


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

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## **WANT TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO SOMETHING GREAT?**



**SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AT 3 PM**

- St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA

Bishop Philip Egan invites you to find out more about the priesthood. Scan the QR code to join the discussion.

*I am inviting any man in our Diocese aged 17 or older, who is not married, to come along to a short talk after Vespers and Benediction at 3 pm, when you can also ask any questions you may have about being a priest. There will be refreshments, and we will finish by 5 pm.*

If you would like to join Bishop Philip, please complete the short registration form where you can also leave any questions you may have. Please note that anyone who is aged 17 will need to bring a parent or guardian along with them.

## **CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS**

Our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Christian Communities in the Holy Land (via the Friends of the Holy Land). *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

Traditionally, your offerings at Christmas are for the personal use of the priest serving the parish and form a major part of his annual income. Parishioners should use their marked box of envelopes, the card reader, or put an offering into any envelope and mark it for *Fr Henry*. The link to the Clergy Christmas Collection fundraising page for our parish is as follows: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/reading-st-joseph-catholic-parish-christmas-collection-2025> incurs a 5% fee.

## **CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE**

St Joseph's Parish Office will be open on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January and then closed until Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January during which time there will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 – SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026</b>		
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>ST JOHN</b> , Apostle, Evangelist, feast	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Michael & Lavinia Fernandes
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Babs & Don O'Sullivan
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> , feast	8.30 am	Porferio Ga-an RIP & deceased members of Eden's family RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen O'Shea RIP – Foundation Mass
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY</b> , feast	10 am	John McKenna RIP
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	10 am	Ann Cummins RIP
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	9.30 am	Mary Ward's intentions
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> , solemnity	10 am	Thanksgiving Mass for David & Christalina's intentions
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> , Bishops, Doctors of the Church, memorial	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> ( <i>prayers only</i> ) every first Friday of the month
	<del>7 pm</del>	<del>Vera Edwards RIP</del> ( <i>moved to 9<sup>th</sup> January</i> )
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Nawain Winifred Ngwe RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Sr Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY after THE NATIVITY</b>	8.30 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Daniel Emmanuel's intentions
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	10 am	Stephen McKenna RIP
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> , solemnity <b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	<b>10 am</b>	Patrick Flattery RIP
	<b>7 pm</b>	
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	9.30 am	John Drake RIP
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>		
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	7 pm	Vera Edwards RIP
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Liturgy of the Day</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	John McKenna RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Private intention
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> , feast	8.30 am	Pedro Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Harry & Thomas' intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	10 am	Fr Colm Kelleher RIP
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	John McKenna RIP
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January		
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	7 pm	Ricky Edwards RIP
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Anthony of Egypt</b> , Abbot, memorial	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Joan & Norman Bricker RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
<i>SPUC White Flower Appeal 2026</i>	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Arthur & Francisca Pinto RIP
	10.30 am	Sheila Bishop RIP

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£327.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£499.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£831.77</b>

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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann and all the people in Bamenda, Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anna.



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

Our SVP Conference helps all who need support. We also provide help to SVP

Conferences in Sudan, India and to various foodbanks in Reading. 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](mailto: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**



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations. This week, we are short of Weetabix, orange juice, coffee, sugar, jam, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid. Thank you so much for your continued support. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'. Resumes on 7/1/26 & 9/1/26.

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

\*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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The 2026 calendars are available in the church porch.

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

Our parish youth group for school students (aged 11-18), 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesdays (term-time) from 6.30 pm - 8 pm for food, games and faith. 'You were not made for comfort; you were made for

greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI. If you want to get involved, contact *Lewis and Hannah*:

[Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk) Resumes 7/1/26.



**MOTHER'S PRAYERS**

We meet after 7 pm Mass on Fridays to pray for our families. Please speak to *Aline Phillips* for more information, or just come along:

<https://www.mothersprayers.org>



**ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

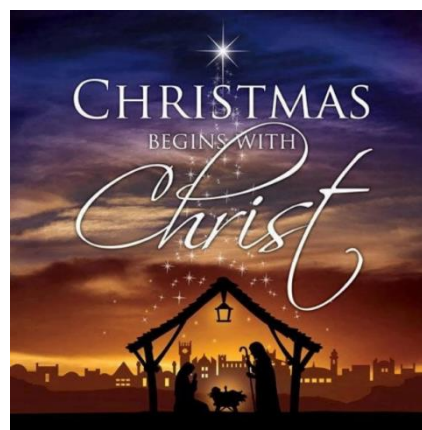
Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Last session 18<sup>th</sup> December. Resumes 8/1/26. *All are welcome*.



"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE**

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#)



*Fr Henry would like to wish  
all parishioners a peaceful  
and joyful Christmas and  
every blessing for 2026!*