

# ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TILEHURST



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

### MASS INTENTIONS: SUNDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – SUNDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am 10.30 am	Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Marianna RIP
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Ninfa Petalco RIP
	10.30 am	Ronald Hussey RIP
	5 pm	Syro Malabar
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Mr P O Joseph RIP
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	10 am	Kay Morrin RIP
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9.30 am	Caroline O'Connell's intentions
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>		
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	7 pm	Tony Weafer RIP ( <i>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death</i> )
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March <b>of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	9 am	Rosary & Exposition
	10 am 10.30 am	In Thanksgiving Confessions
	5 pm <i>Vigil</i>	Margaret Wilson RIP
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.30 am	Sebastiana Rato & Maria Rodrigues RIP
	10.30 am	Intentions of: Aline, Christine, Ligia, Corazon & Rita

\*Please note only 10.30 am Sunday Mass and special Masses are live-streamed: [\\*https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCruCvuFlvKVpml2vvGWdDKQ)

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*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE – SUPPORTING PARISH LIFE

Over the last couple of weeks, we have explored the topics of Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having considered the needs of our parish, and reflected on the message of stewardship. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Last week, we provided everyone with a 'Renewing our parish commitment' information pack. Please read this information carefully. This will enable our parish to plan ahead for the future with confidence. Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today. *Thank you.*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:  
28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY/1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**

Gift Aid (envelopes)	£181.09
Planned Giving (envelopes)	£5.00
Loose Plate	£411.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£598.01</b>
CAFOD Family Fast Day	£460.79

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.

**NEXT WEEKEND**

A second collection will take place at Masses next weekend for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

**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.



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.

**TILEHURST DROP-IN CENTRE & FOODBANK**

The items needed at the foodbank this week are long life milk skimmed, tea, coffee, cereal, sugar, packet soups, squash, tinned mackerel, tinned tomatoes, washing up liquid, rice pudding, custard, peanut butter, mayonnaise and honey. Thank you so much for your continued support. Financial donations can be made to CDP Reading St Joseph. Sort Code: 30-93-04. Account No: 00885992. Please include as a reference, 'Foodbank'.



**FR HENRY'S APPOINTMENTS**

Fr Henry is available for appointments on Wednesdays from 10.30 am - 12 noon.



**PARISH PASSOVER SUPPER**

The Parish Passover Supper will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm. Tickets - Adult £6, School-aged child £3, Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) £15. Please sign up on the sheet in the church porch. *Book Early as places are limited!*



**ST JOSEPH'S HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place from 7 - 9 pm on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March**. *All are welcome.*



"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, deacons, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest, contact *Cn. John Cooke*. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 0132 931 8869.

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

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



**PARKING**

It is always good to see a full church. However, at busy services there have been parking problems in Berkshire Drive. So please be considerate to our neighbours by not obstructing access to their driveways. Please let common sense and courtesy prevail. *Thank you.*

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL**

If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please let the Catholic Chaplaincy know. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Contact the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

### PLEASE KEEP THE DATE

A joint Walsingham Pilgrimage is being planned for English Martyrs and St Joseph's parishes on 4th July. We had a great day last year - please join us this year. *Further details to follow.*

### CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ



On Saturday, 9th May at 7.30 pm, at St Catherine of Siena Church, Wittenham Avenue, RG31 5LN. Tickets £10 per person to include light refreshments and nibbles, bring your own drink. Raffle and prizes. Contact [tickets@meadowsweet.eu](mailto:tickets@meadowsweet.eu)

### NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH - THE MIGRANT WORKER

From 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. Masses are at 10 am every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11 am, and on YouTube via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena).

The Novena Prayer Book is available on request for a suggestion donation of £1 per booklet. Please send your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet.

Write to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)



### !!A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Fr Richard Maniak will be celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Jubilee of Ordination, on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with Mass at 11.30 am at English Martyrs, followed by refreshments in the hall. *All are welcome.*

### THE LINK CAFE

The Link Café in Tilehurst is a Christian, community café run by volunteers from all the local churches. We are currently in need of volunteers to work on Friday mornings from 9.30 am - 1 pm. If you would like to join our friendly, welcoming community, please contact Ann Epps 0798 919 2833 for more information.



**\*\*British Summer Time begins:  
Clocks go forward by 1 hour at 1  
am on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March\*\***



### ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BECOME A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:

Are you a practising Catholic looking to make a real difference? Join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our children. Foundation Governors uphold the Catholic ethos, support school strategy, and oversee key decisions. You'll gain valuable skills, network with inspiring people, and truly impact the next generation. Vacancies available now - get involved and be the voice for our children! Interested? Email the Clerk to Governors at [rgonzalez@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:rgonzalez@stpauls.wberks.sch.uk)



St Paul's School children will be reading a children's version of the Stations of the Cross next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH GROUP



*St Joseph's, Tilehurst*

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)

**UPDATE!!** Practice Plus Group has generously agreed to match the total figure which was raised in our recent cake sale for Mary's Meals: **£503 + £503 = £1,006!**



### LENT CONFESSIONS IN THE PASTORAL AREA

St James: Every Saturday 5-5.45 pm

English Martyrs: 28<sup>th</sup> March 10 am

**\*St Joseph's: 25<sup>th</sup> March 7 pm\***

**\*Examination of Conscience at 6.30 pm,  
followed by individual confessions at 7 pm\***

St John Bosco: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 6 - 7.30 pm

Our Lady of Peace: 28<sup>th</sup> March 9 am - 12.30 pm

Christ the King: 26<sup>th</sup> March 7 pm