

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – SUNDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February <b>ST CYRIL</b> , Religious & <b>ST METHODIUS</b> , Bishop, Patrons of Europe	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Caroline Hurst RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Dr Michael Batt RIP
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	For the souls in purgatory and for Luana & Giovanna's intentions
	10.30 am	Eddie Green RIP
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Faith & Calum's intentions
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	10 am	Drake family RIP
<b>BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> , 18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	9.30 am	Steven McCreight RIP
	7 pm	Ronald Hussey RIP
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>		
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>	6.30 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	7 pm	Terry Clarke RIP
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Private intention
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	
	10.30 am	Ann O'Leary RIP

\*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's appointments:**

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

*"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." 1 Chronicles 29:14*

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE – SUPPORTING PARISH LIFE**

Shortly we will embark on a parish giving campaign for Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks, I will be asking all parishioners to reflect prayerfully on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. *Thank you.*

### ASH WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



There will be blessing and distribution of ashes at the following Masses: 9.30 am & 7 pm. **A day of fasting and abstinence which is mandatory on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Lent calls us to repent - a time of enrichment, nourishment and conversion, when we actively seek to grow in our faith through prayer, fasting and charity.

### ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Please note that next Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, so the Holy Spirit meeting normally held on the second Wednesday of the month has been postponed. 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.*



### LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - NEXT FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



### SVP SENIORS' SOUP LUNCH - SIGN-UP DEADLINE THIS WEEKEND!



Come and enjoy a variety of delicious soups and fresh bread, sample some delectable homemade cakes and pastries, over a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February from 1 - 2.30 pm in the large hall. If you would like to join us, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, **by 15<sup>th</sup> February**. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922. *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty".* John 6:35.



### MARY'S MEALS

Fundraising for Mary's Meals will launch this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February with a cake bake sale during teas and coffees, following the 10.30 am Mass. A cash donations tin will also be available. *All are welcome.*

#### Pray for our work

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](#)



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£237.13
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£405.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£647.23</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.

**PLEASE HELP!**

A volunteer is needed, every other Sunday, for the Repository after the 10.30 am Mass.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



The items needed at the foodbank this week are orange juice, corned beef, spam, longlife milk, whole and skimmed, sugar, wheatabix, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, custard and ketchup. 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.*

**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 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)



**ST BERNADETTE:**



This week at St Paul's, our children have been learning about St Bernadette, as we celebrated the Feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes**. They explored Bernadette's humility, courage and deep trust in Our Lady, reflecting on how we too can respond to God with faith and simplicity. Alongside this, we have marked Courtesy Week, placing a special focus on good manners, kindness and respect. It has been wonderful to see our pupils living out these values in their words and actions towards one another.

**THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS:**

At St Paul's School, we are joyfully marking the **Year of St Francis**, a special time to reflect on the values that shaped his life: humility, care for creation, peace, and love for the poor. Throughout the year, our children will be learning about St Francis through prayer, liturgy, assemblies, and practical acts of kindness and stewardship, helping them to live out the Gospel in everyday ways. To support this, we would love to create a visible focus within school. If any parishioner has a statue, icon, or picture of St Francis of Assisi that they would be willing to loan for this special year, we would be delighted and very grateful. *Please contact the school office if you are able to help.*



**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.*

