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CORPUS CHRISTI – The Body and Blood of Christ - YEAR A

Sunday 7th June: CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR A. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 8th June: Feria of 10th Week of Ordinary Time. No Mass today.

Tuesday 9th June: Feria of 10th Week of Ordinary Time, or, St Ephrem, deacon & Doctor of the Church, or, St Columba of Iona, Abbot, optional memorials. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 10th June: Feria of 10th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle, memorial. N.B. No Mass at 10.00am – Requiem Mass at 11.30am for Theresa O'Sullivan RIP.

Friday 12th June: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 13th June: Feria of 10th Week of Ordinary Time, or, St Anthony of Padua, religious & Doctor of the Church, or, The Immaculate Heart of Mary, optional memorials. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Wednesday 10th June: 10.00am for the Holy Souls.

Thursday 11th June: 11.30am Requiem Mass for Theresa O'Sullivan RIP.

Saturday 13th June: 10.00am for a Private Intention (Deidre McNair-Wilson's Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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: 31st May 2026: Plate collection £756.83; Poor Box £13; Candles £21.41; Repository £5. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 7th June: CORPUS CHRISTI (A) - The Body and Blood of Christ. The last two gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday, and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual Mother on Good Friday. *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also encourages us to value the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist as we adore and receive him in the Sacrament.

Our First Holy Communion candidates will participate in today's 11.00am Mass.

First Holy Communion Cards & Gifts: these are available to purchase from our parish Repository after Masses. Please speak to Maureen Smith for more information.

St Cassian's Centre Open Day Today 12pm - 3pm. (Wallingtons Road, Kintbury, RG17 9SR). Come and see what happens at the Centre as it celebrates 50 years of running retreats for young people! Experience some of the activities, like archery and a low ropes challenge course, that are run for our schools and have a look around the Centre and its grounds. Enjoy an afternoon tea in the dining room. All are Welcome!

Also, today 7th June, COINS 30th Birthday Celebration (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools). 4:30pm-6:00pm at St Mary's Church, Shaw. All are welcome for worship, celebration, cake and COINS creative activities.

Thursday 11th June: N.B. No Mass at 10.00am – Requiem Mass at 11.30am for Theresa O'Sullivan RIP. All parishioners are welcome.

10.30am - Grand/Mothers' Prayers every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Rd, Newbury RG14 2QH. For more information, speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

11.00am: Free **NHS Health Checks** for those aged 30 to 74 years are being offered once again in Saint Joseph's Parish Hall by 'Solutions for Health,' i.e. checks for blood pressure, diabetes, heart and kidney disease etc. and personalised lifestyle advice is offered. Referrals to your GP if required.

Friday 12th June: Solemnity of THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS – Mass at 10.00am.

2.30pm: Film Matinée in St Joseph's Hall. 'Come September' with Gina Lollobrigida, Rock Hudson, and Bobby Darin. Comedy set in Italy. All welcome.

Saturday 13th June: 11.30am: Baptism of Grace Hill. Congratulations!

2pm: 'The People's Emergency Briefing Documentary' (45 mins), in the Waterside Community Centre, Newbury - MP Lee Dillon will be present. The film focuses on the threats to life in Britain from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate, and features footage from last November's National Emergency Briefing, bringing together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature. Many well-known faces feature in a non-partisan initiative supported by organisations including the Church of England, National Trust, WWF, the Royal Meteorological Society. A discussion follows. Free tickets at <https://www.natureandclimatenetwork.co.uk>

Saturday 20th June: CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY? Celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 20th June** at 11am, followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact the parish office if you would like to attend, and we will send you a form to complete and return to Kirsten McGuire, in the Bishop's Office.

Friday 26th June: 7pm St Joseph's Parish Quiz Night (Doors open 6.30pm), in the parish hall, £8 per player, maximum 6 persons to a team, with Raffle. Bring own refreshments; tea, coffee and scones available. To book, email kaylbinns@gmail.com

Saturday 27th June: Newbury Choral Society Summer Concert 'Shakespeare in Music' at St Nicolas Church, Newbury. Doors open at 6.45pm, concert starts at 7.30pm. *Bernstein: West Side Story Suite; Shearing: Songs & Sonnets; Vaughan Williams: Three Shakespeare Songs*. Tickets available from choir members or at www.newburychoral.org.uk. Adults: £18, 12-18 years and full-time students: £10, Children under 12 years: £5.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 -2027: Our next Confirmation programme run together with St Francis de Sales' Parish will **begin 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 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. Parish Office: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Telephone: 01635 40332.

The Society of Pius X Announcement: Due to the proximity in our area of the Society's school and community at St Michael's, Burghclere, an announcement will be made at Masses this weekend.

A Part-time Job Opportunity with COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools). Applications for this part-time role advertised in recent weeks providing resources, workshops, assemblies, lessons and school clubs to support Christian teaching in schools, 6-8 hours per week, term-time only, close next Wednesday. Applicants should email hello@coinsnewbury.org Interviews are - week of 15th and 22nd June and will include conducting a small group session with children. Starting date 7th September.

Leaving a Gift in your Will: Many Catholics choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, the diocese has created a range of helpful resources and documents to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include: An Asset Inventory Record; A Will Planner; Instructions for a Catholic Funeral; and Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill. These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future, and are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

From West Berkshire Foodbank: Donated items can be left in the box at the back of church at any time, ready for collection. 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

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.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email each week, please contact the parish office.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: Many people spend so much time worrying about how the future is going to play out, and not nearly enough time admiring the precious perfection of the present.