

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

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### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b> <i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today</i>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Marc James Hopper RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Lalana's private intention
	10.30 am	Don O'Sullivan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	James Joyce RIP
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Thomas Aquinas,</b> Religious, Doctor of the Church	10 am	Lalana's private intention
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Rick's private intention
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January		
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January <b>St John Bosco,</b> Founder	6 pm	Exposition
	7 pm	Mary's intentions
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Kathleen Tomas RIP
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Don O'Sullivan RIP
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,</b> feast	8.30 am	Amanda's private intention
	10.30 am	Martin Brennan RIP

*\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed.\**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

Fridays: 6 pm Exposition and quiet time followed by 7 pm Mass.

Saturdays: Exposition and Rosary at 9 am followed by 10 am Mass and confessions.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### SECOND COLLECTION



There will be a second collection for the Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January. Online donations for the Second Collection can be made at the following link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/st-johns-cathedral-second-collection-2025> or by scanning the QR code.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£162.20
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£10.00
Loose Plate	£339.92
SPUC collection	£283.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£795.83</b>



Our SVP Conference helps individuals and families who need help and support. We also provide help to SVP Conferences in Sudan and India and to various foodbanks in the Reading area. Donations can be made directly to our bank account: Saint Vincent de Paul, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account No 46075070; contactless 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* [ritauro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ritauro@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. Just a few hours a week, for a very worthwhile cause. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins*, SVP Treasurer - 0773 449 9190.

**SVP SENIOR CITIZENS' SOUP LUNCH**



Come and enjoy a variety of delicious soups and fresh bread, sample some delectable homemade cakes and pastries, over a cup of tea or coffee on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm to 3 pm - Parish Hall. If you would like to join us, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet, which can be found at the back of the church, by February 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 0774 054 7922. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". *John 6:35*.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



Many thanks for supporting us with your prayers and generous donations. Our Drop-in Centre and Foodbank is open every Wednesday, from 1 - 3 pm. The Foodbank is also open every Friday from 5 - 6.30 pm. For those able to donate, this week we are short of the following items: packet soup, juice, tinned fruit, sugar, coffee, toothpaste and ladies' deodorant. Many thanks for your donations. *John Foley* - 0776 925 1747.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Gerard Tomas, Charles Livingston, Barbara Turner, Stefen Griffiths, Nina Aramo, Julie Thompson, Aldo Garzia, Pauline, Babs, Maggie Tranter, Jackie Hopper, Sisters of St Ann (in Bamenda), Kevin & Mike Keep, Brigid, Adrian Robson, Alan Allen, Veronica Williams, Colin Joseph, Helen, Dorothy McMahan, John McKenna, Tommy Barrett, Tom McKeown, Liz Darling, Terry Clarke. If you would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact *Sheila* in the *Parish Office*.

**VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY FAIR  
- 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**We will have a Ministry Fair after Masses on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> February. Please consider volunteering your help for the good of our parish - come and see what appeals to you. *YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!***

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP**

Our parish youth group for secondary school students (aged 11-18) called 'Source and Summit' meets on Wednesday evenings (term-time) from 6.30 - 8 pm. There is food, games and faith. *'You were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness' - Pope Benedict XVI.* If you want to get involved, please contact *Lewis and Hannah*: [Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lewisdowle2011@hotmail.co.uk)



**SUGGESTION BOX**

Please put any suggestions you have in the marked box in the church porch. Fr Henry will read all suggestions and direct them to the relevant committee for discussion and implementation.



**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

CAFOD meeting on Saturday, 22nd February from 10.30am to 1 pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Reading, RG2 8NR. Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk)



A warm welcome to Joshua Joseph Perks who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.