

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 8TH DECEMBER 2024

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

MASS INTENTIONS: SATURDAY, 8TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2024

Saturday, 7 th December St Ambrose , Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	10 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Mary Barco & family's intentions <i>Confessions</i> Fr Peter's intentions
Sunday, 8 th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Helen & John Spillane RIP Marie Barbara O'Toole Syro Malabar
Monday, 9 th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY , Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, Solemnity	10 am	Kazik Chudy RIP
Tuesday, 10 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent	9.30 am	Mariamamma Cherian RIP
Wednesday, 11 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent	9.30 am	Tom & Pat McKeown's intentions – in thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage
Thursday, 12 th December of the 2nd Week of Advent		
Friday, 13 th December St Lucy , Virgin, Martyr	7 pm	Jackie Cattigan RIP
Saturday, 14 th December St John of the Cross , Religious, Doctor of the Church	10 am 10.30 am 5 pm	Brian & Maeve O'Brien and family's intentions <i>Confessions</i> Sr Mary O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 15 th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am 10.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP Madge McNulty RIP

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

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

Saturdays: Rosary and Morning Prayer at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Tuesday, 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.
- Wednesday, 25th December – Christmas Day Mass at 10.30 am.

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-2024>

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER AT 6.30 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Dear Parishioners, We are pleased to announce the formation of a 'Project Committee' aimed at raising funds for various initiatives within our church. We invite anyone interested in volunteering to support this important cause. Please write put your name on the **YELLOW** sign-up sheet in the porch. Thank you for your willingness to help strengthen our community! *Fr Henry*.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
30TH NOVEMBER/1ST DECEMBER 2024**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£221.50
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£17.00
Loose Plate	£374.33
TOTAL	£612.83

ADVENT AND A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR - YEAR C

For those of you who would like to order a new Sunday Missal from us - £18.99 each - please complete the sign-up sheet in the church porch.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Colin Joseph, Helen, Dorothy McMahon, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 – 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: ***tinned meat (corned beef, spam, hot dogs, stewed steak), packet chicken soup, instant mash potato, tinned fruit, coffee, long-life milk, sugar, toilet rolls.*** Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley - 0776 925 1747.*

The Tilehurst Drop-in Centre & Foodbank will be closed after Wednesday, 18th December until Wednesday, 8th January.

FR HENRY

Fr Henry will take a break after Christmas from Monday, 30th December – 4th January. There will be no weekday or Saturday morning Masses, with the exception of Wednesday, 1st January at 10.30 am for the feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day.



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

Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless 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

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed from Friday, 27th December re-opening on Tuesday, 7th January.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There is food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI.* If you want to get involved, please contact *Lewis* and *Hannah*: Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk



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STUDENTS' MASS

Sunday, 15th December – Students' Mass for Reading University at 5 pm at OLOP Church, followed by a pre-Christmas gathering. All students are warmly invited! Please contact Fr Stan, the Catholic University Chaplain: s.gibzinski@reading.ac.uk. Let us come together to celebrate the joy of the season as a Reading student community!

DIOCESAN 10 YEAR PLAN

Fr Henry invites all parishioners to attend an information session on Monday, 9th December at 7 pm in the large hall to learn about the progress in our Pastoral Area regarding the Diocesan 10 Year Plan. To help with planning please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch if you plan to attend or if you would like to know more.

FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY

MOTHERS PRAYERS: PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

Mums, Grandmas, Aunties: Join us in church after Mass on first Friday evenings to pray for our children, grandchildren and families. All are welcome. For more information, see *Aline Phillips* or the Mothers Prayers website: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>

OUR LADY & ST ANNE, CAVERSHAM

Fr Joe McLoughlin leads a pilgrimage to Rome in 2025 for the Jubilee Year of Hope with Tangney Tours 24th – 28th November. There is a single room £1276, 3 double rooms £1150 each and one triple/twin room available if you would like to join him and the parish of Our Lady & St Anne. Includes flights, transfers in Rome, half-board accommodation. £60 transfer to/from UK airport. To reserve a place, email *Kevin khfrnutt@gmail.com*, as soon as possible. (See poster in church porch).



Children in KS1 at St Paul's invite parishioners from our parish of St Joseph's to a special performance of our Nativity, for the local community on Tuesday, 10th December at 10.30 am at St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road. If you would like to come, please let the school office know by calling 0118 942 2003. We look forward to welcoming you.