

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15TH DECEMBER 2024

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 15TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Saturday, 14 th December St John of the Cross , Religious, Doctor of the Church	10 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Brian & Maeve O'Brien and family's intentions <i>Confessions</i> Sr Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 15 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('GAUDETE')	8.30 am 10.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP Madge McNulty RIP
Monday, 16 th December of the 3rd Week of Advent	10 am 7 pm	Richie O'Connor's intentions St Paul's School Advent Liturgy
Tuesday, 17 th December Liturgy of the Day	10 am	Funeral: Mr Sabu Mathew RIP
Wednesday, 18 th December Liturgy of the Day	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Annie Byrne & family's intentions Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, 19 th December Liturgy of the Day		
Friday, 20 th December Liturgy of the Day	6 pm	John & Eileen Drake RIP
Saturday, 21 st December Liturgy of the Day	9.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Jimmy Walshe & Ann Griffin & family's intentions <i>Confessions</i> Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 22 nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP John Walshe's intentions Syro Malabar

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Tuesday, 24th December – Christmas Eve Mass: The Nativity of the Lord - 6 pm (Carols at 5.45 pm). 11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
- Wednesday, 25th December – Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.

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>

Dear Parishioners: We are pleased to announce the formation of a 'Project Committee' aimed at raising funds for various initiatives within our church. We invite anyone interested in volunteering to support this important cause. Please write put your name on the **YELLOW** sign-up sheet in the porch. Thank you for your willingness to help strengthen our community! *Fr Henry*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
7TH/8TH DECEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£258.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£12.00
Loose Plate	£262.35
TOTAL	£532.35

ADVENT AND 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 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



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: **tinned meat, oil, rice, coffee, oat milk, sugar, tinned fruit and toilet rolls.** Many thanks for your donations. John Foley - 0776 925 1747.

The Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank will be closed after Wednesday, 18th December until Wednesday, 8th January.

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



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

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

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



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OUR LADY & ST ANNE, CAVERSHAM

Fr Joe McLoughlin leads a pilgrimage to Rome in 2025 for the Jubilee Year of Hope with Tangney Tours 24th - 28th November. There is a single room £1276, 3 double rooms £1150 each and one triple/twin room available if you would like to join him and the parish of Our Lady & St Anne. Includes flights, transfers in Rome, half-board accommodation. £60 transfer to/from UK airport. To reserve a place, email [Kevin khfrnutt@gmail.com](mailto:khfrnutt@gmail.com), as soon as possible. (See poster in church porch).

MR SABU MATHEW RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Mr Sabu Mathew who died recently. His Funeral (Syro Malabar) will be celebrated on Tuesday, 17th December at 10 am and will replace the usual parish Mass. Please pray for the repose of Mr Sabu Mathew's soul.

In the Diocese, 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, 2024, 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!

STELLA MARIS

Calling all knitters! Stella Maris the worldwide Catholic seafarers charity is asking knitters to make hats for them to distribute to the seafarers arriving in our local ports. Working in cold and difficult conditions, and away from families for up to 9 months at a time, this simple gift not only keeps Seafarers warm but also shows them that they are remembered and cared for. For patterns and instructions visit <https://stellamaris.org.uk/knitting/> and when finished send to Stella Maris Southampton, c/o St Joseph's and St Edmund's Parish Office, St Edmund's Lodge, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ. A great project for knitting clubs and hats welcomed all year round! Thank you.

The LIFE Group would like to very much thank the members of St Joseph's parish who have supported the various fundraising events during the past year and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!