

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 21 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025		
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
<b>St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	10 am	John McKenna RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September	8.30 am	Elizabeth Gregory RIP
	10.30 am	All the souls in purgatory especially the forgotten souls
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	<del>10 am</del>	
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<del>10 am</del>	
<b>St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious</b>		
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	
<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, feast</b>		
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September		
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September	7 pm	
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
<b>St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial</b>	10 am	Carmen's intentions – <i>Foundation Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Elizabeth Comiskey RIP
<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September	8.30 am	Stephen McKenna RIP
	10.30 am	Mrs Dias' intentions
	5 pm	Syro Malabar

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/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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

**Please note: There will be no weekday Masses next week whilst Fr Henry is on a Diocesan Clergy retreat.**



Our next mini retreat will be on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September in St Joseph's Church and small hall. Mass in Church 10 am. Rosary in the Hall 10.45 am. Live Streaming of ADORÉ event 11.15 am. Prayers for Healing 1 - 1.30 pm. Talk by Geoff Poulter.

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£304.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£392.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£701.25</b>

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.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

This weekend, collection (obligatory) for Home Missions [Evangelii Gaudium]. It is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel - a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. Please use your Gift Aid envelopes, the card reader machine or donate via <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection-2> (admin fee incurred).

This weekend: First of four autumn weekend Mass Counts [for national statistics].



**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

For those people who are not catholic, we can help you with R.C.I.A. and prepare you to become catholic at Easter next year. *Please send an email to the Parish Office, if you are interested.*

**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 tinned meatballs, hotdogs, corned beef and spam; apple/orange juice, jam, teabags, ketchup, shower gel and washing up liquid. 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'. *Many thanks.*

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please keep the Parish Office up to date with any change of telephone number/address/email address.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**AUTUMN FAST DAY:  
FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in the church porch, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. The QR code links to a CAFOD virtual envelope to make your donation.



**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>

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES**

Please follow the link for current vacancies: [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

A warm welcome to Willow Violet Rae, baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.



**ST JOSEPH'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**



Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only. All are welcome.*

"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and money." A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or contact *Cn. John Cooke* [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.