

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday, 12 th September The Most Holy Name of Mary	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Maureen Hanson RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Jimmy & Nonie Fahy, Bernie Fahy, Mattie Fahy, Brendan Reynolds and Francis Ryan RIP
Sunday, 13 th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	All Souls of Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 14 th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10 am	Private intention
Tuesday, 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	10 am	Susan Brady's intentions
Wednesday, 16 th September Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	9.30 am	For Vocations
Thursday, 17 th September St Hildegard of Bingen, Religious, Doctor of the Church		
Friday, 18 th September (<i>No Exposition</i>)	10 am	Jasmine Jones' intentions
	7 pm	
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

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on Mondays at 4.30 pm. Forms are available on the parish website, in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office by **Monday, 14th September 2026**.

MEETING FOR PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS

On Wednesday, 16th September, we will be meeting as multiple parishes across Reading to share more about the Parish Evangelisation Cells and what are our next steps to launch them across our town. The meeting will take place here at St Joseph's from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. Tea and coffee will be served from 7.15 pm. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
30TH AUGUST & 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£357.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£60.00
Loose Plate	£625.91
TOTAL	£1,042.91

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)**

Next 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.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

This week, we are short of **cereals for kids, tinned hot dogs, spam/corned beef, spaghetti hoops, rice, 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.*



**DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY
PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE**

**SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER | 9.30 AM – 1.30 PM
ST BEDE'S, BASINGSTOKE**

Whether you are a parish catechist, sacramental preparation leader, RCIA team member, children's liturgy volunteer, youth catechist, or involved in any ministry of faith formation, you are warmly invited to the **Portsmouth Diocese Catechists' Formation Day**. We will be joined by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and Dr Káren North from St Mary's University Twickenham as we come together from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. The day will start with Mass before we move into our sessions, there will also be a time for prayer and reflection as well as hearing from each other before we finish the day with a shared lunch (provided as part of the day). To register your interest please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RFGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.*

**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.

WELCOME



A warm welcome to Victoria Isabel Machuca Nunez who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.

Marriage Help -
Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th September.**



www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983.

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

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.*