

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **– YEAR B**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**– Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, solemnity. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Feria of 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church & Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Our Lady on Saturday. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: 08.30am for Antonio Albanese RIP (Valentina Albanese's Intention)**

**11am for Jacqueline Paduano RIP (Michele Paduano's Intention).**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: 10.00am for the Intentions of the Wain Family (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: 16<sup>th</sup> June: plate collection £941.91; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Day for Life) £291.11; Candles £48.14; Poor box £20.00; hall hire £40.00. Thank you for your generosity.**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B:**

**The Scripture readings appointed for the day call for faith in an all-powerful God amid stormy conditions!**

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

**11.00am:** All this year's First Holy Communion Mass candidates will come together at Mass today to mark the end of their programme. Also, the **Music Group** will assist in the celebration of 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.

**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 1st December 1581.

**Wednesday 26<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: N.B. No Adult Formation Group Meeting** this week.

**7.30pm: General Election: Newbury Hustings** at **St Nicholas' Church Hall, Northbrook Street.** A 'hustings' for the 7 parliamentary candidates for Newbury, will take place at St Nicholas' Church. This is the only public hustings in Newbury itself. Come and hear from the candidates before you vote the following week. The event will be chaired by the Revd Gary Collins from St John's Church.

**'The Both Lives Pledge':** Do you want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today to ask them to take the 'Both Lives Pledge'. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women. You can email your candidates today by visiting **[righttolife.org.uk/bothlives](http://righttolife.org.uk/bothlives)** before the General Election on Thursday 4th July.

**Thursday 27<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.

**2.30pm: Film Matinée** in the Parish Hall – a much-loved classic, *'Breakfast at Tiffanys'*. All welcome.

**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.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June: SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL.** There will be a **second collection** for *'Peter's Pence'* at both Masses.

**2pm – 4.30pm: The Repair Café,** at Newbury Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Bring along your broken items for free repair – electronic good, toys, textiles small furniture items etc. Save items from landfill!

**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.

**From CTNA (Churches Together in Newbury Association):** *LET'S END POVERTY* is a movement with the aim of getting people – and especially politicians – talking about tackling (or even eradicating) poverty. There is no magic formula that the movement is suggesting politicians or society need to adopt to end poverty; rather that there needs to be the political will to work towards a society where experiencing poverty is uncommon, where no-one is trapped in poverty, and where immediate help is available to avoid or escape

falling into poverty. That's it! There is no membership fee or other expectation. 'Let's End Poverty' is not affiliated with any political party. It is a movement that means to stand out and to speak up for the end of poverty in the UK. The website of 'Let's End Poverty' is found at <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/>

**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.

**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:** Death haunts us when viewed as a journey into nothingness, rather than a pilgrimage to a place where true happiness is to be found.