

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26TH OCTOBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday, 25 th October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Helen & John Spillane RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marian Falenta & parents RIP
CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR – BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS		
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 26 th October	8.30 am	Joseph Anyasoro RIP
	10.30 am	Praswin Varghese' intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 27 th October	10 am	Dominic Clark's intentions (Foundation Mass)
Tuesday, 28 th October	10 am	In Thanksgiving for school admission
Wednesday, 29 th October	9.30 am	Mary's private intentions
Thursday, 30 th October		
Friday, 31 st October	7 pm	Sabu Mathew RIP
Saturday, 1 st November Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Private intention
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna & parents RIP
ALL SAINTS, Solemnity Sunday, 2 nd November	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP (1 of 7)
	10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS & FEASTS: YEAR C

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 9 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY.



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.

The solemnity of ALL SAINTS is transferred to the Sunday Masses and celebrated on 1st/2nd November. The Commemoration of ALL SOULS is transferred to Monday, 3rd November when Masses will be celebrated at 10 am, 12 noon & 7 pm. All are welcome.



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: 18TH/19TH OCTOBER 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£259.33
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£406.11
TOTAL	£670.44
World Mission Sunday	££253.23

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.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 2nd November is Bamenda Sunday. Each year on the first Sunday of November, we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. Despite the risks and challenges the archdiocese continues to run its parishes, provide education and health services, and support thousands of displaced people. Currently, most government services in the region are closed and the only services available are those the archdiocese provides to people of all faiths. During a recent visit to Portsmouth, Archbishop Andrew, Archbishop of Bamenda, acknowledged that our diocese support does not only provide practical benefits to the people of Bamenda but also the encouragement that they are not forgotten in difficult times. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter which is available in the church porch.

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, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Jenny Horton.



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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.

Live Streaming Venue

Everyone Welcome

Catholic Charismatic Renewal



Saturday 25th Oct, Bishop Philip will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of ADORE (originally called the Alton Day Of Renewal, the longest continuously running Catholic, Charismatic Prayer Group in the country, with a Mass in **St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke**. This will be followed by a talk entitled 'The Path of Prayer' given by **Charles Whitehead**, who was the International Leader of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal during the time of Pope John Paul, the Twenty Third. **We will be live streaming the service and the talk in the small hall**, of St, Joseph's Church, Berkshire Drive. On the morning of Saturday 25th October. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church, as you leave, for more details. **The Holy Spirit gives us Faith, Hope and Love**, and the greatest **Spiritual gift is Love!** Everyone is welcome!

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your donations. This week we are short of Weetabix, tinned corned beef/spam/ham, packet soup, oil, biscuits & wet wipes. 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, 'Your Surname, Foodbank'.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 2 ND NOVEMBER	
Mayes Lane Cemetery	3 pm
SUNDAY, 9 TH NOVEMBER	
Henley Road Cemetery	2 pm
St Michael's Graveyard	2 pm
SUNDAY, 16 TH 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:

Sunday, 2 nd	8.30 am
Monday, 10 th	10 am
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



"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God what His plan is for you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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.



The clocks will go back by one hour at 2 am on Sunday, 26th October, meaning that it will be 1 am again after 1.59 am. This change reverts the UK from British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

St Joseph's parish Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday, 30th November from 9.30 am until 3 pm in the church hall. Please reserve the date and do come and support this event. Proceeds will go to support parish projects. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY!



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Thank you so much for your generous

contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Ware's story here: [Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal 2025](https://www.harvestfamilyfastdayappeal.org.uk/)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vocations).

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.*