

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time or St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July: ST BENEDICT, Founder, Patron of Europe, feast. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 14<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Our Lady on Saturday or St Henry, Emperor, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 08.30am for Tom Clarke RIP (Deidre Surtees' Intention).

11am for Ann Gowing RIP (James Hitchon's Intention).

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July: 10.00am for Josinho Romeu Pereira RIP (Mr & Mrs Pereira'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:** 30<sup>th</sup> June: plate collection £896.77; Candles £36.82; Poor box £8.00; Second Collection for Peter's Pence £311.29. Monthly totals for June: Standing Orders £1412.50; Contactless £1030.30 plus £115 for the Second Collection for Day for Life. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B.** The readings show us how God works through human weakness, and stresses the importance of faith. These themes help us

understand how God empowers us and calls us to trust in Him.

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

**11.00am Mass:** Baptism of Malachi Wilson. Congratulations.

**1pm:** Baptism of Sophie Forey. Congratulations.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> July: 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 Meeting** in the parish hall. Topic – 'The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.'

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group** 10.30am – 12 noon 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. All welcome.

**7.30pm-9pm: Living Your Faith Group** meets to 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.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July: 'SEA SUNDAY':** The annual second collection for Stella Maris at both Masses. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

**11am Mass: Children's Liturgy** will take place in the hall for those of primary school age.

**After 11am Mass: PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY.** Parishioners are invited to bring a packed picnic lunch with them to church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July to enjoy in the parish garden after the 11.00am Mass. Please bring a rug or something to sit on. Everyone is very welcome to come along to socialise with fellow parishioners, hopefully in the sunshine!

**YOUNG PEOPLE! Youth Group BBQ - Friday 19th July:** Calling all young people in Year 4 and above - especially our First Holy Communion children. You are invited to this Youth Group BBQ on Friday 19th July at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common from 6pm to 8pm. Join in the fun! Please contact Ellen on 07821206024.

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat – Saturday 27th July:** 10.00-1.00 “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: going deeper in Praise, Worship and Prayer.” Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024: Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August 2024** in the beautiful surroundings of **Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire**. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith. The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from [www.youth2000.org.events](http://www.youth2000.org.events). Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email [events@youth2000.org](mailto:events@youth2000.org).

**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 is 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.

**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. It is a diverse, growing movement of people who are united behind a vision for a UK where poverty can’t keep anyone down. Whoever you are, whatever your experience, join us. Let’s end poverty - now, together, forever. ‘*Let’s End Poverty*’ is not affiliated with any political party, and only aims to speak up for the end of poverty in the UK. Find more information at <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/>

**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.

**From the Diocesan Vocations Team:** “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, 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.

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me – they’re cramming for their final exam. **George Carlin**