

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19TH OCTOBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 19TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Saturday, 18 th October ST LUKE , Evangelist	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Susan Brady's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna RIP
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Elizabeth Chin RIP
Sunday, 19 th October (<i>Children's Mass</i>)	10.30 am	Liz & Bryan Dent's intentions
Monday, 20 th October	10 am	Maureen Hanson RIP
Tuesday, 21 st October	10 am	In Thanksgiving
	2 pm	SVP Harvest Mass (at school)
Wednesday, 22 nd October	9.30 am	Maurice O'Brien RIP
Thursday, 23 rd October		
Friday, 24 th October	7 pm	
Saturday, 25 th October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Helen & John Spillane RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marian Falenta & parents RIP
CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR – BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS		
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Sir J.I.J. Anyasoro RIP
	10.30 am	Praswin Varghese' intentions
	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/UCruCvuFhKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

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

Come along this Sunday, 19th October at 10.30 am for our children-focused Mass! Students from St Paul's School will take part by leading the readings and hymns, creating a joyful and memorable celebration for the whole parish community. There will be no separate children's liturgy as the homily will be prepared especially with the children in mind. *All are welcome.*



Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence in January 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above, please complete and return the enrolment form by ***Friday, 14th November***. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 6th December at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on ***Mondays at 4.30 pm; a parent will need to attend the sessions with the child.*** Forms are available in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
11TH/12TH OCTOBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£210.09
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£332.52
TOTAL	£547.61

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 19TH OCTOBER

(from Missio National Director)

On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio. For more information, please visit missio.org.uk/wms. So that they can claim Gift Aid, if you pay tax, please use the World Mission Sunday envelopes available in the church porch this weekend. You may also give online or by the card reader machine in the church porch.

APF/ MISSIO

It's time to empty the red boxes again. I shall be outside church this Sunday before the 8.30 am Mass and after the 10.30 am Mass to collect them. If you attend Mass on Saturday evening please hand your box into the sacristy. Alternatively, hand your box into the Parish Office (office hours only). Thank you. *Mike Tomas - APF/Missio Secretary.*



**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* rita@yaho.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.

Live Streaming Venue
Everyone Welcome
Catholic Charismatic Renewal



Saturday 25th Oct, Bishop Philip will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of ADORE (originally called the **Alton Day Of Renewal**, the longest continuously running Catholic, Charismatic Prayer Group in the country, with a Mass in **St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke**. This will be followed by a talk entitled **'The Path of Prayer'** given by **Charles Whitehead**, who was the International Leader of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal during the time of Pope John Paul, the Twenty Third. **We will be live streaming the service and the talk in the small hall**, of St. Joseph's Church, Berkshire Drive. On the morning of Saturday 25th October. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church, as you leave, for more details. **The Holy Spirit gives us Faith, Hope and Love**, and the greatest **Spiritual gift is Love!** Everyone is welcome!

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, Pedro.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations.

This week we are short of Weetabix, tinned corned beef/spam; tinned tuna/mackerel, packet soup, oil, coffee, honey, peanut butter and rice pudding. Thank you so much for your continued support. 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'.

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We would like to thank profusely all parishioners for the Harvest Festival food that was donated last week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The food will play a big role in helping the foodbank sustain the needy in our community. Thanks once again for your support. God Bless!

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 2 ND NOVEMBER	
Mayes Lane Cemetery	3 pm
SUNDAY, 9 TH NOVEMBER	
Henley Road Cemetery	2 pm
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
SUNDAY, 16 TH NOVEMBER	
St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm

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>

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP



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

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

The following designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Sunday, 2 nd	8.30 am
Monday, 10 th	10 am
Friday, 14 th	7 pm
Sunday, 16 th	10.30 am
Friday, 21 st	7 pm
Tuesday, 25 th	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	8.30 am

There will be a basket in front of the Altar to receive your Mass intentions for your departed loved ones. Please place your intention and any offering in the basket before the beginning of Mass.

!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!

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

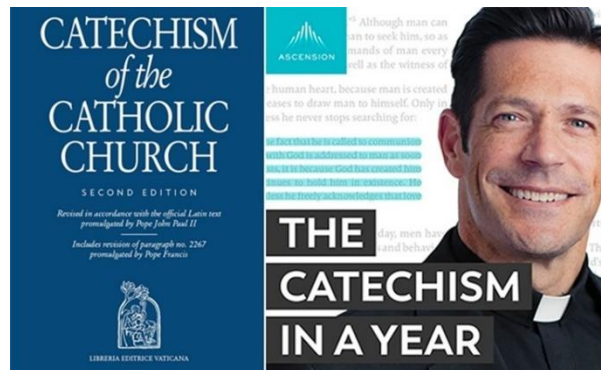


"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Priests and religious brothers and sisters help to keep faith alive in the world. Could God be calling you to be one of these dedicated servants? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which will be available soon in the porch and which will give further details about the Posada.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR



"The Catechism in a Year" is a 365-day podcast by Ascension Press featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz that guides listeners through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The podcast aims to provide insight, explanation, and encouragement as it explores the Church's teachings, and it follows a reading plan inspired by Ascension's "Foundations of Faith" approach. Listeners can follow along with any recent version of the Catechism and can find the reading plan on the Ascension website. [Click here for more details.](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours." (Pope Pius XI)



The clocks will go back by one hour at 2 am on Sunday, 26th October, meaning that it will be 1 am again after 1.59 am. This change reverts the UK from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time.