

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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| Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October                            | 10 am        | John Drake RIP                              |
| <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b><br><i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i> | 10.30 am     | <i>Confessions</i>                          |
|   | 5 pm         | David Petersen RIP                          |
| Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 8.30 am      | Helena & Charles McLaughlin RIP             |
| <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                   | 10.30 am     | David Petersen RIP                          |
| Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October                              | 10 am        | Maurice O'Brien RIP                         |
| Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                             | 10 am        | Zenon, Jan, Lana, Andrew, Helena, Kasik RIP |
| Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                           | <b>10 am</b> | David Petersen RIP                          |
| <b>Diocesan Day of Prayer &amp; Reparation for Life</b>       |              |   |
| Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October                            |              |   |
| Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 7 pm         | Buchanan family's intentions                |
| Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October                            | 10 am        | Tess & Mick Joyce RIP                       |
| <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b><br><i>(Vigil Mass for Sunday)</i> | 10.30 am     | <i>Confessions</i>                          |
|   | 5 pm         | Slawomir Wruszczak RIP                      |
| Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October                              | 8.30 am      | Charles McLaughlin RIP                      |
| <b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                      | 10.30 am     | David Petersen RIP                          |
|   | 5 pm         | Syro Malabar                                |

*\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed:\**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFVpI2vvGWdDKQ>

Saturdays: Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am followed by **10 am Mass** and confessions

### WORLD MISSION (MISSIO) SUNDAY – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [Home - Missio](#) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Parishioners may also use their gift aid envelopes or the card reader machine. [Mike Tomas is our parish APF/Missio secretary].

### **!! FIRE DRILL!!**

A Fire Drill will be carried out at various weekend Masses in the coming weeks. No specific dates will be given, in accordance with Fire Drill evacuation guidelines. Take a moment *now* to note the location of the *two* Fire Exits in the church: (1) The door beside the organ/choir, (2) The front door of the church. When the alarm sounds, please leave the church immediately. Parishioners leaving by the organ Fire Exit door will be directed to assemble at the Fire Assembly Point on the patio area behind the Presbytery. Parishioners leaving by the front church door will be directed to assemble at the Muster Point by the pedestrian gate located at the top of the car park. Separate arrangements will apply to wheelchair users – guidance will be given on the day. It is a requirement that we carry out Fire Drills on a yearly basis for the safety of all parishioners. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

**\*\* British Summer Time ends – Clocks go back next weekend \*\***

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Gift Aid (envelopes)       | £275.00        |
| Planned Giving (envelopes) | £5.00          |
| Loose Plate                | £244.30        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>£524.30</b> |

**DONATIONS**

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer to avoid any admin fees. Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**



Our new parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' will be on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 pm - 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefan 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.

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING**

On Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7 pm in the small hall. Places are limited, so please add your name and phone number to the list in the church porch. You will be informed if you have a place. *John Foley* – 0776 925 1747.

**DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY FOR READERS**

On Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 am - 2 pm at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. Registration via email: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Fr Henry would like to meet all Readers on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October immediately after 10.30 am Mass in the Church. We will also share key information from the Diocesan Formation Day for Readers.

**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.



A warm welcome to Emmanuella and Eliana Adeleye who are to be baptised here at St Joseph's next week.

**CHRISTMAS-THEMED QUIZ AND SUPPER NIGHT:  
SATURDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

St Joseph's Church Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November after each Mass. Please reserve the dates and do come and support this event. Proceeds will go 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**

Do you play piano or keyboard? Our choir will be practising soon for Christmas and would really appreciate having some accompaniment during practice sessions. Practice time can be flexible to suit you. 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.

**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. There is no commitment to come each week. The meeting lasts about 30 minutes. We will meet on 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October, and we may continue to meet at this time if attendance is good. For more information see *Aline Phillips* or the Mothers Prayers website: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

**ASSISTED SUICIDE**

**- SHOULD THE LAW BE CHANGED?**

Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant working in a hospice, explains why changing the law will be harmful to patients, doctors and society. Date: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

"What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. For further information, talk to your priest or contact *Cn John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.