

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Pedro Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions Advent Retreat
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	David Petersen RIP
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete')</b>	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Praswin Varghese's intentions
	3 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	10 am	Kath Wyatt RIP
	7 pm	St Paul's School Advent Service
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b>	10 am	Steven McCreight RIP
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day ['O Wisdom']</b>	9.30 am	Philomena Flattery RIP
	6.30 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service: Adoration at 6.30 pm followed by confessions at 7 pm
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day ['O Adonai']</b>		
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day ['O Root of Jesse']</b>	7 pm	Teresa Manning RIP
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Liturgy of the Day ['O Key of David']</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Cleaning Team and Mother's Prayers Group
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Helga Mora de Corradine RIP
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8.30 am	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
	10.30 am	Donal English RIP

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>  
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**OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER BEGINNING WITH QUIET ADORATION AT 6.30 PM AND CONFESSIONS FROM 7 PM.**

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Wednesday, 24th December – Christmas Eve Mass: The Nativity of the Lord - 6 pm (Carols at 5.45 pm). 11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
- Wednesday, 25th December – Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.

### 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>

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
6<sup>TH</sup>/7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£175.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£407.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£587.65</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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our recent St Joseph's Christmas fundraising event; for the many generous donations we received to stock the various stalls. To all the amazing volunteers who helped with the preparations and assisted on the day. Finally thank you to everyone who attended the event, we raised an amazing £836.20 for future projects; your support was greatly appreciated. All prize winners were identified and the prizes delivered - the ticket numbers were 3, 20 & 30. Also, the number of jellies in the jar was claimed - 727. *Thank you very much indeed, the Events Team.*

**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.



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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* [rita@yaho.co.uk](mailto:rita@yaho.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'.

**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)



**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 on 8<sup>th</sup> January. *All are welcome.*



**PARISH RETREAT**

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES/CONFESSIONS**

- St Joseph's - 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm.
- Christ the King - 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm.
- Our Lady of Peace - 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am.
- English Martyrs - 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am.
- St James - Each Saturday of Advent at 5 pm.

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood, the diaconate or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. 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](#)

**CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE**

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, opening for one day on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. The office will then re-open on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January.