


# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

<b>MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026</b>		
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Francis de Sales</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	<del>10 am</del> 10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Charles & Julia Newman RIP
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>The Octave of Christian Unity ends today</i>	8.30 am	For the souls in purgatory & for the intentions of Luana & Giovanna
	10.30 am	Aleksander Gorynski & Janina Gorynska RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Timothy</b> , Bishop, Martyr & <b>St Titus</b> , Bishop	10 am	John McKenna RIP
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10 am	Private intention
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>St Thomas Aquinas</b> , Religious, Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	Lina O'Connor's intentions
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January		
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<del>6 pm</del> 6 pm 7 pm	<del><b>First Friday Devotion</b> every first Friday of the month</del> Exposition Ciara Wooller RIP
	9 am 10 am 10.30 am	Rosary & Exposition Leelamma Cherian RIP Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Jean Harding & deceased members of the Harding family RIP
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30 am	Sean Canning RIP
	10.30 am	Slawomir Wruszczak RIP ( <i>Birthday &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death</i> )

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: \*<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpmI2vvGWdDKQ>

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Thank you for being part of our parish community, bringing people closer to Our Lord in worship, prayer and action. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Henry after Mass. *Please note: Fr Henry takes Thursday as a day away from parish duties.*

The parish is always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the sick, the housebound and those who need the Sacraments at home.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIOCESE

Please visit our website for further details of our [current vacancies](#)

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£253.00
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£418.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£676.85</b>
<b>SPUC White Flower Appeal</b>	<b>£284.31</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.

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL**

The collection for the Cathedral will take place this weekend. Our cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese. The parish collection covers just over half of the ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week. Please support this second collection. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the mother church of the diocese been more critical or needed. You can donate online using the QR code, in your Gift Aid envelopes or via the card reader machine in the church porch. *Thank you.*



**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, Veronica Williams, Dan and Joe Newman, Helen, Tommy Barrett, Liz Darling, Lina O'Connor, Anna.

*Some friends have been on the prayers for the sick and housebound for years. This is not a problem, but it is always good to hear news.*



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)

**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.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke.  
[vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**



This week we are short of long-life milk whole and semi-skimmed, hot dogs, peanut butter, baked beans, sugar, tinned potatoes, porridge, cooking oil, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, tinned mackerel, squash, apple and orange juice. Thank you so much for your continued. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.

**MOTHER'S PRAYERS**



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

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

Thursdays from 8.45 am – 11.30 am in the large hall, *term-time only*. All are welcome.



**POLITE PARKING REQUEST**

It has been reported that parishioners are parking on or across our neighbours' driveways in Berkshire Drive. No driveway should ever be obstructed or blocked. Having clear access to their own driveways is particularly important for our neighbours who may have mobility difficulties. Please be considerate when parking in the surrounding roads, as we wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours. *Thank you very much for your understanding and consideration.*

**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)



**NEW PARISHIONER DATABASE**

The Diocese has chosen 'ChurchSuite' to be the new provider for parishioner databases across the Diocese. It is a comprehensive church management software system which will be launched in February. *Further details will follow.*