

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you all for your kind prayers and well wishes during my time away. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and am happy to share that I had a restful and refreshing holiday. It's a blessing to return to such a caring and prayerful community. With gratitude and every blessing, **Fr Henry**.

MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday, 6 th September Our Lady on Saturday	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 th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am	Fr George Lyons RIP (<i>Foundation Mass</i>)
	10.30 am	Juvenal & Alzira Costa RIP
Monday, 8 th September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10 am	Alessandro Saso RIP
Tuesday, 9 th September	10 am	David Petersen RIP
Wednesday, 10 th September	9.30 am	Mary Cox RIP (<i>Remembrance Day</i>)
	11 am	St Paul's School Mass (<i>at school</i>)
Thursday, 11 th September		
Friday, 12 th September	7 pm	P T Antony RIP
Saturday, 13 th September St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am	In Thanksgiving to Sally
	10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Jensen & Jessna's intentions
Sunday, 14 th September EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	8.30 am	Sabino Rato RIP
	10.30 am	Maureen Hanson RIP
	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/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ>

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FROM 8.30 AM – 2 PM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

LITURGY OF REPARATION – THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 5.30 PM

Bishop Philip invites us to join him in a Liturgy of Reparation here at St Joseph's for all those affected by the recent events involving Fr Peter Glas. Please come together in prayer. *There will be light refreshments and an opportunity for discussion.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:
30TH/31ST 2025**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£226.19
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£525.37
TOTAL	£756.56

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.



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* ritaury@yahoo.co.uk

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.*

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 tuna, pasta sauce, tinned chopped tomatoes, tinned potatoes, long life orange juice, long life milk, sugar, 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.*



You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's Church Hall, Basingstoke on Saturday, 20th September from 10.30 am - 1.30 pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing [Jo](mailto:Jo@cafod.org.uk) on jleury@cafod.org.uk

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

We meet after 7 pm Mass on Fridays to pray for our families. Please contact *Aline Phillips* on 0790 456 9437 for more information, or just come along: <https://www.mothersprayers.org>



**EMERGENCY ALERTS TEST
- SUNDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Since the first national test of the system in April 2023, five alerts have been sent, including during major storms when lives were at risk. There will be a second national test on Sunday, 7th September at 3 pm. *Please be aware of the Emergency Alerts system test.*

**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. 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 or please contact *Sheila Jones*, Parish Secretary at stjilehurst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Closing date for applications: **Sunday, 7th September at 10 pm.**

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 11th September. *All are welcome.*

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.



A warm welcome to Rocco Stewart Dawson who is to be baptised here at St Joseph's this weekend.

LADIES NIGHT

On Friday, 19th September from 7.30 pm in the Water Tower. *All welcome.*