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## TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR A

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR A.** Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: St Justin**, martyr, memorial. No Mass.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Feria of 9<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time**, or, Ss Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs, optional memorial. **N.B. Requiem Mass for Brian Allum RIP at 11.00am** (i.e. no 10.00am Mass).

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: St Charles Lwanga & Companions**, martyrs, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 9<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time.** Mass at 10.00am.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: St Boniface**, religious, bishop and martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Our Lady on Saturday**, or, St Norbert, founder & bishop, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

### Mass Intentions:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 11.00am for Brian Allum RIP (Requiem)

### 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:** 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Plate collection £475.72; Poor Box £1; Candles £39.12. Thank you!

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May: TRINITY SUNDAY (A)** The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal.

**11am Mass:** Children's Liturgy during this Mass today.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: N.B. No 10.00am Mass today – 11.00am Requiem Mass** for Brian Allum RIP.

**2pm: Funeral Service** for Brian Lunt RIP.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 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.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Holy Rosary** follows 10.00am Mass today.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 10.00am–12 noon First Holy Communion Preparation Session** in St Joseph's Hall for our children preparing for the Sacrament – followed by a short meeting for the parents.

**1pm: Baptism** of Kaylani Herrington. Congratulations!

**Family Quiz Night** at St Francis de Sales. Proceeds to Justice and Peace charities. For details, please contact Trisha Craig ([trishacraig@hotmail.com](mailto:trishacraig@hotmail.com))

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: CORPUS CHRISTI** (The Body and Blood of Christ). Our First Holy Communion candidates will participate in today's 11.00am Mass.

**St Cassian's Centre Open Day** 12pm - 3pm. (Wallingtons Road, Kintbury, RG17 9SR). See what happens at the Centre as it celebrates 50 years of running retreats for young people! Experience some activities (archery, low ropes challenge course) 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, 7<sup>th</sup> June, COINS 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June: 'The People's Emergency Briefing Documentary'** (45 mins), at 2.00pm 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 this 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 20<sup>th</sup> June: CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?** Celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kaylbinns@gmail.com)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.newburychoral.org.uk). Adults: £18, 12-18 years and full-time students: £10, Children under 12 years: £5.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Turin and Assisi, 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 2026.** Learn about the lives of St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati. Led by Bishop Philip. Flights - Outbound: London Gatwick to Turin; Return: Perugia to Heathrow; accommodation in central Turin and central Assisi; Breakfast and dinner; Local transfers in and around Turin and Assisi; Long distance coach day with stops along route; Visit Marian shrine in Oropa; Visit Royal Palace in Turin - site of The Shroud; Visit tomb of St Carlo Acutis. Prices 6 nights: £1,695 (per person sharing); £250 (single supplement). *Deposit when booking to secure place: £600 per person*. To book, contact Canon P.J. Smith - email [fatherpj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fatherpj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Pope Leo's First Papal Encyclical – 'Magnifica Humanitas'**: The encyclical offers powerful insights into the protection of the human person in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), recognising a profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding technical progress. Technology is not "a force antagonistic to humanity", nor is it "inherently evil." However, "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it." Pope Leo appeals for people to build "for the common good and remain human," so that the world "will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell."

**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>

**A Part-time Job Opportunity with COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools).** Enjoy sharing Jesus with children? Do you like the idea of part-time work in schools? Would you like to be part of a supportive, creative team? COINS is looking for a dynamic and motivated person to join their Primary School Team. COINS combine educational resources with a profound and personal faith linking schools, churches and the wider Christian community in Newbury. They provide resources, workshops, assemblies, lessons and school clubs to support Christian teaching in schools, and are looking for a suitably qualified person to take up a paid position of 6-8 hours per week, term-time only. Applicants should have a passion for sharing their faith with primary school children in an inclusive, engaging and relevant manner. For further information contact Liz on [lizahow@coinsnewbury.org](mailto:lizahow@coinsnewbury.org) Closing date for applications 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Interviews week of 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June and will include conducting a small group session with children. Starting date 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**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](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.

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

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** The Holy Trinity – *We pray to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.*