


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10TH MAY 2026

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 10TH MAY – 17TH MAY 2026

Saturday, 9 th May of the 5th Week of Easter	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Donal English RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Kath & Mick Conroy RIP
Sunday, 10 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am	All souls in purgatory and Giovanna & Luanna
	*10.30 am	O J Cherian RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 11 th May of the 6th Week of Easter	10 am	Charles McLaughlin RIP
Tuesday, 12 th May of the 6th Week of Easter	10 am	
Wednesday, 13 th May of the 6th Week of Easter	9.30 am	
Thursday, 14 th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, solemnity	10 am	Mary O'Shea RIP
	2 pm	Mass at St Paul's School
	7 pm	Mother's Prayers Group's intentions
Friday, 15 th May of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension	6 pm	First Friday Devotion <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Shany & Jery's intentions
Saturday, 16 th May of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	John Horkan RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Deceased members of the Falenta family and friends RIP
Sunday, 17 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30 am	Cathy Rodrigues' intentions
	*10.30 am	Kathleen Carolan RIP

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR A



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

Paddy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday, 20th May at 11 am, followed by repatriation to Ireland. *All are welcome.*

Mary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday, 22nd May at 12 noon. *All are welcome.*
There will be a *private* cremation service following Mary's Funeral Mass.



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, please make sure you have completed a new on-line 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 here:



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



**** Update: The computer operators are happy to register people after Masses this weekend. Don't worry if there is a queue, it is very quick to register. ****

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Gerard, Charles, Stefan, Nina, Julie, Pauline, Babs, Maggie, Jackie, Kevin & Mike, Brigid, Adrian, Veronica, Dan and Joe, Helen, Tommy, Liz, Lina, 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.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
2ND/3RD MAY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£191.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£441.18
TOTAL	£652.18

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.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK –
NEXT WEEKEND**

Sunday, 17th May marks the 60th World Day of Social Communications. This year's theme is *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*. The second collection on this day supports the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, particularly its websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to foster positive relationships with media outlets to communicate the Good News of the Gospel. For more information, and to read Pope Leo's message for World Communications Day 2026, please visit: cbcew.org.uk/wcd/

Please visit and share our Give as you Live page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-communications-network-second-collection>



Please place your offering into the collection plate, via the card reader machine or by bank transfer, to avoid admin fee.

CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the following link to Careers in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS
OVER THE COMING MONTHS**



Parish Summer Picnic

21st June from 11.30 am – 3 pm

Cake Sale

12th July after all Masses

Curry Supper Night

5th September from 6 pm

Cake Sale

25th October after all Masses

Parish Christmas Fair

6th December after 10.30 am Mass

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.





PENTECOST LUNCH

On Sunday, 24th May at 12 noon in St Joseph's parish hall. Please bring your own lunch. A lovely selection of cakes and desserts, hot and cold drinks will also be available for donations towards the Church Windows Fund.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you plan to come. *There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch.*

CHURCH WINDOWS FUND

Two of our church windows are in need of replacement and we have a goal of £420. Donations from the Pentecost Lunch and the Family Picnic/Fair will go towards this fund.

!!DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard will be celebrating his 40th (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24th 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 40th Anniversary of Ordination Mass here at St Joseph's on Sunday, 14th 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, 5th July. *All are welcome.*

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:



Are you a practising Catholic looking to make a real difference? Join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our children. Foundation Governors uphold the Catholic ethos, support school strategy, and oversee key decisions. You'll gain valuable skills, network with inspiring people, and truly impact the next generation. Vacancies available now - get involved and be the voice for our children! Interested? Email the Clerk to Governors at rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

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 washing up liquid, skimmed and semi skimmed long life milk, orange squash, orange and apple juice, tinned fruit, rice pudding, coffee, pasta sauce, shampoo, cooking oil and Weetabix. 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

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.

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke*. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES WITH BISHOP PHILIP THIS YEAR

To Lourdes (from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July)
To Assisi & Turin
(from Monday 20th to Sunday 26th July)

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 or follow the link [Portsmouth Diocese Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi | IC Journeys](#)

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



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

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

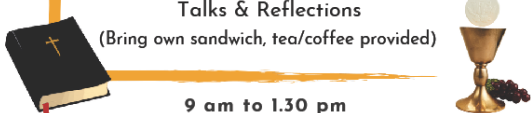
During Pentecost, the St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday evening, in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. We will be participating in a 'Life in the Spirit' course with different inspiring speakers talking about the Holy Spirit on the internet each week until 2nd June. *Everyone is 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

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP



St Joseph's, Tidworth

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



Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday, 20th June at 11 am, followed by a

buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact your Parish Secretary if you would like to attend and they will send you a form for you to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire (kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), in Bishop's Office. *Thank you.*

FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon.

SISTERS OF ST ANN, BAMENDA

All donations from refreshments after the 10.30 am Mass go to the Sisters of St Ann in Bamenda. If you don't have cash, you can use the 'Tea/Coffee' fund on the card machine. *Your generosity is very much appreciated.*

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:

ENGLISH MARTYRS AND ST JOSEPH'S PARISHES

Date: Saturday, 4th July - Leave English Martyrs by coach at 5.30 am. Return to English Martyrs by coach at approximately 9 pm. There will be a brief break on each journey. Picnic Lunch will be needed.



Any queries to:

Chris Ferreira- christabel1850@gmail.com

Aline Phillips alinephillips1@aol.co.uk

Fr Gaston gforbah@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Price: £40. Payment -

Parish Bank details: A/C

Name CDP Reading English Martyrs.

Sort Code:30-93-04.

Account No.00885666.

