


ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 24TH AUGUST 2025

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 24TH AUGUST – SUNDAY, 31ST AUGUST 2025

Saturday, 23 rd August Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	David Petersen RIP (<i>First Anniversary</i>)
Sunday, 24 th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Dominic Clark's intentions (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
	10.30 am	Eileen Drake RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 25 th August	10 am	
Tuesday, 26 th August	10 am	
Wednesday, 27 th August St Monica , memorial	9.30 am	
Thursday, 28 th August St Augustine of Hippo , Bishop, Doctor of the Church		
Friday, 29 th August The Passion of St John the Baptist , memorial	7 pm	
Saturday, 30 th August Our Lady on Saturday	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm Vigil	Rev Fr Vincent Convery RIP
Sunday, 31 st August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	George Joseph RIP
	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/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

FROM 8.30 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY. ALL ARE WELCOME.

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
16TH/17TH AUGUST 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£226.91
Planned Giving (envelopes)	
Loose Plate	£350.98
TOTAL	£577.89

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.



**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*

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. For more details, please contact *Jack Ewins, SVP Treasurer* – 0773 449 9190.

SVP SENIORS' AFTERNOON TEA PARTY



Please join us for a relaxing afternoon amongst friends on Saturday, 13th September from 2.30 - 4 pm in the large hall. If you would like to join us, please put

your name down on the list, at the back of the church by 7th September. For more information, please contact *Patrizia Chessell* on 07740 547922.

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.

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



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.*

PATRICK JOSEPH MCHUGH RIP



Formerly of Partridge Drive, Tilehurst. Moved back to Belleek, Fermanagh 31 years ago. Leaves behind his wife Theresa and family: Kevin, Rosaleen, Brendan, Shelagh and Sean. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Belleek, Fermanagh. Please pray for the repose of Patrick's soul. *May he rest in peace.*

TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK



We are supporting approximately 35 households with food and household products, thanks to your very generous donations. This week we are short of Weetabix/cereals, long life juice, tinned corned beef/spam, tinned soup, packet soup, tinned fruit, coffee and sugar. 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.*



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

MARCH FOR LIFE - 6TH SEPTEMBER

The SPUC Reading Branch is hiring a coach to go to March for Life on 6th September. No fixed cost but a suggested donation of £20 for those who can afford it. The coach will depart from St William of York Church with the ability to park in the car park. Please use the following form to sign up https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSek5dbAkTr8Dhba6UhnN4VbNQfjaf1B4nz2tx_o28cxQzEMtA/viewform or email *Christopher Cahill* at spucreading@gmail.com.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION
5TH SEPTEMBER AT 6 PM**

Every First Friday of the month, led by Fr Henry: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by silent Adoration. 6.15 pm Holy Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Reparations prayers. 6.45 pm Benediction. 7 pm Holy Mass. ***ALL ARE WELCOME***



RESPONSE IN GAZA

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.