Catholic Diocese of
PORTSMOUTH

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St Joseph's | Christ the King | St John Bosco |
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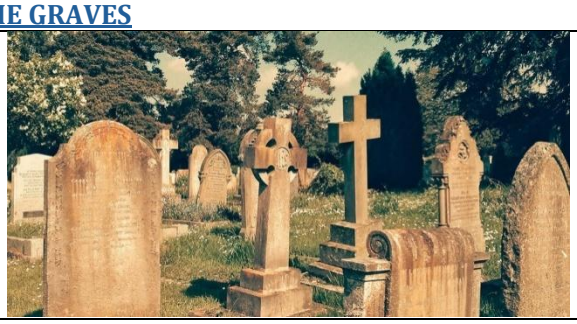
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

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
Monday, 16th November **ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**, Bishop	10 am	Deceased members of the parish (5 of 7)
Tuesday, 17th November **St Hilda**, Abbess	10 am	Vocations
Wednesday, 18th November **Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome**	9.30 am	John Lewis Hadland RIP *(Foundation Mass)*
Thursday, 19th November	NO MASS	
Friday, 20th November	11 am	Memorial Mass for Jackie Hopper RIP
	~~7 pm~~	
Saturday, 21st November **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Deceased members of the parish *(6 of 7)*
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Edgar & Audrey Welch RIP
Sunday, 22nd November **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	8.30 am	All souls in Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana's intentions
	*10.30 am	Harry and Thomas' intentions

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

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

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:
7TH/8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£220.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£42.00
Loose Plate	£455.12
TOTAL	**£717.12**

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 this 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.

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

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

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Many thanks to all of you who have bought and sold parish Christmas raffle tickets. The response has been really good. We still have plenty of tickets, so if you haven't bought any yet or if you think you can sell more, then please collect more books after Mass. Please return unsold books, stubs and money to the Parish Office as soon as possible, and at the latest by 28th November. *Thank you.*



🎄 CHRISTMAS FAIR 🎄

It's just 3 weeks until our parish Christmas Fair on Sunday, 6th December. We are looking for volunteers on the day to help setup, to serve refreshments and to help on a stall for an hour or two. A full list of stalls and help needed is in the porch and in this newsletter. If you can help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch or talk to Eileen Kerrigan or Mary O'Carroll. *Thank you!*

🎄 List of Stalls 🎄	
**Volunteers on stalls needed please:	
**Raffle tickets	Silent auction
Fr Christmas	**Kitchen/Drinks
Bottle stall	**Puzzles/Good quality books
Tombola	Bric-a-brac
**Christmas Gifts	**Festive baked goods
Homemade cards	**Candles/soaps
Homemade scrunchies	Children's Corner
**Homemade decorations	

🎄 Donations Needed 🎄
Bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, shampoo etc)
Puzzles and very good quality books
Tombola, Gift items, Candles, Soaps
Hats, scarves, gloves, shawls, bags
Homemade gifts/decorations
Festive baked goods such as mince pies, brownies, stollen, yule logs, fruit cake, gingerbread

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

CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL

Is there a lovely person or family in our parish who would like to provide and decorate the church Christmas tree? The parishioners who have been happily doing this for quite a while feel that the time has come to step back and would be grateful to hand over to younger people if possible! If you like the idea of joining in to get the church ready for Christmas, please contact the Parish Office for more details. *Many thanks.*

🎄 SVP SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY 🎄

Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of festive fun, friendship and Christmas cheer! You are warmly invited to our annual SVP Seniors' Christmas Party on:

	Saturday, 5th December
	1 – 4 pm
	St Joseph's Parish Hall

Enjoy a delicious, traditional hot Christmas lunch, followed by some wonderful festive entertainment from Take Note Choir and our very own St Paul's Children's Choir. There'll also be the chance to try your luck and be a winner in our exciting bingo games! So, come along, bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon filled with laughter, good company and Christmas spirit. Everyone is welcome! BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW! Places are limited, so please put your name down ***no later than Sunday, 29th November***. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

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*.

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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 45 households, weekly, with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of tinned corned beef/spam, baked beans, microwaveable rice, porridge, long life juice, tinned fruit, sugar, peanut butter, rice pudding and wet wipes. 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.*

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.*

World Gifts
Gifts that make a difference

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.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT
St Joseph's, Tilehurst

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

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

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.*

There are no further ADoRE meetings planned. We will review in the new year.

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.*

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. 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.



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.*

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Could God be calling you to a life of prayerful witness, where your faithful service bears fruit for countless souls? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *0132 931 8869.*

