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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - YEAR C

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Sunday 19th October: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 20th October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass today.

Tuesday 21st October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 22nd October: Feria of 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St John Paul II, Pope, *optional memorial*, Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 23rd October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St John of Capestrano, Religious, *optional memorial*. Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 24th October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time or St Anthony Claret, Founder, Bishop, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 25th October: Feria of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time or Our Lady on Saturday. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 19th October: 8.30am Private Intention

11am for Irene Garnell RIP (Family Intention).

Tuesday 21st October: 10.00am for Edward Willmott RIP (Willmott Family Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Fr Pat Faughnan, Fr Jeremy Corley, Philip Rowlands, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, Angela Jordan, 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: 12th October: Plate collection £744.36; Candles £69.64; Poor Box £4.00; further donations to last week's 2nd collection for CAFOD £130.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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Today's readings concern prayer — perseverance in prayer, constancy in prayer and trust in God as we pray. They are also about the trustworthiness and justice of God, the type of justice that reaches out to the poor and the weak, enabling them to fight against injustice.

On 19th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support **Missio** – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world, by supporting the Church's overseas mission work. The central message of the day is 'Hope!', reminding us to be to be builders of hope in the footsteps of Christ. To donate, use the **Missio** envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours), or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. On-line link at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-mission-sunday-1>

Canonisation Today: Pope Leo today in Rome canonises **Blessed Peter ToRot** as a saint. Born in 1912 in Papua New Guinea, Blessed Peter tirelessly worked as a Catechist throughout the savage Japanese occupation of his country in World War II, and gave his life at their hands for the faith in 1945.

Wednesday 22nd October: 12.30pm – 2pm: The church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

Thursday 23rd October, Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life: 10.30am Grand/Mothers' Prayers every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Rd, Newbury RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. New attendees always welcome. For more information speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

7.30pm: RCIA Programme continues at the Parish Hall, St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. **Session 3 – Prayers of the Church.**

Saturday 25th October: N.B. The clocks go back 1 hour overnight tonight. You can be extra early for Mass on Sunday!

Also, Douai Abbey Autumn Pastoral Programme: *Ecumenical Council of Nicaea AD 325* - A Day of information & discussion. The Council of Nicaea took place in Asia Minor in the year 325AD, the first time that the whole Church was summoned in consultation. It produced the creed which has become the distinctive expression of the Church's faith in Jesus Christ. Led by Br Simon Hill OSB, a monk of Douai Abbey. **10.30am to 4pm**, with arrivals and coffee from 10am. Please bring own lunch. For bookings and further enquiries, email pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk or visit the Abbey website. A contribution of £20 is payable on the day. Coffee and tea are provided.

Pope Leo XIV has released the first document of his pontificate, an Apostolic Exhortation called *Dilexi te* – 'I have loved you' (Revelations 3:9). Underpinned by Scripture, Catholic social teaching and the teaching of his predecessors, *Dilexi te* focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special concern for those living in poverty. It affirms the ways in which the magisterium should inform our pastoral practice in accompanying the poor and vulnerable to serve the common good. He writes, "I desire that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor... I consider it essential to insist on this path."

"Hope in Scripture". Deacon Martin McElroy will deliver 4 talks on *"Hope in Scripture"* on the Friday evenings: 24th and 31st October, 7th and 14th November, 7.45-9.30pm. They will take place online using Zoom. No need to go out on a dark Friday evening during the autumn! All you will need is a computer or phone to join in online. Each session will be a presentation by Deacon Martin, plus discussion groups sharing specific passages of Scripture related to the topic of Hope. The series will cover how Hope is depicted in the Old Testament, Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul, and the "general letters". Don't worry if you can't attend all 4 sessions: each is independent of the others, so you are encouraged to attend as many as you can. To register, go to the link on this week's diocesan e-news email. The parish office can forward this to you if needed.

Assisted Suicide – Right To Life UK has launched a new **EasyAction** tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. **Please take action now** and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: As November's time of remembrance of our dead is imminent,

envelopes are available in church in which to place names of deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Their names will be placed on the altar and Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. In front of the altar, you can complete names of the deceased to be placed in special envelopes. Return envelopes to the church or presbytery with your Mass offering.

300 Club – October: The winners for the October Draw are - 1st prize – £100 Deodata Blyth Currie; 2nd prize £50 K Binns; 3rd prize £25 Monika Rackham. Congratulations!

Caritas Mustard Seed Fund: Applications for funding for parish groups setting up projects to support people in their community will be considered in January 2026. To find out about the fund email: caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Saturday 15th November (World Day of the Poor): **10.30am Charity Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers**, at St Joseph's Parish, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. On this weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the diocese. All are welcome.

Saturday 29th November: 7.30 pm at St Nicholas Church, Newbury. ADVENT CONCERT – BACH'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO. Tickets available at www.newburychoral.org.uk

also on **Saturday 29th November: Women's Retreat Day** at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville PO7 7SR. 9.30am – 4pm. Lunch provided. Babes in arms welcome. £10 suggested donation. To book, email catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com or scan the QR code on the poster in church.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: Please allow priority for parking for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. **N.B.** If parking in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you may be subject to parking fines (please check parking signage carefully).

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: Those who have the privilege to know have the duty to act.