

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Registered Charity No. 1199568

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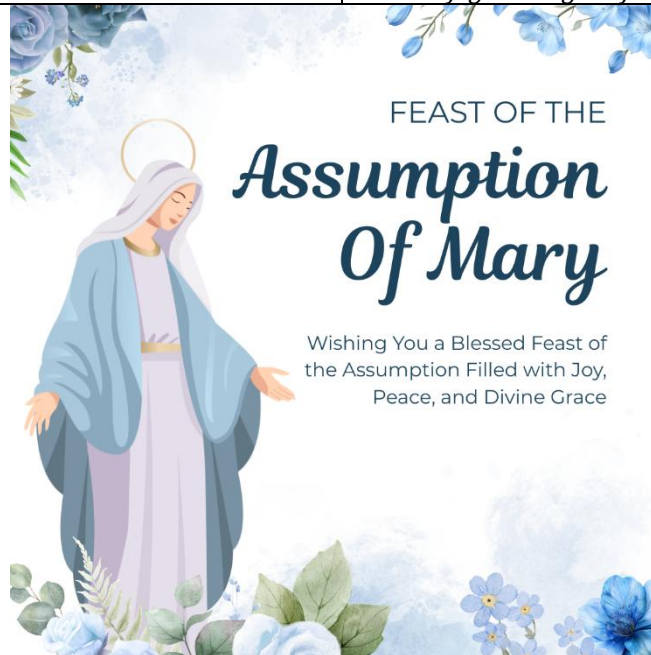
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SUNDAY, 16TH AUGUST,
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 23RD AUGUST &
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30TH AUGUST 2026**

FOUR SPECIAL FRIDAYS OF PRAYER

Dear Parishioners,

Join us for Four Special Fridays of Prayer

On Fridays: 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th August. Time: 10 am – 6.45 pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst.

Spend time with Jesus in a Day of Eucharistic Adoration, and Reparation, praying for our parish, our families, our children, our friends, and the needs of our world.

Please sign the Adoration Watch List at the back of the church to ensure that Jesus is never left alone.

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Come and spend an hour with the Lord. Everyone is welcome.

*May St Padre Pio and Our Lady intercede for us. **Fr Henry.***

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised, they're ready to start this beautiful journey toward Jesus in the Eucharist! Preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will commence from November 2026. An inaugural Mass for candidates and parents will take place on Saturday, 7th November 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. Forms are available on the parish website, 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 by **Monday, 14th September 2026.**

Saturday, 15 th August Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Monica Nkop – private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 16 th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY , solemnity	8.30 am	All Souls of Purgatory and Giovanna & Luana
	*10.30 am	Juvenal & Alzira Costa RIP
Monday, 17 th August	10 am	Fr Ryan Browne's intentions
Tuesday, 18 th August	10 am	For the good estate of Paudrig Tomas
Wednesday, 19 th August St John Eudes , Founder	9.30 am	Fr Godwin's private intention
Thursday, 20 th August St Bernard , Abbot, Doctor of the Church		
Friday, 21 st August St Pius X, Pope (<i>Relics in our altar at St Joseph's, Tilehurst</i>)	10 am – 6.45 pm	Exposition: Four Special Fridays of Prayer
	7 pm	Dominic Clark's intentions (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Saturday, 22 nd August The Queenship of Mary	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Eamon McNeill RIP
Sunday, 23 rd August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Domingo & Maria Rodrigues RIP
	*10.30 am	Yesenia Garcia RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 24 th August ST BARTHOLOMEW , Apostle	10 am	Stephen Tighe RIP
Tuesday, 25 th August St Louis IX , King of France	10 am	Eileen Drake RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Wednesday, 26 th August Blessed Dominic Barberi , Religious	9.30 am	George Joseph RIP
Thursday, 27 th August St Monica		
Friday, 28 th August St Augustine of Hippo , Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10 am – 6.45 pm	Exposition: Four Special Fridays of Prayer
	7 pm	
Saturday, 29 th August The Passion of St John the Baptist	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	David Petersen RIP
Sunday, 30 th August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	*10.30 am	Mary O'Shea RIP
Monday, 31 st August St Aidan , Bishop, & All Saints of Lindisfarne	10 am	
Tuesday, 1 st September	10 am	
Wednesday, 2 nd September	9.30 am	Fr George Lyons (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Thursday, 3 rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT , Pope, Doctor of the Church		
Friday, 4 th September St Cuthbert , Bishop	6 pm	First Friday Devotion
		Exposition
Saturday, 5 th September St Teresa of Calcutta , Religious	7 pm	
	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Donal Patrick English & Maureen English (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
	10.30 am	Confessions
Sunday, 6 th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5 pm Vigil	
	8.30 am	Pauline Brown RIP
	*10.30 am	John Horkan 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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
8TH/9TH AUGUST 2026

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£501.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£20.00
Loose Plate	£328.53
TOTAL	£849.53

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

The bus will be leaving at 5 am from St Joseph's Church, Tilehurst, RG31 5JJ. Price £38. If you are interested, please contact Aline directly on 0790 456 9437.

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary's faith is a model for consecrated life, trusting God's promises completely. Is there an area of your life where you could trust God more? Might He be calling you to follow her example? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 0132 931 8869.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSARY ONLINE

We come together each evening at 8 pm to pray the Rosary as a community. Come as you are, and bring your intentions with you. Please click on the following link, or copy & paste it into your browser: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87447414187?pwd=xXHtnEeG02u35lST6F9uPEJH0d5dnP.1> Meeting ID: 874 4741 4187. Passcode: BtM9sX

The statue of Our Lady will start her journey around the homes of our parishioners on the Feast of the Assumption. Please complete the sign-up sheet, available from this weekend in the church porch, if you wish to receive Our Lady into your home.

CARDINAL RAYMOND BURKE:

Why the message of Fatima is more important than ever: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=YEveTnIF0w&is=37AIC71VkpSpwMfZ>

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY - PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE - SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 9.30AM - 1.30 PM | ST BEDE'S, BASINGSTOKE

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Go therefore and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. To register your interest, please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/REGR0zEzDh> or email Meghan, Formation for Mission Team Leader at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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 40 households with food and household products. Many thanks for your very generous donations. This week, we are short of **tinned corned beef/spam, instant mash potatoes, pasta sauce, cereal, tea, coffee, sugar and shower gel**. 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.



DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please join us at 9 am, every first Saturday of the month, for Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *All are welcome.*

PARISH EVANGELISATION CELLS: LIVING THE SIX HOLY HABITS

The Diocese of Portsmouth invites us to grow through the **Six Holy Habits**, helping us become joyful missionary disciples. Parish Evangelisation Cells offer a practical way to live these habits together through prayer, Scripture, friendship, service and encouragement. As we grow closer to Christ, we naturally become more attentive to those around us who are searching for hope and meaning. The aim isn't simply more meetings. It is transformed lives, stronger communities and parishes where faith is lived with confidence, generosity and joy. To find out more go to www.pecsengland.com

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP



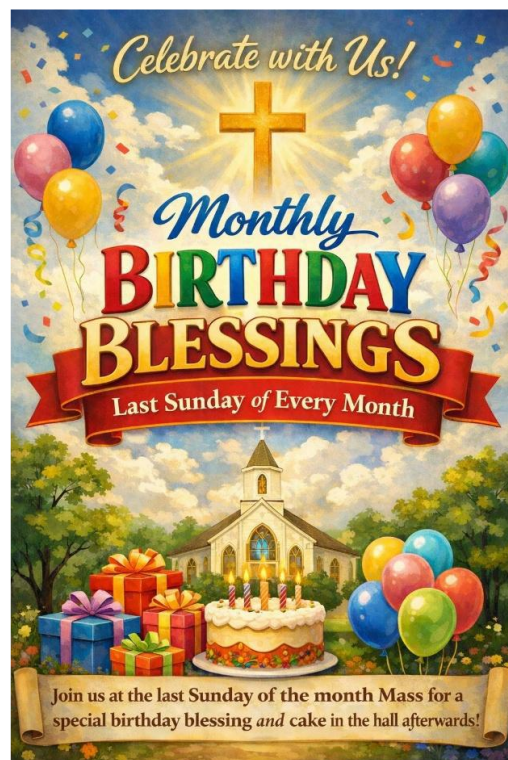
On Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Re-starts on 3rd September. *All are welcome.*

EVENTS

- St Joseph's parish Curry Night - Saturday, 26th September.
- Saturday, 17th October: Formation Day for Readers (Winchester). RSVP to the Liturgy Team: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Join our RCIA course to explore and learn more. It is open to anyone who is not yet baptised, baptised Christians from other traditions, or anyone considering becoming Catholic. Sessions begin in September 2026 - Easter 2027. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office.



ANNUAL LEAVE

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 14th August, re-opening on Tuesday, 1st September. The church will be open for Private Prayer on Mondays and Tuesdays during this time, until 1st September when the church will re-open for Private Prayer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am – 2 pm.

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The St Joseph's Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets every first and third Tuesday in the small room at the back of the church from 7 – 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome. **We will not be meeting in August and will reconvene the first Tuesday in September.***



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PARISH DATABASE



Adult Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
click the link to the online
form here [REATO Adult
Parishioner Registration
Form](#)

Please register
with our parish



Child Parishioner
Registration Form. Please
click the link to the online
form here [REATO Child
Parishioner Registration
Form](#)