

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –**

### **YEAR B (FATHERS' DAY)**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY (2)**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Romuald, Abbot, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Alban, Martyr, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs, feast. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 11am for Barbara Rowlands RIP (Philip Rowland's Intention).

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: 10.00am for Monica Griffiths RIP (Denise Dougan's Intention).

#### **Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:**

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:** 9<sup>th</sup> June: plate collection £859.96; Candles £25.84; Poor box £32.14.; hall hire £144. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B:**

The readings are filled with images of growth, and show

God's power to nurture and transform lives, encouraging us to trust and follow Him.

Second collection at Masses today for '**Day for Life**' - this year's theme is "*The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*" which allows us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of national debates on assisted suicide. You can donate at the retiring collection, on the contactless pads, or at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2024>

**11am Mass: First Holy Communion Mass for the remaining 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 hall after Mass.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27 Books of the New Testament – who wrote them, why and for whom?*'. All welcome.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**7.30pm: West Berkshire Evangelisation Strategy Committee Meeting** at St Joseph's.

**7.30pm – 9pm: Living Your Faith Group** meets on reflect on the Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house in Newbury. If you would like to join the group, please call 07917323364. All welcome. Meetings will also be held on 4<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> July, before resuming on 12<sup>th</sup> September after a break for the summer.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: 11.00am:** All this year's **First Holy Communion Mass** candidates will come together at Mass today to mark the end of their programme. **Children's Liturgy** will take place in the hall for those of

primary school age. Also, the **Music Group** will assist in the celebration of Mass.

**4pm: St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage Mass** (All welcome) held at Lyford Grange, near Wantage OX12 0EQ. At the Grange Jesuit priest St Edmund Campion was captured prior to his arrest, trial, and execution with Alexander Briant and Ralph Sherwin at Tyburn on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1581.

**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](mailto: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.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Open Day - Mount Carmel Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB 10.30am-4.15pm.** Come in person, or join online, to hear how the friars are developing a new Mount Carmel Priory for the 21st Century. Mass at 11.00am, talks by the architect and Carmelite provincial; Carmelite authors; enjoy tea and cakes in the big tent. RSVP to [admin@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:admin@carmelite.org.uk) if you would like to attend in person or would like a Zoom link sent to join the event online.

**From Caritas Portsmouth:** On **Tuesday 18th June** from **12:30-1pm** Caritas is holding an online networking lunch to mark Refugee Week where you can hear about one of our parishes' work with refugees, with time to discuss and ask questions. Please register via the Caritas Portsmouth website (<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>). Everyone is welcome. If you are already volunteering on a project that supports refugees and/or asylum seekers, please do join us on-line and share your insight.

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

**WEST BERKS FOOD BANK – URGENT!** With the intention of running the 'Hungry Holidays' scheme for the 9<sup>th</sup> year to help feed struggling families over the school holidays in over 42 local schools, more than 20 tonnes of food will be needed. To achieve this generous support will be needed. Please donate items at church, at Food Bank collection points in supermarkets, or donate on the West Berks Foodbank website. There, and on posters in church, you can identify the most badly needed items. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

**300 Club June Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 – Anne Paice; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 – Graham and Doreen Green; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 – Clara and Ava-Grace Dick. Many congratulations!

**From the Diocesan Vocations Team:** "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed." Has Christ sown the seed of your vocation with you? Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Strength doesn't come from what can be done, but from overcoming those things which were thought couldn't be done.