


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Lucia Fernandes' intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Maria Rodrigues, Sebastiana Rato & Josephine Pereira RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Terry Clarke RIP
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Solemnity</b>	10 am	Sally Arnot RIP
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am	Tom McKeown RIP
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7 pm	Henry & Iris McSoley RIP (Foundation Mass)
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Michael Seed's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Pedro Antonio Fernandes & Lurdina Pereira RIP
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Vidot François RIP
	10.30 am	Tom McKeown RIP

### 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 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:**

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

### 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 McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
15<sup>TH</sup>/16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£204.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£347.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£556.48</b>
Clergy Assistance Fund	£216.25
CAFOD Lent Fast Day	£275.00

Donate to our parish by bank transfer to avoid any admin fees:

A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph.  
Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No. 00885992.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

The Catholic Bishops of English and Wales have scheduled a special collection this weekend. This National Collection will take place across England and is dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady at Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine. *Please give generously.*

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE**

We will travel to Walsingham at 5.30 am on 18<sup>th</sup> May - £32 pp. Contact Aline Phillips 0790 456 9437 for further details.

**THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We will be celebrating the Feast of St Joseph this Sunday after the 10.30 Mass in the large hall. Food donations for the celebration are very welcome. *Everyone is welcome.*



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](mailto: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. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer* - 0773 449 9190.

**\*\*British Summer Time begins: Clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1 am on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March\*\***

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May. Save the date. *More details to follow.*

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

This year's Parish Passover Supper will be held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March. *More details to follow.*

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Thank you for your prayers and 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.

This week, we are short of the following items: **men's and women's deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors, biscuits, custard, mayonnaise, milk and squash.** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH RETREAT**

Building a Eucharistic Community - A Day of Reflection led by Sr Veronica, OP, on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am - 3.40 pm in the large hall. Mass - Retreat talks - Discussion - Adoration. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

**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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)

**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or an anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Contact the Parish Office or email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form to complete and return. Please provide a copy of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form or post a copy with completed form to: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX (please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass).

**LENT CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA**

St James: Every Saturday 5-5.40 pm  
English Martyrs: 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.45 am  
**\*St Joseph's: 9<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm\***  
**\*Examination of Conscience at 6.30 pm, followed by individual confessions at 7 pm\***  
St John Bosco: 8<sup>th</sup> April 7-8 pm  
Our Lady of Peace: 12<sup>th</sup> April 9am-12 noon  
Christ the King: 10<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Parish Office will re-open on 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9 am.



# St Joseph's Tilehurst, Reading

## Please be active in our Parish!

St Joseph's is very fortunate in having a committed team of volunteers who support all aspects of parish life; however, all of these areas need more help and we are inviting you to consider if you'd like to take a more active role in our parish community. If you are new, or relatively new to the parish, this is an ideal way of getting to know more people and becoming more involved.

The commitment would be whatever you are able to offer weekly, monthly or on an ad hoc basis, with full training/support given where necessary. The more volunteers we have, the more flexible the roles become ...'every little helps,' as they say!

Please review all aspects of parish support listed on the back of this sheet and tick any box(es) where you would consider helping. We will then contact you to provide more information about what the role entails before you confirm if you are able to help. Ticking the boxes does not mean you have committed to help.

*Thank you!*

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**How do you like to receive information** – please tick all that apply

- Paper copy of the newsletter
- Newsletter and other information by email
- View newsletter from the website

**What else would you like to see at St Joseph's?** What is missing? Where can we improve?

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**Do you have any expertise that you would be happy to share?** e.g. Accountancy, Gardening, etc.

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick any of items above where you would be interested in helping,  
OR if you would like more details on the role/involvement. *Thank you.*

**Health and Safety officer**

**Maintenance helper**

**Gardening**

**Sacramental Preparation: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adults**

**Fundraising**

**Welcomer**

**Eucharistic Minister**

**Reader (particularly at the 5 pm Vigil Mass)**

**Sunday Collections Counter**

**Technical Assistance (computer, sound system, etc.)**

**Social Events**

**New Projects Team**

**AV presentation**

**Flower arranging**

**Altar Server**

**Musician**

**Help at Children's Liturgy (10.30 am Mass)**

**The Link Café**

**Choir**

**Cleaning Church**

**Repository**

**Help with Teas/Coffees (after 10.30 am Mass)**