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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY - YEAR A

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 15<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time,**  
**or St Henry, Emperor, optional memorial. No Mass**  
**today.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 15<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**  
**or St Camillus of Lellis, Founder, optional memorial.**  
**Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: St Swithun, Bishop, memorial.**  
**Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 15<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary**  
**Time, or Our Lady of Mount Carmel, optional memorial**  
**Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop,**  
**Doctor of the Church, memorial.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 15<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed**  
**Sacrament and Confessions.**

### Mass Intentions:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 8.30am for intentions of Kay Parry (Una O'Doherty's intention). 11.00am for Seafarers.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am for Josinho Romeu Pereira RIP (Pereira Family intention).

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am for intentions of Kathleen Doherty (Una O'Doherty's intention).

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am for intentions of Julie Fowler (Una O'Doherty's intention).

**Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound:** Paula Holmes, Carol Bartlam, Joyce Delahunty, Graham Attridge, Angela Jordan, Elizabeth Skelton, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

**Collections:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Plate collection £929.54; Poor Box £13; Candles £34.70. Totals for June: Standing Orders £2,372.50; Contactless £1,417.00 plus £75 for Catholic Bishop's Conference; and £355.00 for 'Peter's Pence'. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A. ('Sea Sunday')**

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Masses today for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). Stella Maris helps thousands of seafarers every year who are struggling with loneliness, exhaustion, bullying and exploitation. For online donations, go to <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/sea-sunday-2026>

More information about Stella Maris can be found at <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>

**11.00am Mass – The 2025-26 First Holy Communion Group Children** will come together at this Mass in celebration of the conclusion of their preparation programme, and a shared lunch will follow in the parish hall.

**Also, at 11.00am Mass – Children's Liturgy** will take place in the parish hall during this Mass today for children of primary school age in Reception Class and above.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am Mass today** will be the **End of Year Mass for St Joseph's School**, to which parishioners are very welcome.

**10.30am - Grand/Mothers' Prayers** for now will be held in members' own homes. If interested in attending, please speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July: 11.30am** Baptism of Dante Treiordi Pitoli. Congratulations!

**1pm Catenians Circle BBQ:** *Newbury Catenian Circle* will be having its annual President's BBQ at St Frances de Sales, Wash Common today starting from 1.00pm. Fee is £5 per head, and all are welcome.

**24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> July: THE 'WE BELIEVE' FESTIVAL** at St Mary's College (Seminary), Oscott – outside Birmingham. The festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in his Church, and is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Catholic Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. It is a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Tickets provide access to all festival content, facilities and a pitch on the campsite - should you need it, but do not include

food or accommodation. Go to the website <https://www.webbelievelfestival.com/tickets>

If you would like to come, but are in need of a sponsored pass, please apply by writing to [info@webbelievelfestival.com](mailto:info@webbelievelfestival.com)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July: ADoRE Spiritual Mini Retreat** 10.00 am-1.00pm on Zoom. "HIS BANNER OVER US IS LOVE." Responding to God's invitation to His heavenly banquet. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Russ Fairman, Member of the National CHARIS renewal team. ADoRE is a part of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, dedicated to the encouragement of a personal relationship with God, through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Register in advance at <https://bit.ly/ADOREJUL2026> More details at [www.altonrenewal.com/july\\_2026](http://www.altonrenewal.com/july_2026)

**New Parish Priest for St Joseph's from 1<sup>st</sup> November:** As announced at Masses last Sunday, upon Fr Michael's departure for St Peter's Parish, Winchester, **Fr Jamie McGrath** will be arriving as new parish priest for St Joseph's on 1<sup>st</sup> November upon leaving Abingdon.

**New St Joseph's Parish Administrator & Hall Manager:** Rachel Coutinho has now begun her role and can be contacted at email [rcoutinho@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:rcoutinho@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and through the parish email address. Welcome!

**New Bishop for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton:** Pope Leo has appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the new Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, in succession to Richard Moth, now Archbishop of Westminster. Fr Stephen has spent the last five years as Rector of the English College, Rome, training men for the priesthood. On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Archbishop Richard Moth received the Pallium from Pope Leo at a Mass held in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. A pallium is a white woollen vestment worn by the Pope and archbishops as a symbol of pastoral authority and communion with the Pope. It is a circular band of white wool, two inches wide, worn around the neck over the chasuble, representing the Good Shepherd carrying the lost sheep on his shoulders, and the responsibility to care for Christ's flock.

**The Evangelium Conference 21st - 23rd August 2026:** A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for mission. Over the years, hundreds have ignited their faith through Evangelium. Many have met lifelong friends and spouses, joined apostolates or discovered a vocation. **Cost (All inclusive:** Conference attendance, full-board accommodation, refreshments **£165**; Students and unemployed concession **£149**. Location: THE ORATORY SCHOOL, READING, RG8 0PJ. To book, go to - [www.evangelium.co.uk](http://www.evangelium.co.uk)

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 -2027:** Our next Confirmation programme run together with St Francis de Sales' Parish **begins on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026** – open to those in year 9 or above (aged 14 – 18), resident and participating in our Parish community. *Confirmation celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a baptised person, completing and strengthening the grace given by the Spirit in Baptism. It marks the Christian as a follower of Christ and a full member of the Church.* If interested, please contact the Parish Office at Wash Common as soon as possible giving name, age and contact details. Information about the programme will be provided when we receive your application. Learning sessions will take place in St Joseph's Hall. **There is a payment of £126 which covers the entire cost of the retreat weekend (5<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup> February) at St Cassians in Kintbury.** Email:

[washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Telephone: 01635 40332.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026-27.** The parish's programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin in September this year. The programme is open to children in our parish community who will be in Year 4 or above in September 2026. To register your child on the programme, please email the parish office to request an application form.

**CENTENARY of St Joseph's Church 2027:** Next year is the centenary of the building of our parish church in 1927! We wish to mark this milestone with events, celebrations and initiatives next year. Thoughts and ideas are invited, and it is hoped to form a *Centenary Committee* to plan our celebrations. Please share your interest and ideas with Fr Michael and the Parish Office!

**From West Berkshire Foodbank:** Donated items can be left in the box at the back of church at any time, ready for collection on alternate Wednesdays. Your generosity is appreciated.

**St Joseph's Hall:** Interested in hiring St Joseph's Hall for an occasion or a class? Please contact the parish office to enquire about availability, and to book. A provisional cost of £25 per hour has been set at present, subject to confirming the new heating and utility costs following the hall's major refurbishment. Office Tel: **01635 40167**; E-mail [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

**Contactless Donations:** Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate your chosen amount on our digital collection pads for Sunday collections. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** Never dream of success. Work for it.