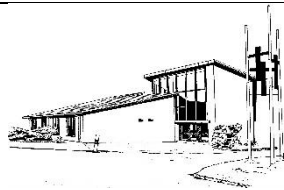



# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Second Collection for the Clergy Training Fund



Each year we make an appeal to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our Diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. The Clergy Training Fund is also used to finance the on-going formation of diocesan clergy, whether it be for professional studies or to support the educational costs for

those on sabbatical. If you would like to give to the collection, place your offering into the collection plate, card reader, bank transfer or Give As You Live Donation Page: [Clergy Training Fund 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#) (admin fee incurred).

*"I am the door . . . . . go in and out and find pasture." Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.*

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026

Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>ST MARK</b> , Evangelist, feast	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Thanksgiving
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marian Falenta RIP
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Helena & Charles McLaughlin RIP
	*10.30 am	Antonio & Ligia Lobo RIP
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	<del>10 am</del>	
	<b>3 pm</b>	Funeral: John Horkan RIP
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	10 am	Mary O'Shea RIP
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April <b>St CATHERINE of SIENA</b> , Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	9.30 am	Special intention
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>		
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	7 pm	Aline & family's intentions
Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>St Athanasius</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Joan O'Brien RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Marian Falenta and his parents RIP
Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.30 am	Eileen & Marie Clare Mitchell RIP
	*10.30 am	Lew Yew Choy & Chen Foong Ying RIP

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: [\\*https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ)

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



The parish is now using a new system called ChurchSuite, to manage our parishioner database and our communications like the newsletter. To do this, we need to renew all the information we hold about parishioners. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and to continue to receive communications from the parish, including the newsletter, please make sure you have filled out a new Registration Form. There is a separate adult and child registration form.

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



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



**For those who do not have access to a computer or mobile phone, please come to the Parish Office between 10 am – 12.30 pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays, and Sheila will help you to complete the form.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

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.

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£284.40
Planned Giving	£40.00
Loose Plate	£397.22

**SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Sunday offering envelopes for 2026/27 are now available in the church porch. Even if you give by Standing Order or Direct Debit, please take your named box and use the appropriate envelopes for second collections.

**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.

*Some friends have been on the prayers for the sick and housebound for years. This is not a problem but it is always good to hear news.*



**R.I.P.**

The parish offers condolences to the families of John Horkan and Mary O'Shea.  
Please pray for the repose of their souls.

- **JOHN HORKAN:** John's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3 pm here at St Joseph's followed by re-patriation to Ireland. *All are welcome.*
- **MARY O'SHEA:** Mary's cremation ceremony will take place in Cambridge on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm. *Further details to follow.*

### 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 tinned tuna/mackerel, long life milk, sugar, peanut butter, jam, 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.*



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.

### CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ

On Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm, at St Catherine of Siena Church, Wittenham Avenue, RG31 5LN. Tickets £10 per person to include light refreshments and nibbles, bring your own drink. Raffle and prizes. Contact [tickets@meadowsweet.eu](mailto:tickets@meadowsweet.eu)



### PENTECOST LUNCH

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in St Joseph's parish hall. Please bring your own lunch. Cake, desserts, hot and cold drinks available for a donation towards parish funds. *All are welcome. (See poster for further details).*



### !!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May with Mass at 11.30 am at the English Martyrs Church, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

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

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> July. *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*: [Lewisdownle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdownle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



### 2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES WITH BISHOP PHILIP

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026)

To Assisi & Turin (from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July 2026)

The cost of the pilgrimage to Lourdes is £949 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Single rooms are available at a supplement. Hotel accommodation at the hotel La Solitude is on a full board basis. On our previous pilgrimages, our pilgrims have been very pleased with the hotel, its proximity to the Domain and the plentiful and varied food options with some even making use of the hotel's indoor swimming pool. As before, we hope that the pilgrimage will be supported by the Youth of the Diocese. Those aged 15-35 can volunteer to support the pilgrimage by helping with music, liturgies, companionship for our pilgrims and supporting those in need by pushing wheelchairs, if required. The cost for a youth pilgrim is £895 (based on three sharing).

The pilgrimage to Assisi and Turin is based on dual city hotel accommodation with breakfast and evening dinner with all travel included to all the advertised sites. Flights out to Turin and return from Perugia are to and from Gatwick airport. Costs are £1,695 per pilgrim (again, based on two people sharing a room), with single rooms available at a supplementary cost. If you have any questions, please do get in touch by emailing: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | JC Journeys](#)

### !!SAVE THE DATE!!

21<sup>st</sup> June – Parish Picnic – *Further details to follow*

## 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.*



A project by the Diocese of Portsmouth Liturgical Formation Team

# The Liturgy Project FORMATION DAYS

Talks & Reflections  
(Bring own sandwich, tea/coffee provided)



9 am to 1.30 pm  
Pastoral Centre, Winchester

9th  
May  
2026

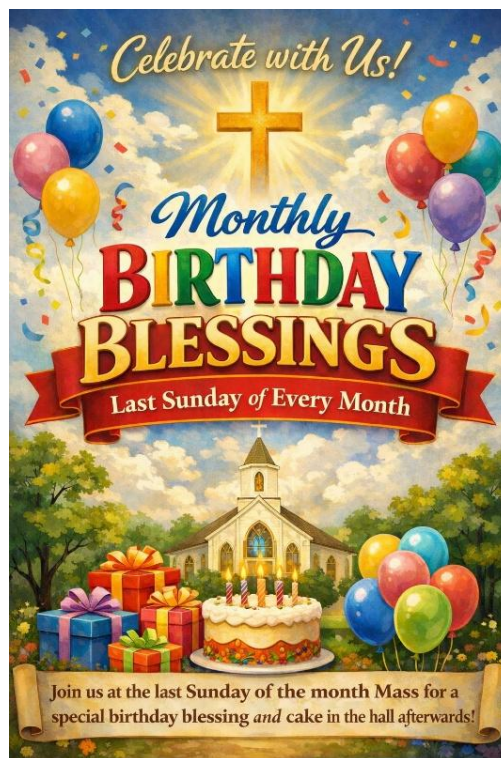
**Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion**

17th  
October  
2026

**Day for Readers**



Please RSVP to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



# CAFOD

A better world needs all of us

## STAND WITH SUDAN - GIVE MONTHLY

On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help: "So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a regular gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not



abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan](https://cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan)

## ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The HSPG will meet every Tuesday evening, 7 – 9 pm, in the crying room at the back of the Church, between now and Pentecost. We have registered as St Joseph's HSPG and will be participating in a weekly live streamed. 'Life in the Spirit Course' called 'The Gift @ Luton' Organized by the Northampton Diocese, led by Brother Gary. Details are on a poster at the back of the church. We will also record the sessions for anyone who cannot attend every Tuesday. *All are Welcome to join us.*



## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, together with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, two of the visionaries, will be visiting the Catholic Cathedrals of England & Wales: St Michael & St George, Aldershot GU11 2BY, on the weekend of Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.