


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025

### **MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST – SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Rev Fr Vincent Convery RIP
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	George Joseph RIP
	10.30 am	Vidot François, Marie Thérèse & Joseph Capron, and Harry & Thomas' private intentions
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September	10 am	
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	10 am	
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT,</b> Pope, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September		
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	6 pm	<b>First Friday Devotion</b> <i>every first Friday of the month</i>
	7 pm	Donal Patrick English & Maureen English ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	Fr Peter's intentions
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Brendan Reynolds, Nora Fahy, Jimmy Fahy, Francis Ryan, Mattie Fahy & Bernie Fahy RIP
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Fr George Lyons RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )
	10.30 am	Juvenal & Alzira Costa RIP

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

*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.*

### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION ON 5<sup>TH</sup> 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**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**  
**23<sup>RD</sup>/24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£137.21
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£258.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£400.88</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.



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](mailto:ritauro@yahoo.co.uk)

**SVP SENIORS' AFTERNOON TEA PARTY**



Please join us for a relaxing afternoon amongst friends on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](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.*

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



Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. Re-starts on 11<sup>th</sup> September. *All are welcome.*

**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 tinned soup, packet soup, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti hoops, baked beans, tinned chopped tomatoes, long life orange juice, coffee, sugar, 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.*



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

**MARCH FOR LIFE - 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The SPUC Reading Branch is hiring a coach to go to March for Life on 6<sup>th</sup> 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/1FAIpQLSek5dbAkTr8Dhba6UhnN4VbNQJaf1B4nz2tx\\_o28cxQzEMtA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSek5dbAkTr8Dhba6UhnN4VbNQJaf1B4nz2tx_o28cxQzEMtA/viewform) or email Christopher Cahill at [spucreading@gmail.com](mailto:spucreading@gmail.com).



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**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](http://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.

**VACANCY AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH:**  
**PART-TIME HALL CLEANER**

5 hours per week to clean the two church halls (1 hour per day). Salary - £12.21 per hour. We are seeking to appoint a part-time Cleaner to work 5 hours per week to do general cleaning of the two church halls. No formal qualifications are required, though some previous experience in the field of domestic services is desirable. Motivated and able to work to a high standard. Personal attributes: Reliable, high integrity with good communication skills, sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church. **To apply:** Please send an up to date Curriculum Vitae with a covering letter setting out your suitability for the role to [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Or please contact Sheila Jones, Parish Secretary at St Joseph's [sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sjtilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Closing date for applications: Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10 pm.