

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 (YEAR B)



**ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> February:** There will be blessing and distribution of ashes at the following Masses: 10.30 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.

During Lent: If you have unwanted prayer cards or prayer books, please leave them in the box in the church porch. We will make them available to anyone else who might like them. If nobody wants them, we will burn them at the end of Lent. This is the appropriate way to dispose of old prayer books.

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerry Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Frank Jennings RIP
	10.30 am*	Gerry Heenan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 am	Michael Lanigan RIP
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30 am	Jimmy Walshe & family's intentions
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> February BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	Marian Falenta RIP
	<b>7 pm</b>	Anne Walshe & family's intentions
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>		
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February <b>After Ash Wednesday</b>		
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Gerry Heenan RIP
	8.30 am	Special intention
	10.30 am*	Rosa Forestiero RIP

*\*Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:\**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Saturdays  
+ Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. *All are welcome.*

Confessions are available after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

The church will be open for private prayer on Mon & Tue from 8.30 am until after morning Mass.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Thursday, *every other week.*

Fr Jude is available for appointments: Wed between 11 am – 1 pm or telephone on Mon, Tue or Wed.

### LESZEK WLASAK RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Leszek Wlasak who died on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Leszek's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1 pm followed by burial at St Michael's Churchyard. *All are welcome.*

### TONY CHAPLIN RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Tony Chaplin who died on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Tony's body will be received into the church on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30 pm followed by his Funeral Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at 11 am. *All are welcome.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£176.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£425.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£606.48</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Christmas offerings	£3,468.77
Cathedral Fund	£432.37

**DONATIONS**

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

**COLETTE LUNT RIP**

† Joan Ewins has informed the parish that Colette Lunt, who was a member of our choir in recent years before she moved to Stockport, has died. *Please pray for the repose of Colette's soul.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahan, John McKenna. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am – 5.30 pm: “A Day with Mary”. A whole day retreat at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster for more details.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS**

Come together to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips' home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Attendance is flexible. Contact *Aline* on 0790 456 9437 if you would like to attend and to hear more about the prayer group and meeting location.



**THE LITURGY PROJECT**

We are pleased to announce two training days at St Bede's, Basingstoke as follows: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. Readers – Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Both days will run from 9.30 am - 2.30 pm and will include a sandwich lunch. Please enrol now if you would like to by emailing [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

Link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:  
<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

The SVP Conference here at St Joseph's extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in both Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless 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)

**SVP SENIOR CITIZENS SOUP LUNCH**

Please join us in the parish hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1 – 3 pm for a delightful afternoon in the company of friends. If you would like to come, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch by February 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:  
FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at [CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](http://CAFOD - Catholic international development charity) and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. *Thank you.*



**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



A big thank you for all your prayers and support! Last week, 23 visitors came to the Drop-in Centre and 12 availed of the Foodbank. If you know someone who could benefit please let them know that we are open every Wednesday, 1 – 3 pm in the church hall. We are running short of instant coffee (small jars), soup packets, juice cartons, pot noodles, marmite, ketchup, peanut butter, tinned custard and sponge pudding, so would greatly appreciate these donations. Cash donations are very welcome via an envelope, with your name, Gift Aid number (if applicable) and “FOODBANK”, written on top, placed in the collection basket during Mass or hand in to the Parish Office. You can also donate using the card reader machine in the church porch or directly into the parish bank account by including “YOUR NAME, FOODBANK” as a reference. Account Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Many thanks for your generosity. Any questions, please contact *John Foley* 0776 925 1747 or *Alan Goncalves* 0790 569 5041.

**C.I.R.D.I.C. CLOTHING DONATIONS**

Clothing donations for CIRDIC are welcome on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Place items behind the repository or in the crying room, for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

**Proposed changes to Mass times  
starting from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024:**

Monday & Tuesday	10 am	
Wednesday	9.30 am	Attended by St Paul's School children
		Stations of the Cross after Mass during Lent
Thursday	No Mass	Fr Jude's day off
Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross after Mass during Lent
Saturday	5.30 pm	Confessions at 5 pm

***Before 1st March (i.e. as now):***

Monday and Tuesday Mass at 10.30 am  
 Wednesday Mass at 10.30 am,  
 Stations of the Cross before Mass (on 28<sup>th</sup> February)  
 Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Funeral Mass at 11 am,  
 no Stations of the Cross  
 Thursday Mass at 9.30 am (every other week)  
 Friday No Mass (Fr Jude's day off);  
 Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
 Saturday: Evening Mass at 5 pm as usual

**MAMMOTH  
QUIZ**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Friday 23rd February 2024  
 7.15 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall

\*\* Tickets £6 each person \*\*

\*\* If members of the St Joseph's want to take part, they can do so at half price  
 (£3 per person) \*\*

Maximum team 6 per table  
 Bring your own drinks and nibbles  
 For tickets ring 0780 921 4015

HELP IMPROVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CANCER  
 - JOIN YOUR LOCAL QUIZ EVENT!

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017)  
 Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604)