



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PASTORAL AREA
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St Joseph's Church

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Saturday, 24 th October St Anthony Claret , Founder, Bishop	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Deceased members of Renata's family
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Brian Warns & Rose Pocock RIP
Sunday, 25 th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Kevin Keep RIP
	*10.30 am	John Horkan RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 26 th October Ss Chad & Cedd , Bishops	10 am	Ann Reynolds RIP
Tuesday, 27 th October	10 am	Dominic Clark's intentions (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
Wednesday, 28 th October Ss SIMON & JUDE , Apostles	9.30 am	John Macbeth RIP
Thursday, 29 th October	NO MASS	
Friday, 30 th October	7 pm	Deceased members of Bevyn Fernandes' family RIP
Saturday, 31 st October Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Don O'Sullivan RIP
🕒 British Summer Time Ends: Clocks go back by one hour on Sunday, 25th October at 2 am 🕒		
Sunday, 1 st November ALL SAINTS , solemnity	8.30 am	Deceased members of the parish RIP (1 of 7)
	*10.30 am	Michael & Lavinia Fernandes' intentions

*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

The Commemoration of **ALL SOULS** will be celebrated on Monday, 2nd November with Mass at 10 am & 7 pm.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas Raffle tickets are available before and after all Masses this weekend. It would be wonderful if all parishioners could consider taking at least 5 books to sell to family, neighbours and friends. Stubs, money and unsold tickets can be returned to the Parish Office. All income from the Christmas Raffle and Fair will go towards improving our heating system in the church. *Thank you in advance for your help with tickets.*

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR – SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER

We are looking for volunteers to make festive gifts and treats for sale at the fair. We also welcome all offers of help at the fair as well. If you are willing to help in any way, please put your name and contact details on the list in the porch. *Thank you!*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
17TH/18TH OCTOBER 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£266.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£40.00
Loose Plate	£301.41
TOTAL	£607.41
World Mission Sunday	£472.63

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.

UPCOMING COLLECTION – 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

There will be a second collection next weekend for **Bamenda Sunday**.

APF/MISSIO

It's time to open the Red boxes again. Please hand your box into the Sacristy or the Parish Office (office hours only). If that's not convenient, please contact me. The deadline is 15th December; any money received after this date cannot be included in the 2026 accounts. The autumn magazines are available at the back of the church. *Mike Tomas, APf/Missio Secretary - 0770 803 2743.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE

PARISH EVANGELISATION FORMATION DAY

SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER,

10 AM – 1.30 PM, CHRIST THE KING,

NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, READING, RG2 8NR



Last chance to sign up! You are warmly invited to join us as we explore how parish groups, one of our Diocese's Six Holy Habits, can deepen our faith and impact our parishes as they become welcoming places for all. The "Parish Cell System" (often called PECs) focuses on transforming parishes into active, missionary communities through small, home-based groups (cells) focused on fellowship, prayer and scripture. Join us for an inspiring day of teaching, prayer, practical formation, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided as part of the day. Please register by emailing *Meghan* on ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/JGgE7zeuun>.

This helps to ensure we have enough food and have catered for people's needs. We ask people to register by *Tuesday, 27th October*.

PARISH RETREAT

A Day of Recollection here at St Joseph's on Saturday, 12th December beginning with Mass at 10 am, followed by retreat until 3 pm in the large hall. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. *Donations towards costs will be gratefully received.*



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 24TH/25TH OCTOBER

We are supporting approximately 45 households weekly, with food and household products. St. Joseph's Harvest Festival will be on 24th/25th October. We would be most grateful for food donations as they are crucial to sustaining us throughout the year. The items we typically need are cereal, long life milk/juice, cooking oil, tinned meat (corned beef, spam, meatballs, hot dogs), tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines), baked beans, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, instant mash, spaghetti hoops, pasta, pasta sauce, ketchup, tinned fruit, tea, coffee, shampoo, shower gel, dishwashing liquid and toilet rolls. Many thanks for your generosity. May God bless you!



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

Mayes Lane Cemetery 3 pm

SUNDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER

Henley Road Cemetery 2 pm

SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

St Michael's Graveyard 2 pm

SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER

St Mary's, Purley 12.20 pm

Purley Burial Ground 12.40 pm

Pangbourne Hill Cemetery 1 pm

NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS

The following seven designated Masses will be offered in November for our departed loved ones:

Sunday, 1 st	8.30 am
Tuesday, 3 rd	10 am
Tuesday, 10 th	10 am
Saturday, 14 th	10 am
Monday, 16 th	10 am
Saturday, 21 st	10 am
Sunday, 30 th	10 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.

POSADA

Our Posada (Travelling Crib) will start its journey around the parish on the First Sunday of Advent, 29th November. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for a night during Advent, please sign the rota which will be available in the porch.

**!!CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES & CALENDARS
ON SALE NOW AT THE REPOSITORY!!**



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue available in the church porch.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us and does not now bear with us".
(Pope St John Paul II).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Sessions run from September - Easter. If you would like to find out more, please give your contact details to the Parish Office.

ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP



Every first and third Tuesday | small room at the back of church | 7 - 9 pm. *Everyone is welcome.*

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY AT ST JAMES

20 hrs per week. Mon - Fri 9.30 am - 1.30 pm. Applications close 27th October. [Click here to apply online](#) or send an up to date CV with a cover letter explaining your suitability for the role, to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with 'Reading Administrator' in the title.



For further information about St Paul's Primary School Open Days on 5th November at 11 am, 18th November at 1.45 pm and 8th December at 9 am, please contact the School Office on 0118 942 2003, or speak to Michael Robinson after 10.30 am Mass.

SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for 9 Youth Group volunteers to help and support our parish youth group which meets every Wednesday 6.30 pm, during term-time. If you are interested in supporting our young people, please speak to Fr Henry after Mass.



Bishop Philip invites us to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire about our Holy Habits and the diocesan plan. By sharing your experience, you will be actively contributing to the growth and development of the Diocese and helping him discern how the Lord is at work. It will take only a few minutes. Please scan the QR code or Ctrl+Click to follow link:

[Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Mission Plan survey 2026](#)

ST JOSEPH'S BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays | 8.45 - 11.30 am | large hall | term-time only. *All are welcome.*



CURRENT JOB VACANCIES

Please click the link to access current job vacancies across the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

