Catholic Diocese of
PORTSMOUTH

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PASTORAL AREA
St Joseph's | Christ the King | St John Bosco |
English Martyrs | St James & St William of York



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Saturday, 21st November **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Deceased members of the parish *(6 of 7)*
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Edgar & Audrey Welch RIP
Sunday, 22nd November **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**	8.30 am	All souls in Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana's intentions
	*10.30 am	Harry and Thomas' intentions
Monday, 23rd November **St Clement I**, Pope, Martyr	10 am	Jo Boase RIP *(Foundation Mass)*
Tuesday, 24th November **St Andrew Dung-Lac**, Priest, **& Companions**, Martyrs	10 am	Sabu Mathew RIP
Wednesday, 25th November **St Catherine of Alexandria**, Virgin, Martyr	9.30 am	P O Joseph RIP
Thursday, 26th November	NO MASS	
Friday, 27th November	7 pm	Jim Murray RIP
Saturday, 28th November **Our Lady on Saturday**	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Renata's private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	David Dye RIP *(Foundation Mass)*
Sunday, 29th November **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: Year **B**	8.30 am	John Herbert RIP
	*10.30 am	John Horkan RIP

**Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are: *https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ*

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES	
SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER	
St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
On Wednesday, 16th December beginning at 6.30 pm, with individual confessions at 7 pm. *All are welcome.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: 14TH/15TH NOVEMBER 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£150.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£41.00
Loose Plate	£318.12
TOTAL	**£509.12**
Priests' Retirement Fund	£590.52

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.

ASSIST THE PARISH TO CLAIM 25% SURPLUS ON YOUR DONATIONS

Please complete the online Gift Aid form to enable the parish to get additional 25% of your donation from the HMRC. Simply use the link below to complete the form:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aXEQD-Bnr06EKJ6fBel0q4Rua0kQk-BPsjWqtSnqkZFUMjdWVEVONDVXRzU4VlRVNkRRSVE4STQ0OC4u

You can scan the QR code displayed here:

Or you can complete a paper form - available in the church porch.



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-2026 *(admin fee incurred).*

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 12th 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.*

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 29th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota, available in the church porch.



There are no further ADoRE meetings planned. We will review in the new year.

SVP SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - CANCELLED

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our beloved Patrizia has passed away. Patrizia was a much-loved member of both our parish and SVP community, and she will be deeply missed by us all.

Let us come together in prayer for the repose of her soul and ask God to give her family strength, comfort, and support during this very difficult time.

As a mark of respect, the SVP Christmas Lunch has been cancelled.

PATRIZIA CHESSELL RIP

The parish offers condolences to the family of Patrizia Chessell RIP. Funeral details to be confirmed. May her gentle soul rest in peace with the Lord.

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

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

Saturday, 21st	10 am
Monday, 30th	10 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefen, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, Anna, Pat, Cameron.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Many thanks to all who have bought and sold parish Christmas raffle tickets. The response has been really good. We still have plenty of tickets, so if you haven't bought any yet or if you think you can sell more, then please collect more books after Mass. Please return all stubs and unsold tickets by ***next weekend***. *Thank you.*



CHRISTMAS FAIR

It's just 2 weeks until our parish Christmas Fair on Sunday, 6th December. We are looking for volunteers on the day to help setup, to serve refreshments and to help on a stall for an hour or two. A full list of stalls and help needed is in the porch and in this newsletter. If you can help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch or talk to Eileen Kerrigan or Mary O'Carroll. There is a basket for Christmas Fair donations in the porch. Also, please take a Christmas Fair poster if you are able to display it somewhere useful. Spare posters are in the church porch. *Thank you!*

🎄 List of Stalls 🎄	
**Volunteers on stalls needed please:	
**Raffle tickets	Silent auction
Fr Christmas	**Kitchen/Drinks
Bottle stall	**Puzzles/Good quality books
Tombola	Bric-a-brac
**Christmas Gifts	**Festive baked goods
Homemade cards	**Candles/soaps
Homemade scrunchies	Children's Corner
**Homemade decorations	

🎄 Donations Needed 🎄
Bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, shampoo etc) Puzzles and very good quality books Tombola, Gift items, Candles, Soaps Hats, scarves, gloves, shawls, bags Homemade gifts/decorations Festive baked goods such as mince pies, brownies, stollen, yule logs, fruit cake, gingerbread

🎄 SILENT AUCTION 🎄

We've had some special items donated which we will auction at the Christmas Fair. Whiskey, Gin, two brand new Kettles and Hair Salon vouchers. *More details next weekend.*

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

🎄 CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL 🎄

Is there a lovely person or family in our parish who would like to provide and decorate the church Christmas tree? The parishioners who have been happily doing this for quite a while feel that the time has come to step back and would be grateful to hand over to younger people if possible! If you like the idea of joining in to get the church ready for Christmas, please contact the Parish Office for more details. *Many thanks.*

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

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 45 households, weekly, with food and household products. Many thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of tinned corned beef/spam, baked beans, microwaveable rice, porridge, long life juice, tinned fruit, sugar, peanut butter, rice pudding and wet wipes. 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.*

World Gifts
Gifts that make a difference

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 available in the church porch.



CAFOD'S ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

Our online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. Join us as we journey through the season of Advent with our global family: Advent calendar for children

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Sessions run from September - Easter. If you would like to find out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office.

YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for Youth Group volunteers to help and support our parish youth group which meets every Wednesday 6.30 pm, during term-time. If you are interested in supporting our young people, please speak to Fr Henry after Mass.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT
St Joseph's, Tilehurst

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays | 8.45 – 11.30 am | large hall | term-time only. *All are welcome.*



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Every first and third Tuesday | small room at the back of church | 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

LAY LEADERS CONFERENCE – SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

Inspired by our ten-year Mission Plan, You Will Be My Witnesses, the Lay Leaders Conference will take place on Saturday, 21st November the Solent Hotel Whiteley near Southampton and run from 9 - 3.30 pm. It will offer an opportunity to share experiences, explore fresh ideas and consider how clergy and laity can work together to strengthen our parishes and bring more people to know Jesus Christ. As we look to the future of our Diocese, we want as many people as possible to be part of this important conversation. Whether you are involved with liturgy, catechesis, pastoral councils, outreach or any other aspect of parish life, this conference is for you. See the flyer in the church porch for full details of the day and how to book your place. There is no charge for attending, though you will need to register in advance: Lay leaders conference 21 November 2026 registration form

APF/MISSIO



It's time to open the Red boxes again. Please hand your box into the Sacristy or the Parish Office (office hours only), or contact me. The deadline is 15th December; any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2026 accounts. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church. *Mike Tomas, APf/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*

PILGRIMAGE TO NORWICH AND WALSINGHAM

St Swithun Wells parish invites you to join their Parish Pilgrimage to Norwich and Walsingham from Monday, 26th April – Thursday, 29th April 2027. Cost: £450 en suite, half board & coach travel per person. Deposit: £115 with booking form by 28th November 2026. Balance: £335 by 4th March 2027. More information on the poster here: St Swithun Wells posters.pdf.



For further information about St Paul's Primary School Open Day on 8th December at 9 am, please contact the School Office on *0118 942 2003*, or speak to *Michael Robinson after 10.30 am Mass.*

VOICES OF HOPE

An Advent retreat: Join the open online retreat on the Sundays of Advent (29th November – 20th December, 7 pm – 8.15 pm), live on Zoom and recorded so you can catch up at any time. It is completely free to join; an optional donation supports the work. Offered by the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality. Details and registration: https://cacs.org.uk/voices-of-hope/

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Christ, the King of kings, calls us to serve Him through our care for others. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, is an opportunity to answer His call by loving and serving those in need. How is God inviting you to live out this service in your life, bringing Christ's mercy and compassion to the world? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk* or call *0132 931 8869.*

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN READING: SITE MANAGER, GREYFRIARS READING

Greyfriars is looking for a proactive and organised part-time Site Manager to help keep our buildings, grounds and facilities safe, welcoming and running smoothly. Join our team and play a vital part in creating spaces where church, community and ministry can thrive! Applications close: 30th November. See more here: **We're Hiring**

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

