## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

#### Dear Parishioners,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts you have shared with me. Your thoughtfulness and generosity truly warm my heart and remind me of the spirit of our community. Each card and gift is a cherished reminder of the love and support we share as a parish family. Thank you for your kindness and for being such an integral part of our church.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful New Year!

With warm regards, Fr Henry Jan Nkop, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - 19 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025			
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9 am	Rosary & Exposition	
Liturgy of the Day	10 am	Leslie James Hopper RIP	
[Saturday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	10.30 am	Confessions	
	5 pm Vigil	Charles & Julia Newman RIP	
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30 am	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP – Foundation Mass	
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast	10.30 am	Kathleen Flannigan RIP	
	5 pm	Syro Malabar	
Monday, 13th January	10 am	Sydney Scarpa RIP	
BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME			
LECTIONARY FOR WEEKDAYS: Cycle I			
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	Mary Conroy RIP	
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Johnny Roughneen RIP	
Thursday, 16th January			
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	6 pm	Exposition	
St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot	7 pm	Fr John Doran's intentions	
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9 am	Rosary & Exposition	
Our Lady on Saturday	10 am	Maxim & Ravinia Jokhool RIP	
Today is the beginning of	10.30 am	Confessions	
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	5 pm Vigil	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP	
Sunday, 19th January	8.30 am	William & Pearl Painter RIP	
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	Arthur & Francisca Pinto RIP	

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

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition followed by 7 pm Mass.
Saturdays: Rosary and Exposition at 9 am followed by <u>10 am Mass</u> and confessions.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

# SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> IANUARY 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£244.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£277.88
TOTAL	£526.88

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the Cathedral on  $25^{th}/26^{th}$  January.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Colin Joseph, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling, Terry Clarke. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

## TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

The volunteers of the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre and Foodbank would like to express their deep gratitude for your support, prayers and generous donations, which enabled us to serve the needy with love. We will be closed during the Christmas/New Year period and re-open on January 8th. We wish all our supporters a Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with blessings!!



Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need help and support. We

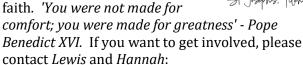
also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless via the card reader machine or by completing a Standing Order form, available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity. SVP President: *Rita Boyce ritaur@yahoo.co.uk* 

#### **DRIVERS**

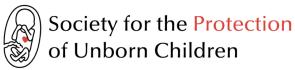
The SVP urgently needs volunteer drivers (men or women) for food centre deliveries in the Reading area. An estate car/small van would be ideal. Membership of the SVP is not required. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer – 0773 449 9190*.

#### **SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There is food, games and faith. 'You were not made for



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## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts, we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year, appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

# A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30 am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.ora.uk/jubilee

"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn John Cooke*.

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