

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON – 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday, 15 th November Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Pauline Brown RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna RIP
Sunday, 16 th November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON , Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, <i>solemnity</i>	8.30 am	Romano Rato & Pedro Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Deceased members of the parish (4 of 7)
Monday, 17 th November	10 am	Marian Falenta RIP
	12 noon	Funeral: Pedro Rodrigues RIP
Tuesday, 18 th November	10 am	John Lewis Hadland RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Wednesday, 19 th November	9.30 am	Duchess of Kent RIP
Thursday, 20 th November		
Friday, 21 st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary , <i>memorial</i>	7 pm	Deceased members of the parish (5 of 7)
Saturday, 22 nd November St Cecilia , Virgin, Martyr, <i>memorial</i>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	John & Eileen Drake RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 23 rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE , <i>solemnity</i> <i>Adoration following the 10.30 am Mass</i>	8.30 am	Jo Boase RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Elsie Loftus RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

**Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>*

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

OUR ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER BEGINNING WITH QUIET ADORATION AT 6.30 PM AND CONFESSIONS FROM 7 PM.

Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence in January 2026. If your child is in Year 3 or above, please complete and return the enrolment form by **Friday, 14th November**. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 6th December at 10 am, followed by a talk by Fr Henry on key information about the First Holy Communion programme. Sessions will be held at St Joseph's parish hall on **Mondays at 4.30 pm; a parent will need to attend the sessions with the child**. Forms are available in the church porch and from St Paul's School Office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office.



PEDRO CONSTANCIO PAIXAO RODRIGUES RIP



The parish offers condolences to the family of Pedro Rodrigues who died recently. Pedro's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 17th November at 12 noon followed by a smaller family committal at Reading Crematorium South Chapel at 1.45 pm. *Please pray for the repose of Pedro's soul.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
8TH /9TH NOVEMBER 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£158.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£326.86
TOTAL	£489.86

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.

SVP SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



Please join us for our annual SVP Seniors' Christmas Party on Saturday, 6th December, 1 pm – 4 pm,

St Joseph's Parish Hall. Traditional Hot Christmas Lunch| St Paul's Children's Choir| Bingo and a visit from Father Christmas himself! Come alone, bring a friend, make some friends – all welcome! If you would like to spend a relaxing afternoon amongst friends, please put your name down on the list, which can be found at the back of the church, by Sunday, 23rd November. If you would like more information, please contact Patrizia Chessell on 0774 054 7922. ***"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them". Matthew 18:20.***



POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which is available in the porch giving further details about the Posada.

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations.

This week, the items needed are: Mashed potatoes, corned beef, ham/spam, washing up liquid, jam, longlife skimmed milk, peanut butter, orange juice, spaghetti hoops, sugar, shower gel and sweet biscuits. 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'.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER

St Mary's, Purley	12.20 pm
Purley Burial Ground	12.40 pm
Pangbourne Hill Cemetery	1 pm

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

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

Friday, 14 th	7 pm
Sunday, 16 th	10.30 am
Friday, 21 st	7 pm
Tuesday, 25 th	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	8.30 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.*

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

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



St Joseph's, Tilehurst

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



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. All are welcome.*

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE CHURCH CAVERSHAM RG4 5AB

Following the announcement that Lis Leddy will be retiring 31/12/25, the parish is looking to recruit a new parish administrator. The role is part-time, 15 hrs/week, 5 hours/day on Tues/Wed and Thurs. @ £12.72/hour. For further information including the job description, please contact ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk Closing date: 5 pm Thursday, 27th November. Short listing: Monday, 1st December. Interviews: Thursday, 4th December.

CHARIS Portsmouth is happy to welcome you to Cast out your Nets, an online evening of renewal focusing on evangelisation, on Thursday, 13th November from 7.15 - 9.15 pm. Our main speaker will be Fr Chris Thomas, involved in running the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, while Mike Watson, a member of CHARIS Portsmouth CDSC will also give his testimony. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! To join the meeting, please register <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/qaVly-XhQh-CtBUDfbsjlA> for the Zoom link here to be sent to you nearer the time. Closing date to register is 12th November.



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 in church porch.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation programme will start soon. If you have registered but haven't received the list of dates, please contact the Parish Office.

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR FAITH RESEARCH

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. They would like to hear from any adult neurodivergent Catholics or caregivers of neurodivergent Catholics as their experiences will help the Conference become more inclusive and responsive to their needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for bottles for the bottle stall and good quality items and unused presents to sell at our Christmas Fair. We rely on your support and generosity, so please donate if you can. A "Donations" box will be placed in the church porch where you can place your donations. Many thanks in advance. *Events Team.*



The Christmas Fair hamper is on display in the church porch. Tickets will be sold *on the day* at £2 each.

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 13th 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.*

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES/CONFESSIONS

- St. Joseph's – 17th December at 7 pm.
- Christ the King – 18th December at 7 pm.
- 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.
- St John Bosco - TBC

CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

St Joseph's Tilehurst
Sunday 30th November
9.30am – 3.00pm
in the church hall

Christmas Raffle

Hamper

Bottle Stall

Jams

Bric-a-Brac

Tombola

Christmas Cards

Chutneys

Cakes & Biscuits

Face Painting

Table Tennis

Cards



Free Entry

Tea and coffee will be available