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NINETEENTH SUNDAY - YEAR A

Sunday 9th August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year

A. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 10th August: ST LAURENCE, Deacon & Martyr, feast. **No Mass today.**

Tuesday 11th August: St Clare, Foundress, memorial. **Mass at 10:00am**

Wednesday 12th August: Feria of 19th Week in Ordinary Time, or **St Jane Frances de Chantal**, Foundress, optional memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Thursday 13th August: Feria of 19th Week in Ordinary Time, or **St Pontian**, Pope & **St Hippolytus**, Priest, Martyrs, optional memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Friday 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Religious, Priest, & Martyr, memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Saturday 15th August: Feria of 19th Week in Ordinary Time, or **Our Lady on Saturday**. **Mass at 10.00am** followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY - YEAR A

Sunday 16th August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity, (transferred). **Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

Monday 17th August: Feria of 20th Week in Ordinary Time. **No Mass today.**

Tuesday 18th August: Feria of 20th Week in Ordinary Time. **Mass at 10:00am**

Wednesday 19th August: Feria of 20th Week in Ordinary Time. or **St John Eudes**, Founder, optional memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Thursday 20th August: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Friday 21st August: St Pius X, Pope, memorial. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Saturday 22nd August: The Queenship of Mary, memorial. **Mass at 10.00am** followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

Thursday 13th and 20th August:

Mothers and Grandmothers prayers will take place in the Church Hall at 10:40am, all ladies welcome.

Mass Intentions:

Tuesday 11th August: 10.00am Intentions of Sally Batho (Sarah Young's Intention)

Friday 14th August: 10.00am Oliver Conway RIP (Family Intention)

Saturday 15th August: 10.00am Colleen Morel RIP (Marcia Morel's Intention)

Sunday 16th August: 8.30am Maurice and Eileen Kehoe RIP (Noel Kehoe's Intention)

11.00am in Thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

Wednesday 19th August: 10.00am Martin Cawte RIP (Jill Cawte's Intention)

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Carol Bartlam, Deidre McNair-Wilson, Joyce Delahunty, Graham Attridge, Angela Jordan, Elizabeth Skelton, Jonathan Sheridan, 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: 26th July 2026: Plate collection £536.49; Poor Box £10.00; Candles £18.60. For 2nd August 2026: Plate Collection £796.72; Candles £31.50; Poor box £9.36; 300 Club £400. The totals for July were; Standing Orders £2,217.50; Contactless £1,135.00 plus £90 for Stella Maris. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 9th August: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year

A. The readings speak of God's saving presence among his people; our need for trusting Faith in God; and our need for prayer in the storms of life.

12.30pm: Remembrance Service to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Malaya Campaign at the Newbury War Memorial conducted by Fr Michael. All welcome.

15th August: Newbury Catenian Circle - Annual President's Day Barbeque

Newbury Catenian Circle will be holding their Annual President's Day Barbeque in the grounds of St Francis de Sales, Wash Common on Saturday 15th August 2026 from 1.00pm onwards. All parishioners are very welcome to join us for this happy occasion. Nominal cost of £5.00 per person. For details and to book places to assist with planning please contact Graham Spellman on 07765947809 or graham@penwood.f9.co.uk before Monday 10th August

17th-21st August: 'Fanning the Flame' Summer Camp – at St. Cassian's. This popular camp is run by the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and will be at St. Cassian's Centre, Kintbury RG17 9SR for youths age 11-17. For more information and to book, please visit: <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp-2026> or email contact@fanningtheflame.co.uk

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

Saturday 22nd August 12:00pm: Baptism of Elsie Lockett – Congratulations!

300 Club Lottery: 2026-2027 – Thank you to all participants in the 2025/26 300 Club lottery. The first draw of the 2026/27 lottery will take place in September. From this Sunday, **application forms are available** to buy tickets for the coming year. To buy one or more tickets, please complete an application form before returning it, together with a cheque or cash (or ask for details to make an electronic bank transfer), to the parish office before the end of August.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 -2027: Our next Confirmation programme run together with St Francis de Sales' Parish will **begin on 14th September 2026** – open to those who are in year 9 or above (aged 14 – 18), and who are resident and participants 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 your 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 (5th – 7th February 2027) at St Cassians in Kintbury.** Parish Office: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Telephone: 01635 40332.

RCIA PROGRAMME 2026-27: If, as a non-Catholic, you feel called to explore the Catholic faith, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) offers a journey of prayer, learning, and spiritual growth. RCIA is the process through which adults are introduced to the Catholic faith and prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is open to those: • Unbaptised and seeking to become Catholic; • Baptised in another Christian tradition and interested in becoming Catholic; • Baptised Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation; • Those without any faith background, but who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The RICA Programme commences on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Francis de Sales', Wash Common. Speak to Fr Michael and also email Francis Connolly (fjcon@btinternet.com). The programme is run jointly for the Pastoral Area.

Royal Engagement: Nearly a year after their historic meeting in Rome during the State Visit of The King and Queen to the Holy See in October 2025, representatives of the International Union of Superiors General met again with the Queen to share the impact of their work over the past year, with a particular focus on advancing dignity, protection and opportunity for vulnerable women and girls. Further details are at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/55463

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.

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: We need rain...In the desert area of Cochones, Chile, it did not rain from 1919 to 1965.