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10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY (1)**

Sunday 9th June: TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

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

Tuesday 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 12th June: Feria of 10th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 13th June: St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 14th June: Feria of 10th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 15th June: Our Lady on Saturday. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 9th June: 08.30am for Joseph Baulk RIP (Liz Rees' intention)

11am for Giulia Columbro RIP (Valentina Albanese's Intention).

Saturday 15th June: 10am in thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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: 26th May: plate collection £682.09; Candles £43.93. 2nd June: plate collection £812.36; Candles £29.87; Poor box £18.49. Monthly totals for May: Standing Orders £1686.50; Contactless £1196.00 plus £35 for the second collection for World Communications Day. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 9th June: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B:

Today's first reading reminds us of the profound consequences of the first disobedience in the Garden of

Eden. In Paul's letter, we see the new covenant in the midst of the old, with the suffering righteous of the Old Covenant and Jesus enduring suffering for others. In the Gospel, where the crowd gathered making it impossible to eat, we see the example of sacrifice.

11am Mass: First Holy Communion Mass for half of the FHC group.

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.

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

Wednesday 12th June: 12.30-2pm: The church will be open 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.

7.30pm: Adult Formation Group talk in St Joseph's Hall. Topic – 'The Sacrament of Baptism'.

Thursday 13th June: Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group 10.30am – 12noon at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided. If interested, please just come along.

Friday 14th June: 10.30am – 12.30pm Friendship Café at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. All are welcome for coffee, refreshments, and to meet residents. Extra parking available if needed, at the nearby Swan Pub. Please notify Coal Elvin if attending (for catering purposes) on 01635 896105 or email coral.elvin@careuk.com

11.30am: Funeral Service for Michael Sullivan RIP.

2.30pm: Film Matinée: 'Cabrini', 2024 drama about the extraordinary life and work of St Frances Cabrini, the first canonised American saint who ministered in the late 19th/early 20th century to the sick and poor in New York and Chicago.

Sunday 16th June: 11.00am: First Holy Communion Mass for the remaining candidates.

There will be a **second collection** at Masses on Sunday 16th June for 'Day for Life'.

Friday 28th June: Youth Club. The Waterside Centre is booked, 6 - 8pm, for paddle boarding and other activities for up to 32 children – weather permitting. Please email interest in attending to Ellen Clinch: ellenmclinch@gmail.com. Cost - £10 per child; consent forms will be managed by the Waterside centre staff on the evening. Please arrive for 5:45pm.

June – Month of the Sacred Heart: June has become known as the Month of the Sacred Heart due to the fact that the feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated each year in June (7th June 2024). The devotion began when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received revelations from Christ who asked her in 1675 to promote a feast that honoured his Sacred Heart. The feast has been officially celebrated by the universal Church since 1856 in order to focus on the divine love of Christ for humanity.

DIARY DATE!! PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY – Sunday 14th July. Parishioners are invited to bring a packed picnic lunch with them to church on 14th July to enjoy in the parish garden after the 11.00am Mass. Please note the date, and come along to socialise with fellow parishioners.

CALLING YOUNG MUSICIANS! If you play an instrument, especially acoustic guitar, electric guitar or bass, please contact Fr Michael or the parish email with your details - office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk. There are plans to begin a monthly, lively Mass for the West Berks Pastoral Area, commencing in September, and rehearsals will take place beforehand in the summer.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025: Our next Confirmation programme for the West Berks Pastoral area begins in September 2024. Young parishioners, resident and participants in our Parish community, in year 9 or above, are eligible. *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 giving your name, age, and contact details. Further information on the programme provided nearer the time. Email: office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk

LIFTING THE 50% CAP ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: The cap will not be lifted before the General Election. Supporters of the policy, however, are encouraged to petition their Prospective Parliamentary Candidates to give a commitment to faith schools and to complete the consultation on faith school designation reforms. Go to www.consult.education.gov.uk/faith-schools-policy-team and search 'Faith school designation reforms'. The closing date of the consultation is 20th June.

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP: Bookings are now open for this year's camp taking place in Kintbury. The theme this year is 'Transformed' and the week of Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August will be spent delving into how we are transformed through our relationship with God, Creator and Redeemer. Book early to avoid disappointment! For booking forms and more info head to www.fanningtheflame.co.uk.

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP: I invite all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join me for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September** at 2:00pm. If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, be sure to save the date! If you would like to attend, please contact your parish office or email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

Saturday 29th June: Douai Abbey Programme Summer 2024. Workshop: Contemplative Photography - Encountering the divine through image making; led by Roddy Maddocks. Bring digital camera or smartphone if possible. Arrivals and coffee from 10am; day starts at 10.30am; ends at 4pm; cost £25 (with lunch) or £15 with own lunch. Fees payable on the day (concessions available). Book your place (and see details on other Douai events) via this link - <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/pastoral-programme.php>. **N.B.** Bookings close two weeks beforehand – not guaranteed thereafter.

From the Diocesan Vocations Team: "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Have I opened myself to God's will for me? If it might be to serve as a priest, brother or sister, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL: The hall is often 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: Never assume it's too late, but remember you don't have forever.