


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 21ST DECEMBER 2025

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – 25TH DECEMBER

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2025

Saturday, 20 th December Liturgy of the Day ['O Key of David']	9 am 10 am 10.30 am	Rosary & Exposition Cleaning Team and Mother's Prayers Group Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Helga Mora de Corradine RIP
Sunday, 21 st December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
	10.30 am	Donal English RIP
Monday, 22 nd December Liturgy of the Day [December 22, 'O King of the nations']	10 am	Porter family's intentions
Tuesday, 23 rd December Liturgy of the Day [December 23, 'O Emmanuel']	10 am	
Wednesday, 24 th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	6 pm Midnight	People of the parish People of the parish
Thursday, 25 th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10.30 am	People of the parish
Friday, 26 th December ST STEPHEN , the First Martyr, feast	7 pm	Michael O'Carroll RIP
Saturday, 27 th December ST JOHN , Apostle, Evangelist, feast	9 am 10 am 10.30 am	Rosary & Exposition Michael & Lavinia Fernandes Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Babs & Don O'Sullivan
Sunday, 28 th December THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH , feast	8.30 am	Porferio Ga-an RIP & deceased members of Eden's family RIP
	10.30 am	Kathleen O'Shea RIP – Foundation Mass
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: *<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpm12vvGWdDKQ>
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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.
- Thursday, 25th December – Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.



As we embrace this joyous season, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our parish throughout the year.

We thank the sacristan team, those who clean and arrange the church, the flower arrangers, and those who care for the repository.

We also appreciate our music ministry, readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and those who provide liturgies for children and catechetical instruction.

We are grateful for the leaders and helpers of our toddler group, the governors and staff of our schools, the finance and liturgy teams, and all who care for families, the young, the elderly, and the sick.

We also thank those who represent our parish on weekends, assist with administration, ensure safety and maintenance, and manage finances, including bookkeeping and banking.

Finally, we appreciate those who handle audiovisuals, IT, and our website.

*If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please accept our sincere apologies. Your efforts are deeply valued, and we are truly grateful. Thank you and God bless you all. **Father Henry.***



CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

Our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, our Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Christian Communities in the Holy Land (via the Friends of the Holy Land). *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

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> incurs a 5% fee.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

St Joseph's Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, 23rd December, open on Friday, 2nd January, then closed until Tuesday, 13th January.

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 19th January – Saturday, 24th January during which time there will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses.

Fr Henry would like to wish all parishioners a peaceful and joyful Christmas and every blessing for 2026!

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
13TH/14TH DECEMBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£251.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£409.39
TOTAL	£665.39

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.

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.



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.

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'. Resumes on 7/1/26 & 9/1/26.

APF/ MISSIO

The 2026 calendars are available in the church porch.



A warm welcome to Eseyea Rial and Marcanthony Tobechukwu Okafor who were baptised here at St Joseph's last Friday.

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 Resumes 7/1/26.

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 18th December. Resumes 8/1/26. *All are welcome.*



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES/CONFESSIONS

- Our Lady of Peace – 20th December at 10 am.
- English Martyrs – 20th December at 10 am.
- St James - Each Saturday of Advent at 5 pm.

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, diaconate consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. 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](#)

