friendly, welcoming community, please contact *Ann Epps* 0798 919 2833 for more information.



**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)



**FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS**

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