


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday, 13 th September St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	In Thanksgiving to Sally
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Jensen & Jessna's intentions
Sunday, 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Maureen Hanson RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	10 am	Nuala's intentions
Tuesday, 16 th September Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	10 am	Fr Ryan Browne's intentions
Wednesday, 17 th September	9.30 am	Martha Munnelly RIP
Thursday, 18 th September		
Friday, 19 th September	7 pm	Nuala's intentions
Saturday, 20 th September St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	John McKenna RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 21 st September	8.30 am	Elizabeth Gregory RIP
	10.30 am	All souls in purgatory especially the forgotten souls

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

LITURGY OF REPARATION

In light of the events over the last two years that have deeply affected our Church and parish community, Bishop Philip invites you to join him in a liturgy of reparation; an opportunity to gather together in prayer and reflection.

The liturgy, which is intended for adult parishioners, will be held at St Joseph's, Tilehurst on Thursday, 18th September at 1730 hours.

Refreshments will be provided after the liturgy with the opportunity for conversation.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
6TH/7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£309.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£443.10
TOTAL	£752.10

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.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, collection (obligatory) for Home Missions [Evangelii Gaudium]. It is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel - a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes, the card reader machine or donate via <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection-2> (admin fee incurred).

Next weekend: First of four autumn weekend Mass Counts [for national statistics].



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 ritauro@yahoo.co.uk

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, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Jenny Horton.

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

For those people who are not catholic, we can help you with R.C.I.A. and prepare you to become catholic at Easter next year. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of tinned tuna, pasta sauce, tinned chopped tomatoes, tinned potatoes, long life orange juice, long life milk, sugar, and washing up liquid. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Your Surname, Foodbank'. *Many thanks.*



**FAMILY FAST DAY:
FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. The QR code links to a CAFOD virtual envelope to make your donation.



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>



LADIES NIGHT

On Friday, 19th September from 7.30 pm in the Water Tower. *All welcome.*



A warm welcome to Florence Webb, baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Please follow the link for current vacancies: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

ST JOSEPH'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only. All are welcome.*

