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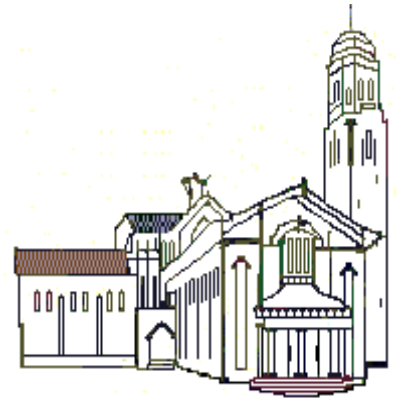
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21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

Sunday 25th August: 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.

Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 26th August: Feria of 21st Week in Ordinary

Time or Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious, optional memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 27th August: St Monica, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 28th August: St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 30th August: Feria of 21st Week in Ordinary Time or Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 31st August: Our Lady on Saturday, or, St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne, optional memorial. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 25th August: 8.30am in thanksgiving for the safe birth of Tanvi and Tarak (Mr & Mrs Samuel's Int)

11am for Darragh Conor Spelman RIP (Spelman/Owens Family Intention – 2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday 27th August: 10.00am for Pat Saunders RIP (Margaret Saunders' Int)

Friday 30th August: 10.00am for Lucinda Texeira RIP (Alexandra Texeira's Int)

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Geoff and Kathleen Wain, Lesley Smith, Joyce Delahunty, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, James Pringle, Joshua David, Colin Devery, Marie O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael by phone or email.

Collections: 18th August: Plate collection £653.05; Candles £24.05. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 25th August: 21st Sunday of the Year: We make choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths he has revealed through his

prophets in the Old Testament and especially through Jesus in the New Testament. The choice determines how we live our lives, and whom we will serve.

8.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after both Masses. All are welcome. If you would like to join the rota for tea/coffee preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the hall or let Fr Michael know.

Wednesday 28th August: 12.30-2pm: Open church for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come along at any time whilst the church is open.

Thursday 29th August: Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group
10.30am – 12 noon at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Mothers and Grandmothers!! Are you sometimes free on Thursday mornings? If so, our **Mothers' and Grandmothers' Prayers Group** would love to include more members. The group meets at 10.30 am at Newbury Grove Care Home to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments are always provided and we have good chats afterwards. To hear more, contact Elizabeth after 11 am Mass or call her on 07880663462 Better still, just come along to 370 London Road - just past The Swan Pub - to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith.

Saturday 7th September: Altar Server Training:
11.30am – 12.30pm in church. Refresher session for those children who have previously attended training and an introductory session for all others who would like to undertake this important role. Open to all who have already made their First Holy Communion. Please let Fr Michael know that your child will be attending by emailing the parish office. Children attending should be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Sunday 22nd September: Concert – '**The Road to Mozart**', 3pm St John's Church, Newbury. Free Entry - retiring collection for Christian Aid. Features Mozart

Horn Concerto No 3, recorder and piano works by Handel, Telemann and Haydn.

Education Opportunity: A new bursary is offered for an MA in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, providing theological education rooted in the Catholic tradition. This bursary offers a 50% fee reduction for the two-year MA program, accessible to both lay and religious individuals. Further details via: www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/apply/

Faithful Witness: In Russia an outspoken Christian preacher is facing trial for posting a question on social media, and in occupied Ukraine a Christian woman could be jailed for up to ten years for remarks made in a prayer meeting. For details of these cases, as well as the work of Release International, see: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50408

Papal Communication Pope Francis has written a letter to candidates for the priesthood, but also to all Christians, stressing the importance of reading novels and poems “as part of one's path to personal maturity.” In it the Holy Father writes: “A good book opens the mind, stimulates the heart, and prepares us for life”.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Applications are being invited for the position of Director of Fundraising at the St Vincent de Paul Society. Full details are available via: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50307

300 Club Lottery – 2024/2025 Lottery: ABOUT 140 TICKETS SOLD SO FAR... The first draw of the 2024/2025 Lottery is in September. To subscribe, please complete an application form (available from the back of church) and return it, together with a cheque or cash, to the parish office in the presbytery before the end of August. To pay by electronic bank transfer, please contact the parish office.

CTNA (Churches Together in Newbury Association)

Prayer Week: You are invited to participate in the Newbury week of prayer 8th - 14th September. Daily events planned, open to everyone, to join, watch or listen. The formats and venues are varied, with different topics and focuses for each meeting, but the churches are all united in wanting to seek God together and bless the local area. On **Friday 13th September** the **Midday Prayer for the Environment** will take place at St Joseph's Church between **12.30 – 2.30pm**.

CARITAS: “To Hope and Act with Creation” As part of the Season of Creation, Caritas is holding an environmental conference at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY on **Saturday 14th September**. John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group will speak on ‘*Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our*

common home.’ There will also be updates from COP28, preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes. All welcome. The conference **10am-1pm**; Mass at 9am; coffee available from 9:45am. Bring lunch if you would like to stay and chat. For more information visit www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk.

Invocation at Adoremus: St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) on Sunday 15th September 10am-5.30pm: ‘Adoremus’ is the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held on Saturday 14th. However, on Sunday 15th September the Bishops' Conference is hosting a national discernment event called ‘Invocation at Adoremus’. This is an opportunity for any discerners to meet with the seminarians and others from across the country. There will be workshops, keynote speakers, Adoration, opportunities to discern vocation. Please get in touch if you would like to be a delegate to attend this event. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024-2025: Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin with a **Briefing Meeting for Parents at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th September** in St Joseph's Hall. Programme open to children in year 4 or above in September. To register your child, email the parish office to request an application form.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025: Confirmation preparation begins with a **Briefing Meeting for Parents and Candidates at 7.30pm on Monday 16th September** in St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash Common. Young parishioners in year 9 or above, are eligible. Please enlist by the end of August, contacting the Parish Office with name, age, and contact details. Email: office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL: The hall is available for your bookings for social events, classes, or activities. Reasonable hire rates. Please contact Anne Paice to book on email: annepaice62@yahoo.co.uk

Contactless Donations: Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate on our *Digital Collection Pads* for Sunday collections. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. 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: It is a fact of life to be contemplated that a headline reading, ‘Psychic wins Lottery’ has never been seen.