

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY – 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 1 st February Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Kathleen Tomas RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 2 nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, feast	8.30 am	Amanda's private intention
	10.30 am	Martin Brennan RIP
Monday, 3 rd February	10 am	James Joyce RIP
Tuesday, 4 th February	10 am	Renata's deceased family members RIP
Wednesday, 5 th February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr	9.30 am	Maria George RIP
Thursday, 6 th February St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs		
Friday, 7 th February	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Eileen & John Drake RIP
Saturday, 8 th February Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	James Joyce RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 9 th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Marie Kiernan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition and quiet time followed by 7 pm Mass.

Saturdays: Exposition and Rosary at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fr Henry's appointments: If you would like an appointment with Fr Henry; he is available on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY FAIR

- 8TH/9TH FEBRUARY

We will have a Ministry Fair after Masses on 8th/9th February.

Please consider volunteering your help for the good of our parish.

Come and see what appeals to you. *YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
25TH/26TH JANUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£159.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£311.70
Cathedral fund	£239.60
TOTAL	£720.30

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' SOUP LUNCH



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, 15th February, 1 pm - 3 pm in the large hall. If you would like to join us, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the church porch by 9th February. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922. "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*.

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*
ritauro@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.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE
& FOODBANK**



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 - 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 - 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: **Long-life Milk (S/SS/FF), Coffee, Tinned Meats, Brown Sauce, Orange & Apple Juice, Tinned Fruit, Marmalade, Jam, Weetabix, Pot Noodle, Tuna**. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.

**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, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Dorothy McMahan, 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*.

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 comfort; you were made for greatness'* - Pope Benedict XVI. If you want to get involved, please contact *Lewis and Hannah*:
Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk



FUNDRAISING: DIOCESAN FREE WILLS SERVICE

The Diocese has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 basic a simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write you Will in-person, online or over the 'phone, you will be expertly supported throughout a quick and straightforward process. Link for further information: [Make your FREE Will - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Please use the [Right to Life email tool](#) to contact your MP. A [letter template](#) is also available in the church porch to those who do not use email or who would prefer to lodge your opposition by post. The template simply requires you to address, sign and date the letter. The home page of the Diocesan website now contains resources and information to oppose assisted suicide [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#).

SUGGESTION BOX

Please put any suggestions you have in the marked box in the church porch. Fr Henry will read all suggestions and direct them to the relevant committee for discussion and implementation.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAFOD | Catholic Agency for Overseas Development | CAFOD meeting on Saturday, 22nd February from 10.30 am to 1 pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Reading, RG2 8NR. Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on jlwry@cafod.org.uk