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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH SEPTEMBER
& TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday, 19 th September St Januarius , Bishop, Martyr	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Malcolm & Sylvia Livingston's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Ann & John Commins RIP
Sunday, 20 th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Veronica & Raymond Brown RIP
	*10.30 am	John Horkan RIP
Monday, 21 st September ST MATTHEW , Apostle, Evangelist	10 am	Martha Munnely RIP
Tuesday, 22 nd September	10 am	Brian Warnes RIP
Wednesday, 23 rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina , Religious	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday, 24 th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM , feast		No Mass
Friday, 25 th September	7 pm	Carmen's intentions (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Saturday, 26 th September Ss Cosmas & Damian , Martyrs	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Richard Czechowicz RIP (<i>20th Anniversary</i>)
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	John Conroy RIP
Sunday, 27 th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Kerrigan & English families
	*10.30 am	Peter Spillane RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 28 th September St Wenceslaus , Martyr	10 am	In Thanksgiving for the Kannenkeril & Balakrishnan families
Tuesday, 29 th September THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL , feast	10 am	Caroline Hurst RIP
Wednesday, 30 th September St Jerome , Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	Frank Jennings RIP
Thursday, 1 st October St Teresa of the Child Jesus , Religious, Doctor of the Church		No Mass
Friday, 2 nd October The Holy Guardian Angels , memorial	6 pm	First Friday Devotion
	7 pm	M.S.P. Benefactors
Saturday, 3 rd October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	John Conroy RIP
Sunday, 4 th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	*10.30 am	Suzette & Philomena Lobo RIP

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
12TH/13TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£253.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£40.00
Loose Plate	£405.56
TOTAL	£698.56

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.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY
(FROM BISHOPS' CONFERENCE)**

Sunday, 20th September is Home Mission Sunday. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. The Second Collection this weekend is to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help with maintenance jobs in our parish: We need help with plumbing, decorating, carpentry, electrics, meter reading, monthly checks, odd jobs, etc. *There is a sign-up sheet available in the church porch.*

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Four autumn weekend Mass Counts [for national statistics]:

- 19th/20th September
- 26/27th September
- 3rd/4th October
- 10th/11th October

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE PARISH
EVANGELISATION FORMATION DAY**

Saturday, 31st October | 9:30am – 1:30pm |

Christ the King Parish, Reading

*How can we grow in faith
and share the joy of the Gospel?*

Join us for a morning of prayer, inspiration, teaching and fellowship as we discover how Parish Evangelisation Cells (PECS) can enrich parish life. PECS are small, welcoming groups of parishioners who meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, build friendships and encourage one another to live and share their faith. They offer a simple way to help people grow closer to Jesus, support one another and reach out to others with friendship and faith. Come and discover how these groups can deepen prayer, friendship and faith, strengthen parish community and mission; and build our confidence in our faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are curious, active in parish life, or wondering whether PECS could benefit your parish. To register go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/IGgE7zeuun> or email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL
- SUNDAY, 4TH OCTOBER**



Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours

experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.



**PARISH CURRY NIGHT
- SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER**

Come and join us for a curry night on Saturday, 26th September at St Joseph's main hall at 6.30 pm. Feast on chicken /veg curry, sides, rice and naan, plus dessert? All for £15 per person. Bring your own alcohol, if you wish. Food will be provided by the Spice Master Restaurant, Tilehurst. *If you can join us, please add your name to the list in the porch.*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
- ST JOSEPH'S PARISH:**

SEPTEMBER 2026 - SEPTEMBER 2027

2026	
26th Sep	Curry Night
24th Oct	Quiz night: Fish and Chips
5th Dec	SVP Christmas Party
6th Dec	Christmas fair and raffle
25th Dec	Mulled wine and mince pies
2027	
21st Feb	Cake sale: Fundraising
20th Mar	Passover meal
21st Mar	Celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day: Tea and cake
4th Apr	Divine Mercy Hour: Tea and cake
17th Apr	SVP Spring Tea Party
9th May	Mary's Meals: Cake sale
16th May	Pentecost Sunday: Share a meal
4th Jun	Feast of the Sacred Heart: Share a meal
10th/11th Jul	Stella Maris: Cake sale
18th Jul	Summer Fair

Planned by: The Parish Events Team

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY VISITATION STATUE

The statue of Our Lady started her journey around the homes of our parishioners on the Feast of the Assumption. Please complete the sign-up sheet, available in the church porch, if you wish to receive Our Lady into your home. *Contact: Aline Phillips 0790 456 9437.*



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

Our SVP Conference helps all who need support. 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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

This week, we are short of **cereals (excl. shredded wheat), tinned hot dogs, spam/corned beef, baked beans, orange juice, tinned fruit 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.*



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

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Join our RCIA course to explore and learn more. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office.

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only. All are welcome.*



ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

ANNUAL LEAVE

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 18th September, re-opening on Tuesday, 29th September. The church will be open for Private Prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays during this time until 29th September after which the church will re-open for Private Prayer, as usual, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am – 2 pm.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *All are welcome.*

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeG02u35IST6F9uPEJH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX

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FORMATION DAY FOR READERS

17TH OCTOBER 2026

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

