Catholic Diocese of
PORTSMOUTH

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PASTORAL AREA
St Joseph's | Christ the King | St John Bosco |
English Martyrs | St James & St William of York



St Joseph's Church
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Parish Secretary: Sheila Jones
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Saturday, 7th November **St Willibrord,** Bishop	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP (Foundation Mass)
	~~10.30 am~~	~~Confessions~~
	5 pm Vigil	Baby Jeswin Jery RIP
Sunday, 8th November **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ***Remembrance Sunday***	8.30 am	John Cummins RIP
	*10.30 am	Deceased members of Aline's family RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 9th November **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**	10 am	Graham Ward RIP
Tuesday, 10th November **St Leo the Great**, Pope, Doctor of the church	10 am	Deceased members of the parish (3 of 7)
Wednesday, 11th November **St Martin of Tours**, Religious, Bishop	NO MASS	
Thursday, 12th November **St Josaphat**, Bishop, Martyr	NO MASS	
Friday, 13th November	7 pm	Deceased members of the Ybanez-Mate & Gene Ignatowski RIP – Foundation Mass
Saturday, 14th November **Our Lady on Saturday**	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Deceased members of the parish (4 of 7)
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marianna & the Kubis family RIP
Sunday, 15th November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP
	*10.30 am	Chen Foong Ying & Lew Yew Choy RIP

**Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ*

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER	
Henley Road Cemetery	**2.30 pm**
SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER	
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER	
St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm



[Image: Office Holidays]

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 31ST OCTOBER/1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£282.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£40.00
Loose Plate	£283.16
TOTAL	**£605.16**
Bamenda Sunday	**£654.93**

Donate to our parish by bank transfer thus avoiding admin fees: A/C Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30–93–04. Account No. 00885992.



OUR RETIRED PRIESTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

On the weekend of 14th/15th November, we will hold our first Second Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives. After decades of ministry, our retired priests deserve the security of knowing that the care and support they may need in later life will always be available. Your donation will help ensure that they can live with dignity and peace of mind in retirement.

Donation envelopes will be available at all Masses next weekend. You can also give by scanning the QR code here or by using the Dona contactless terminal in church porch by selecting Priests' Retirement Fund Second Collection.

If you would like to support the Fund on an ongoing basis, regular gifts by Direct Debit or standing order are especially valuable. To make a regular or one-off donation, and to read more about the Fund, please click here: Priests Retirement Fund - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth to visit the Priests' Retirement Fund page on our website. You can read there Bishop Philip's message about the importance of supporting our retired priests and also hear Fr John Nelson, Chair of the Priests' Retirement Fund Committee, explain how the Fund helps those who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ's Church. Our retired priests remain a valued part of our Church family. Just as we would support our own loved ones in later life, we are invited to care for those who have cared for us. *Please support this appeal as generously as you can.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna, Pat, Cameron.

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 12th December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

Thanks ever so much for your generous Harvest Festival donations. Your donations are greatly appreciated as they help us support approximately 45 households with food and household products. This week we are short of weetabix, long-life juice, tinned hot dogs/meatballs, tinned spaghetti hoops, mayonnaise, peanut butter and sugar. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. *Many thanks.*

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

The following designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Tuesday, 10th	10 am
Saturday, 14th	10 am
Monday, 16th	10 am
Saturday, 21st	10 am
Monday, 30th	10 am

There will be a basket in front of the Altar to receive your Mass intentions for your departed loved ones. Please place your intention and offering in the basket before the beginning of Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle tickets are available before and after all Masses this weekend. It would be wonderful if all parishioners could consider taking at least 5 books to sell to family, neighbours and friends. Stubs, money and unsold tickets can be returned to the Parish Office. All income from the Christmas Raffle and Fair will go towards improving our heating system in the church. *Thank you in advance for your help with tickets*.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY, 6TH DECECEMBER

We are looking for volunteers to make festive gifts and treats for sale at the fair. We also welcome all offers of help at the fair as well. If you are willing to help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch. *Thank you!*

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 29th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which is available in the church porch.

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* *ritaur@yahoo.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. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer – 0773 449 9190*.

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

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/ or pick up a catalogue available in the church porch.



CAFOD'S ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

Our online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join us as we journey through the season of Advent with our global family: Advent calendar for children

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Sessions run from September - Easter. If you would like to find out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for Youth Group volunteers to help and support our parish youth group which meets every Wednesday 6.30 pm, during term-time. If you are interested in supporting our young people, please speak to Fr Henry after Mass.

Bishop Philip invites us to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire about our Holy Habits and the diocesan plan. By sharing your experience, you will be actively contributing to the growth and development of the Diocese and helping him discern how the Lord is at work. It will take only a few minutes. Please scan the QR code or Ctrl+Click to follow link: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Mission Plan survey 2026

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays | 8.45 – 11.30 am | large hall | term-time only. *All are welcome.*



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Every first and third Tuesday | small room at the back of church | 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, 16th December beginning at 6.30 pm, with individual confessions at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

LAY LEADERS CONFERENCE – SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses, the Lay Leaders Conference will take place on Saturday, 21st November the Solent Hotel Whiteley near Southampton and run from 9 - 3.30 pm. It will offer an opportunity to share experiences, explore fresh ideas and consider how clergy and laity can work together to strengthen our parishes and bring more people to know Jesus Christ. As we look to the future of our Diocese, we want as many people as possible to be part of this important conversation. Whether you are involved with liturgy, catechesis, pastoral councils, outreach or any other aspect of parish life, this conference is for you. See the flyer in the church porch for full details of the day and how to book your place. There is no charge for attending, though you will need to register in advance: Lay leaders conference 21 November 2026 registration form

APF/MISSIO



It's time to open the Red boxes again. Please hand your box into the Sacristy or the Parish Office (office hours only), or contact me. The deadline is 15th December; any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2026 accounts. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church. *Mike Tomas, APf/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

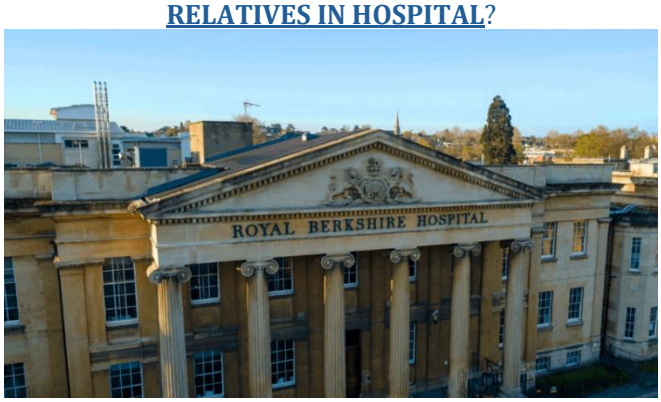


For further information about St Paul's Primary School Open Days on 18th November at 1.45 pm and 8th December at 9 am, please contact the School Office on *0118 942 2003*, or speak to *Michael Robinson after 10.30 am Mass.*

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

RELATIVES IN HOSPITAL?



In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we have a number of major hospitals. It is crucially important that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. One suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a call from the family to the ward, making the request. Hospital staff are often under immense pressure and a person's religious details and requests may be overlooked. Let us pray for all the medical staff who are caring for the sick – and also for our magnificent chaplains in their irreplaceable work. Let us pray too that no Catholic dies without the sacramental care of Mother Church. *[Image: Royal Berkshire NHS]*

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." Jesus calls us to be ready, attentive, and faithful to His invitation. Priesthood and consecrated life ask for hearts that remain vigilant, prepared to serve God and His people with generosity and love. Pray for guidance and clarity in discerning how He may be calling you to serve. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.*

PILGRIMAGE TO NORWICH AND WALSINGHAM

St Swithun Wells parish invites you to join their Parish Pilgrimage to Norwich and Walsingham from Monday, 26th April – Thursday, 29th April 2027.

A wonderful opportunity to learn more about and deepen our faith, and to meet others. Walsingham is a village in Norfolk, home of the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady. It provides the opportunity to step back from the daily pressures of life and to draw nearer to God and His Blessed Mother. Fr Raffaele and Fr Mario will lead us through a spiritual and prayerful time during our stay, with daily Mass and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Accommodation is at Elmham House, Walsingham, and we will spend a day and a half at the Shrine of Our Lady. We will travel by coach to Norwich for a full day, visiting the city's two cathedrals and the Shrine of Julian of Norwich, who is best known for writing the earliest surviving book in English by a woman.

Cost: £450 en suite, half board & coach travel per person. Deposit: £115 with booking form by 28th November 2026. Balance: £335 by 4th March 2027. More information on the poster here: St Swithun Wells posters.pdf.

