# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:\*

MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - SUNDAY, 3 <sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2024		
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	10 am	Tess & Mick Joyce RIP
Our Lady on Saturday	10.30 am	Confessions
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)	5 pm	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October	8.30 am	Charles McLaughlin RIP
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.30 am	David Petersen RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 28th October	10 am	Rose Pocock RIP
Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles		
Tuesday, 29th October	10 am	Private intention
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am	Dominic Clark's intentions – Foundation Mass
Thursday, 31st October		
Friday, 1st November	10 am	Margaret Froud and brother and sisters RIP
ALL SAINTS, solemnity	7 pm	Steven McCreight RIP
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10 am	All Souls RIP
Commemoration of ALL SOULS	10.30 am	Confessions
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)	5 pm	Deceased members of the parish (1 of 7)
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	8.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		& Joseph Capron RIP
	10.30 am	Wendy Kelly RIP

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

### **TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

There is an article about St Joseph's Outreach Project, the Tilehurst Drop-in Centre and Foodbank, in this week's Portsmouth E-News; it is towards the very end, in the magazine section. Thank you for your generous Harvest Festival donations and for those who kindly add an item to their shopping list each week, We still need: Cooking oil, pasta sauces, sponge puddings, drinking chocolate, marmalade, marmite, tinned corned beef/spam, packet soup, instant mash, tinned fruit, coffee, tea and sugar.

Please Note: We are introducing a new service: 'Foodbank Friday' for those who cannot get to our Wednesday afternoon sessions from 5 - 6.30 pm on Fridays beginning 1st November.



The Solemnity of **ALL SAINTS** is celebrated next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November [Holy Day of Obligation]. Masses will be celebrated at 10 am & 7 pm.

### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION - LED BY FR HENRY:**

• 6 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Silent Adoration; 6.15 pm - Holy Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Reparations prayers; 6.45 pm - Benediction; 7 pm - Holy Mass.

Update: Despite the short notice and summer holidays, we were able to collect £600 from our generous parishioners to give to Fr Jude as a leaving present. Your generosity was much appreciated. Thank you!

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBBER 2024

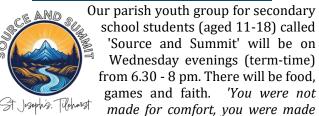
Gift Aid (envelopes)	£284.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£354.10
TOTAL	£643.10
World Mission Sunday	£406.90

# CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: Give to CAFOD

Next weekend: Second collection for Bamenda.

### **SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI. If you want to get involved, please see Lewis and Hannah.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs & Don, 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. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

#### **READERS**

Fr Henry would like to meet all Readers this Sunday immediately after 10.30 am Mass in the Church. Information from the Diocesan Formation Day for Readers will be shared.

#### **GARDENING HELP NEEDED**

Can you volunteer some time? We need help cutting back the ivy and trimming shrubs. Any help will be very welcome. *Please drop your name into the Parish Office.* 

Note: A link to the Bishop's letter will be available on our website from Sunday.

### **SUGGESTION BOX**

There is a suggestion box in the church porch: Please use it to make suggestions, give feedback, volunteer etc. The contents will be reviewed by members of the Coordinating Team. *Thank-you!* 

# CHRISTMAS-THEMED QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT: SATURDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 6.45 PM

Tickets are now on sale for our Quiz and Supper Night. Ticket price £12 includes fish and chips or pasty and chips. Payment can be made in cash or using the 'St Jo Event' button on the DONA machine.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

St Joseph's parish Christmas Fair will be on Saturday,  $23^{\rm rd}$  & Sunday,  $24^{\rm th}$  November after Masses. Please reserve the dates and support this event. Proceeds to support the parish. *More information will follow in the coming weeks.* 

#### ST JOSEPH'S CASUAL BADMINTON & TABLE TENNIS

Sundays during term-time (unless hall is already booked) Table Tennis from 11.30 am. Badminton from 12.30 pm. All ages and abilities. Helpers needed! Contact *Jo Tombs 0787 984 1855 / Sue Collier 0776 892 4129.* 

#### **KEYBOARD PLAYER NEEDED FOR CHOIR PRACTICE**

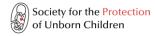
If you can help, please leave your contact details with the Parish Office or speak to any member of the choir at 10.30 am Mass on Sundays.

# FIRST FRIDAYS - MOTHERS PRAYERS: PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

Mums, Grandmas, Aunties: We invite you to join us in church after Mass on Friday evening to pray for our children, grandchildren and families. All are welcome. For more information, see *Aline Phillips* or the Mothers Prayers website: <a href="https://www.mothersprayers.org">https://www.mothersprayers.org</a>

# ASSISTED SUICIDE - SHOULD THE LAW BE CHANGED?

Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant working in a hospice, explains



why changing the law will be harmful to patients, doctors and society. Date: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. Time: 7.30 – 9 pm. Place: Novotel Reading Centre, 25B Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP. Please register to attend at: <a href="https://www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures">www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures</a> (If you are unable to register online you will still be welcome to come along). This event is being organised by Lives Worth Living, a campaign of SPUC Pro-Life.

#### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

- Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Mayes Lane Cemetery.
   Fr Stan will bless the graves at
   3 nm
- Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm.
- Other dates to be confirmed.



### **IOHNNY ROUGHNEEN RIP**

The parish offers condolences to the family of John (Johnny) Roughneen of Caversham formerly Tilehurst/Belfast on 15th October 2024. Funeral arrangements: St Michael's Catholic Church, Sonning Common, RG4 9SU at 2 pm followed by Henley Road Crematorium at 3.15 pm on Friday, 1st November.