

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 (YEAR B)

The Third Sunday of the Year is 'Bible Sunday,' the Sunday of the Word of God. There is a wealth of materials available on The God Who Speaks website to help keep this day special. Pope Francis instituted this day in 2019 saying that it "is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God." This "Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity. ... The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word" (Aperuit Illis 3).

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Marianna RIP
	8.30 am	Donal English RIP
	10.30 am*	Yvonne Millichap RIP
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January		
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January		
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.30 am	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b> , feast	9.30 am 2 pm	John Allinson RIP <i>Mass at St Paul's School</i>
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Timothy</b> , Bishop, Martyr & <b>St Titus</b> , Bishop		
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January		
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5 pm (Vigil)	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
	8.30 am	Donal English RIP
	10.30 am*	Patrick & Martha Munnelly RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

*\*Please note that we only live-stream 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses:\**

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 am on Saturdays + Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. <i>All are welcome.</i>
Confessions are available after any weekday Mass or by appointment.
The church will be open for private prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8.30 am until after the 10.30 am Mass.
Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am on Thursday, <i>every other week.</i>
Fr Jude is available for appointments on Wednesdays between 11 am – 1 pm or by telephone on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Jo Boase, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Marek, Pauline, Babs & Don, Maggie Tranter, Leszek Wlasak, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Caroline Hurst, Kevin Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, John Cronin, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, David Petersen, Colin Joseph, Helen, Eileen, Tony Chaplin, Diane McDonnell, Dorothy McMahan, John McKenna. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.



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

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. The SVP Conference here at St Joseph's extend their hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need help by offering friendship and support, transport to hospital and medical appointments, financial assistance where able and home visits. Social events such as Easter and Christmas Parties are also organised together with Soup Lunches and Afternoon Teas. Support is also provided to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India to CIRDIC, New Beginnings, Whitley Wood Community Centre and The Weller Centre, with monthly meat deliveries. Donations to support these causes can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul. Sort Code 60-60-04. Account No 46075070 or contactless via the card reader machine. If you're a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation; SVP gets 25% extra money to spend on good causes. To Gift Aid, give your full name and address or include it in the envelope with your donation. To donate to the SVP by Standing Order, complete a donation form, available in the church porch. Please return to: SVP Finance Office, Allenby House, Rees Way, Bradford, BD3 0DZ. Many thanks for your generosity. Key contacts: SVP President: Rita Boyce - 0798 464 3250 ritaur@yahoo.co.uk. SVP Treasurer: Jack Ewins - 0773 449 9190 jackewins9@gmail.com.

**SVP SENIOR CITIZENS SOUP LUNCH**

Come and enjoy a variety of delicious soups and fresh bread, sample some delectable homemade cakes and pastries, over a cup or two of tea and coffee. If you would like to spend a delightful afternoon in the company of friends on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February – 1 pm to 3 pm – Parish Hall, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet, which can be found at the back of the church, by February 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922. *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". John 6:35*



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**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK – PARISH UPDATE**



Our great adventure has begun. We had our first training induction day on 3<sup>rd</sup> January attended by 17 of our volunteers with one apology. 11 now have enhanced DBS clearance with 6 more still being processed. Many thanks to Miriam and the safeguarding team for this incredible achievement over the Christmas period, enabling us to open to the public on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. We announced our opening via local social media. Thank you to everyone who spread the word. We had six visitors at our first session of Welcome Wednesday, mostly people wanting to experience the atmosphere which would have been better with more visitors. To that end, we would like to encourage any St Joseph's parishioner who could spare some time between 1 - 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon, to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit as well as a chance to meet new people and build a caring Tilehurst community. We are on a steep learning curve, tweaking our offer as we go. We are now asking for the donations of games for adults like scrabble, Dominos and colouring books for under 5's. The Lord has blessed this project, and we have a lot of good will and support behind us. We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and contributions. *John, Alan and all the volunteers.*

**Items needed:** We intend to publish a focused list of food donations that we need as and when we run short. We are well stocked at the moment but are looking for the following items:



- Instant Coffee
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Tampons & sanitary towels
- Female Deodorants (Roll-on and Aerosols)
- Male Razors
- Long-life fruit juices
- Long-life milk
- Cooking Oil
- Pasta sauce

We welcome cash donations in an envelope, with your name, Gift Aid number (if applicable) and "FOODBANK", written on top, can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or handed in to the Parish Office. You can also donate using the cash machine in the church porch or directly into the parish bank account by including "YOUR NAME, FOODBANK" as a reference. Account Name: CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Many thanks for your generosity. Any questions, please contact *John Foley – 0776 925 1747.*

**C.I.R.D.I.C. CLOTHING DONATIONS**

Clothing donations for CIRDIC are welcome on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Please place your bags behind the repository or in the crying room, for the parish to deliver to C.I.R.D.I.C.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£206.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£340.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£551.37</b>
<b>Running Totals</b>	
Christmas offerings	£3,385.46

**DONATIONS**

To make a payment or donation online, we encourage you to do a bank transfer instead of using the website which incurs a 4.8% admin fee. Our bank details as follows: Account Name: Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth CDP – Reading St Joseph. Account No. 00885992. Sort Code: 30-93-04.

**VOLUNTEER COUNTERS**

New volunteers to help with counting the collection on a Sunday afternoon. The commitment is roughly once/month and volunteers will be trained and will work in a team.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL  
THIS WEEKEND 20<sup>TH</sup>/21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

This is the only collection that we have during the year and contributes to the maintenance and running costs of St John’s Cathedral.

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided, please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information, contact *Jo Lewry* [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or phone 0771 009 4447.

**CAFOD MEETINGS**

You are warmly invited to come to a CAFOD meeting to find about the difference that your donations make. On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January the meeting is at Corpus Christi church hall 60 Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE from 10.30 am – 1.30 pm or on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at St Philip Howard Church hall, Bishopsfield road Fareham PO14 1ND. A simple lunch will be provided at both meetings, so please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing *Jo* on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or phone 0771 009 4447.

**ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT**

On 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10 am – 1 pm: “Chosen to be holy – transformation by the Holy Spirit.” Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREJAN2024). More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February from 10 am – 5.30 pm: “A Day with Mary”. A whole day retreat at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster for more details.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS**

Come together to pray with other mothers for our families. Meetings at Aline Phillips’ home, 7 pm, Tuesdays. Attendance is flexible. Contact *Aline* on 0790 456 9437 if you would like to attend and to hear more about the prayer group and meeting location.



**PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING**

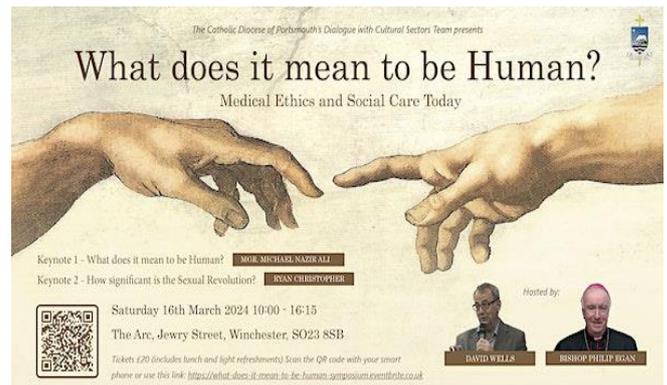
Praise and Worship’ evening at St James Church at 7.30 pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Tea and coffee from 7 pm. Please join us to spend time with Jesus, with uplifting praise and worship, scripture, personal prayer, adoration and so much more. All welcome.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGES**

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights’ in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact *Patricia* or *Natali* on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**DOUAI ABBEY PASTORAL PROGRAMME**

February – April 2024. See noticeboard in the church porch for further details.



**BEING HUMAN IN A TIME OF AI**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 18.30-20.00. Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights Campus or join online. Booking essential: <https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/4R68-DT3> The Annual Chaplaincy public in-conversation event this year explores Artificial Intelligence and the impact upon our everyday lives. How will AI change us? What will it mean for the creative industries? How might it benefit us and how could it be misused? Join three key figures in the British world of AI: Bishop Steven Croft, Prof Etienne Roesch and Charles Radclyffe. For more information contact [events@reading.ac.uk](mailto:events@reading.ac.uk)