

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27TH OCTOBER 2024

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

MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 26TH OCTOBER - SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

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

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

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, 1st 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:
19TH/20TH OCTOBER 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



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Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' will be on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There will be 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 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 McMahan, 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, 9TH 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, 23rd & Sunday, 24th 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: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>

**ASSISTED SUICIDE
- SHOULD THE LAW BE CHANGED?**

Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant  Society for the Protection of Unborn Children working in a hospice, explains why changing the law will be harmful to patients, doctors and society. Date: Tuesday, 29th October. Time: 7.30 - 9 pm. Place: Novotel Reading Centre, 25B Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP. Please register to attend at: www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures (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, 3rd November at Mayes Lane Cemetery. Fr Stan will bless the graves at 3 pm.
- Sunday, 10th November at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm.
- *Other dates to be confirmed.*



JOHNNY 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.