

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 31ST MAY 2026

Saturday, 30 th May Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Ann Murray RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Michael Lally RIP
Sunday, 31 st May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY , solemnity	8.30 am	Guidance and blessings at 18 and academic success for Zuzanna
	*10.30 am	Praseena Varghese RIP
Monday, 1 st June of the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time St Justin , Martyr	10 am	
Tuesday, 2 nd June of the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time	10 am	
Wednesday, 3 rd June of the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time St Charles Lwanga & Companions , Martyrs	9.30 am	
Thursday, 4 th June of the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time		
Friday, 5 th June of the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time St Boniface , Religious, Bishop & Martyr	6 pm	First Friday Devotion <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	
Saturday, 6 th June Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Private intention
Sunday, 7 th June CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ]	8.30 am	Romano Rato RIP
	*10.30 am	Peter Mooney RIP

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



If you would prefer to complete a handwritten registration form, the welcomers have printed copies and pens. Please post your completed form through the letter box of the Parish Office as soon as you have completed it today. *Thank you for your co-operation.*

Please register with the parish, as below:

*Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
find a link to the online form
here [REAJO Adult Parishioner
Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



*Child Parishioner Registration
Form. Please find a link to the
online form here [REAJO Child
Parishioner Registration Form](#)
or scan the QR code here:*



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
23RD /24TH MAY 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£408.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£40.00
Loose Plate	£340.39
TOTAL	£788.39

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.

PENTECOST LUNCH

We had a wonderful turnout for the Pentecost Lunch last Sunday. There was an incredible selection of tempting cakes and food. Thank you to all the cooks and to those who spent time preparing the hall for us all to enjoy. Donations reached £634, which exceeds the sum needed to replace the church windows. A big thank-you to all for the generous donations. Our new windows will be fitted very soon!

SCHEDULE OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS



Parish Summer Picnic
21st June from 11.30 am – 3 pm

Cake Sale
12th July after all Masses

Curry Supper Night
5th September from 6 pm

Cake Sale
25th October after all Masses

Parish Christmas Fair
6th December after 10.30 am Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

Starting on Monday, 1st June at 8 pm. We will be coming together each evening to pray the Rosary as a community. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us as we ask Our Lady to intercede for us before her Son, Jesus. Together we will pray for peace in our world, forgiveness, healing for those in need and for ourselves, our friends, and our families. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. *Joining details, 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 God bless you, and we look forward to praying with you soon.

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!!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14th June at 10.30 am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

****The second collection at all Sunday Masses over the weekend of 13th/14th June will be for Fr Richard.****

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A Mass in Thanksgiving for Cathy Weafer and Carmen, following their many years of hard work and devotion to the parish, will be celebrated at 10.30 am on Sunday, 5th July. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK

We are supporting approximately 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week, we are short of cornflakes, Weetabix, instant potato mash, tinned fruit, squash, sugar, shower gel and shampoo. 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.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." The Trinity's love calls each of us to respond generously, offering our lives in service and fidelity. In priesthood, this gift is lived out daily through the sacraments, pastoral care, and witnessing Christ's love to the world. Might God be inviting you to follow this path? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call 01329 318 869.



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

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.



A better world needs all of us

Catholic Legacy Week, 24th – 30th May, is a time



when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or

at www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek



LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Many parishioners choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, we have created a range of helpful resources to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include:

- An Asset Inventory Record
- A Will Planner
- Instructions for a Catholic Funeral
- Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill

These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future.

These resources are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

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BARN DANCE

On Friday, 19th June from 7 - 10.30 pm in the English Martyrs Parish Hall. A night of fun and frolic for all ages in aid of the Cathedral Renovation and the upgrading of English Martyrs Audio Visual System. Adults - £15, Child (5 - 12) £10 and under 5's are free. (Ticket price includes a sit-down meal). Tickets from English Martyrs, Reading.



On Monday, 8th June at 12.15 pm: the Stella Maris Mass for seafarers and fishers in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by light refreshments. Please confirm your attendance by emailing roland.haves@stellamarismail.org by Tuesday, 28th May.

HEALING RETREAT AT THE ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH, READING

We shall be having a healing retreat, facilitated by Fr Joseph Edattu from the Divine Retreat Centre, which will take place on Friday, 26th June, from 5 - 9 pm. Let us continue our faith and pray for a future filled with hope.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

WITH BISHOP PHILIP THIS YEAR

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July)

To Assisi & Turin

(from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July)

If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#)

ONLINE CATECHIST FORUM: READING PASTORAL AREA

Starting on Thursday, 25th June, 7 pm – 8.30 pm. There will be an online forum for all catechists in Reading with Farvin Gonsalves, a seminarian in our diocese. The evening will include a time of formation, group discussion and resource spotlight before ending with Night Prayer. All Catechists are welcome to join via Zoom

link: <https://zoom.us/j/93450493618?pwd=1NCTKg2f4C5A06XltHZWYeg7RjboR.1> or

contact ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information and to receive link.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH, WOODLEY - MAIN FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH ROOF

Community sponsored walk & family picnic Sunday, 14th June. This will take place at St Dominic's School field straight after 10 am Mass. We have launched a

campaign page here:

[ROOF PROJECT FUNDRAISING - SPONSORED WALK & ACTIVITIES - Give as you Live Donate so you can donate and share the link with your contacts.](#)



Here is the QR Code:

See poster for further details.

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

During Pentecost, the St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening, in the small room at the back of the church from 7 - 9 pm. We will be participating in a 'Life in the Spirit' course with different inspiring speakers talking about the Holy Spirit on the internet each week until 2nd June. *Everyone is welcome.*



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.*

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

Let us continue to pray for our First Holy Communion children who will receive their First Holy Communion at 10 am Mass next Saturday, 6th June celebrated by Fr Henry.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM: ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISHES

Date: Saturday, 4th July - Leave English Martyrs by coach at 5.30 am. Return to English Martyrs by coach at approximately 9 pm. There will be a brief break on each journey. Picnic Lunch will be needed.



Any queries to:

Chris Ferreira- christabel1850@gmail.com

Aline Phillips alinephillips1@aol.co.uk

Fr Gaston gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Price: £40. Payment - Parish Bank details: A/C

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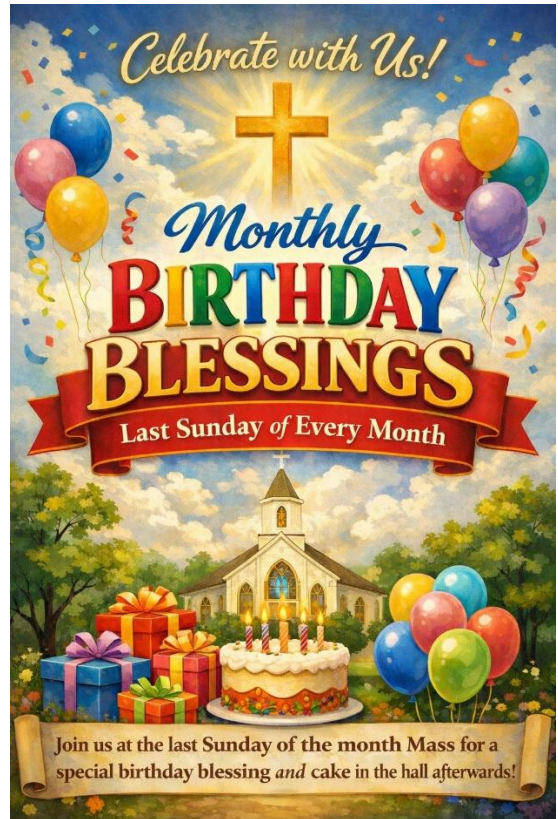
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or simply curious to know more? Please consider joining our RCIA course! It offers a warm and friendly space for adults to explore, ask questions, and learn more at their own pace. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Coming along does not commit you to making a final decision. Sessions begin in September 2026 and continue until Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office.



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Saturday, 20th June at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact your Parish

Secretary if you would like to attend and they will give you a form to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office.

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

Following Jesus



Exhibition of Paintings
by Emma Major

Exhibition Monday 1st June - 29th June
St Catherine's Tilehurst

Meet Artist and Poet Emma Major
Thursday 4th June at 2pm for a talk
about the paintings and to hear poems
from her new book


Stanzas
of Grace and Light




Written by Emma Major


NEW PARISH DATABASE

'ChurchSuite' is our new parishioner Database. Our old Database was discontinued on 31st January. Please register on our new Database:



REGISTER NOW




Scan the QR code!

BY PHONE

0118 942 8632


Tues & Thurs
10am - 12pm



IN PERSON

@ Parish Office

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10am - 12pm



You must register to continue to receive our newsletter by email!