

# 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – SUNDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024,  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025  
& THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

*Fr Henry would like to wish all parishioners every blessing for 2025*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£238.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£15.00
Loose Plate	£306.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£559.92</b>

**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.

**ADVENT & A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR - YEAR C**

For those of you who would like to order a new Sunday Missal from us - £18.99 each - please complete the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

**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 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*.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. *We wish all our supporters a Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with blessings!!*



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

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](mailto:ritaur@yahoo.co.uk)

**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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)  
*Re-starts Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*



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<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>		
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	10 am	Ulrick Devane RIP
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm Vigil	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b>	8.30 am	Kathleen Carolan RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen O'Shea RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas]	<del>10 am</del>	
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas]	<del>10 am</del>	
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>2025</b> <b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> , solemnity	<b>10.30 am</b>	Margaret Wilson RIP
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> , Bishops, Doctors of the Church		
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Friday of Christmastide before Epiphany]	<del>7 pm</del>	
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January [Saturday of Christmastide before Epiphany]	<del>10 am</del>	
	<del>10.30 am</del>	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm Vigil	Sheila, Paul & Jasmine's intentions
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> , solemnity	8.30 am	Bertille Nzume RIP
	10.30 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Monday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	10 am	Petersen family intentions
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Tuesday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	10 am	People of the parish
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Wednesday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	9.30 am	Mark Herbert RIP
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Thursday of Christmastide after Epiphany]		
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Friday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	7 pm	Peggy Hodkinson's intentions
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b> [Saturday of Christmastide after Epiphany]	10 am	Leslie James Hopper RIP
	10.30 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	5 pm Vigil	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> , feast	8.30 am	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP – Foundation Mass
	10.30 am	Kathleen Flannigan RIP
<p><i>*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed.*</i>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ</a>  Saturdays: Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am followed by <u>10 am Mass</u> and confessions</p>		

## CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS). The KHS is widely believed to date back to 1099 A.D., to the first crusade. For centuries their mission has been to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. The need to help this year is hugely urgent, thanks to the war in the Holy Land. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

## NEW STARTERS SEPTEMBER 2025



Open Morning for the September 2025 Intake: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am. Booking is essential. Come have a look at our Outstanding Catholic School, as judged by the Diocese.

<http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/>  
Telephone No. 0118 942 2003.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form a major part of his annual income. Parishioners should use their marked box of envelopes, the card reader, or put an offering into any envelope and mark it for *Fr Henry*. The link to the Clergy Christmas Collection fundraising page for our parish is as follows:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2024>

## APF/ MISSIO



2025 calendars are available in the church porch. The amount collected from the red boxes in 2024 was £316.00. Many thanks to all boxholders and to all who contributed in various other ways. *Mike Tomas - APF/Missio Secretary.*

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

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), in common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. *Please give generously to this worthy cause.*

## BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

If you are a Mum, Dad, grandparent, childminder, and you are looking for a friendly toddler group, give us a try: Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only – starts back 9<sup>th</sup> January.* Telephone *Cathy Weafer 0756 156 3484.* *All are welcome.*



## THANK YOU VERY MUCH! . . . . .

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas celebration and to those who serve our community, year-round:

This includes those who clean and decorate the church, provide music, minister the Word and Eucharist, teach children, provide the Catechetical instruction, the leaders and helpers of our Toddler Group, the Governors and Staff of our Catholic Schools, those who manage finances, organize events, our team of Sacristans, those who look after the Repository, Altar Servers, Liturgy Group, Co-ordinating Team, SVP, Food Bank, Youth Group, those who care for families, the young, the elderly, the sick, those who represent the parish at weekday Mass, those who help with administration, those who administer the hall hiring, those who prepare the Audio-Visual slides, screen operators, IT and the website. Please do continue your kind service to the Glory of God. Your dedication is truly appreciated. *Thank you for all you do!*  
**Father Henry.**



*Thank you for your support over the last year. You have helped communities in their struggles against poverty.*

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January. There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses, *with the exception of Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January when Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 am for the feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day.*

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> December re-opening on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January.

