

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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ALL SAINTS – 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday, 1 st November Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna & parents RIP
ALL SAINTS, Solemnity Sunday, 2 nd November	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP (1 of 7)
	10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
Monday, 3 rd November Commemoration of ALL SOULS	10 am	Wendy Kelly RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	12 noon	All the faithful departed souls in Purgatory
	7 pm	The intentions of the Supreme Pontiff
Tuesday, 4 th November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	10 am	John O'Shea RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Wednesday, 5 th November	9.30 am	
Thursday, 6 th November		
Friday, 7 th November	6 pm	First Friday Devotion <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 8 th November Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Gene Ignatowski RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Graham Ward RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Sunday, 9 th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast	8.30 am	Deceased members of the Rato/Rodrigues family RIP
	10.30 am	Jeswin Jerry RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY.



Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence in January 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above, please complete and return the enrolment form by **Friday, 14th November**. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 6th December at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on **Mondays at 4.30 pm; a parent will need to attend the sessions with the child**. Forms are available in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office.

The solemnity of ALL SAINTS is transferred to the Sunday Masses and celebrated on 1st/2nd November. The Commemoration of ALL SOULS is transferred to Monday, 3rd November when Masses will be celebrated at 10 am, 12 noon & 7 pm. All are welcome.



PEDRO CONSTANCIO PAIXAO RODRIGUES RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Pedro Rodrigues who died recently. Pedro's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 17th November at 12 noon followed by a smaller family committal at Reading Crematorium South Chapel at 1.45 pm. *Please pray for the repose of Pedro's soul.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: **25TH/26TH OCTOBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£175.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	-
Loose Plate	£368.24
TOTAL	£543.24

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.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This weekend, 1st/2nd November is Bamenda Sunday. Each year on the first Sunday of November, we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter which is available in the church porch.

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.



A warm welcome to Davide Alves Lagatta, baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

St Joseph's parish Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday, 30th November from 9.30 am until 3 pm in the church hall. Please reserve the date and do come and support this event. Proceeds will go to support parish projects. *More information will follow in the coming weeks.*



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* ritauro@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 tinned hot dogs, tinned tuna, tinned spaghetti hoops, long life whole milk, bolognese/pasta sauce, oil and tinned fruit.

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'.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER	
Mayes Lane Cemetery	3 pm
SUNDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER	
Henley Road Cemetery	2 pm
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER	
St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm



NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

The following designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Sunday, 2 nd	8.30 am
Monday, 10 th	10 am
Friday, 14 th	7 pm
Sunday, 16 th	10.30 am
Friday, 21 st	7 pm
Tuesday, 25 th	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	8.30 am

There will be a basket in front of the Altar to receive your Mass intentions for your departed loved ones. *Please place your intention and offering in the basket before the beginning of Mass.*

!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!

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



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." The lives of the saints inspire us to holiness. Could God be calling you to a path of sanctity through the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which is available in the porch giving further details about the Posada.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

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



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. All are welcome.*

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE CHURCH CAVERSHAM RG4 5AB

Following the announcement that Lis Leddy will be retiring 31/12/25, the parish is looking to recruit a new parish administrator. The role is part-time, 15 hrs/week, 5 hours/day on Tues/Wed and Thurs. @ £12.72/hour. For further information including the job description, please contact

ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk Closing date: 5 pm Thursday, 27th November. Short listing: Monday, 1st November. Interviews: Thursday, 4th December.

CHARIS Portsmouth is happy to welcome you to Cast out your Nets, an online evening of renewal focusing on evangelisation, on Thursday, 13th November from 7.15 - 9.15 pm. Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a member of CHARIS Portsmouth CDSC will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qaVly-XhQh-CtBUDfbsjlA> for the Zoom link here to be sent to you nearer the time. Closing date to register is 12th November.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church porch.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us and does not now bear with us". (Pope St John Paul II).