


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 12TH OCTOBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 12 TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 19 TH OCTOBER 2025		
Saturday, 11 th October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Richard Taylor RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Private intention
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 12 th October	8.30 am	Marian Falenta RIP
	10.30 am	Bryan & Liz Dent's intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 13 th October	10 am	Terry Hadland RIP – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
Tuesday, 14 th October	10 am	Helena, Lana, Kazik, Patro RIP
Wednesday, 15 th October St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	Irena, Jan, Aleksander RIP
Thursday, 16 th October		
Friday, 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	10 am	Year 6 Leaders' Mass
	7 pm	Simon Parkes RIP
Saturday, 18 th October ST LUKE, Evangelist	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Susan Brady's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna RIP
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, 19 th October (<i>Children's Mass</i>)	8.30 am	Elizabeth Chin RIP
	10.30 am	Liz & Bryan Dent's 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.

Come along next Sunday, 19th October at 10.30 am for our children-focused Mass! Students from St Paul's School will take part by leading the readings and hymns, creating a joyful and memorable celebration for the whole parish community. There will be no separate children's liturgy as the homily will be prepared especially with the children in mind. *All are welcome.*



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 Saturdays at 10.30 am. Forms are available in the church porch, St Paul's office, and on the parish website. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office or St Paul's School Office.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
4TH/5TH OCTOBER 2025

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£196.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£379.75
TOTAL	£580.75
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£371.06

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.

This weekend: Final autumn weekend Mass Counts [for national statistics].

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 19TH OCTOBER

(from Missio National Director)

On World Mission Sunday, the whole Church unites in prayer and generosity to support Catholic communities across the world facing poverty, conflict, and hardship. Pope Francis chose 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' as this year's theme, reminding us of our call to be messengers and builders of hope in this Jubilee Year. Prayers and donations on this day directly sustain young and struggling faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to bring the Gospel to remote and often dangerous places. This day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love for all peoples. Thank you for your continued support of Missio. For more information, please visit missio.org.uk/wms. So that they can claim Gift Aid, if you pay tax, please use the World Mission Sunday envelopes available in the church porch this weekend. You may also give online or by the card reader machine in the church porch.

APF/ MISSIO

It's time to empty the red boxes again. I shall be outside church next Sunday before the 8.30 am Mass and after the 10.30 am Mass to collect them. If you attend Mass on Saturday evening please hand your box into the sacristy. Alternatively, hand your box into the Parish Office (office hours only). Thank you. *Mike Tomas - APF/Missio Secretary.*



**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.*

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, Pedro.



St Joseph's Church Harvest Festival will be celebrated this weekend at 10.30 am. Everyone is invited to bring something. All proceeds to Tilehurst Foodbank. Donations welcomed at all Masses the weekend this weekend.

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



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; tinned tuna/mackerel, packet soup, oil, coffee, honey, peanut butter and rice pudding. 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'.

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.*

Next event: Saturday, 25th October at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. "The Path of Prayer". Mass Celebrant: Bishop Philip Egan. Speaker: Charles Whitehead.



"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice". Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. Talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.