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15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

Sunday 14th July: 15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 15th July: St Swithun, Bishop, memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 16th July: Feria of 15th Week in Ordinary Time or Our Lady of Mount Carmel, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 17th July: St Bonaventure, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial. N.B. Mass at 10.00am will be the End of Term Mass for St Joseph's School.

Thursday 18th July: Feria of 15th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 19th July: Feria of 15th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 20th July: Our Lady on Saturday or St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 14th July: 11am for Mary Connelly RIP (Denise Dougan's Intention).

Tuesday 16th July: 10am for the Intentions of Maria Ciochon & in thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

Wednesday 17th July: 10am for intentions of the Staff and Pupils of St Joseph's School.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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: 7th July: Plate collection £820.48. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 14th July: 15th Sunday of the Year (SEA SUNDAY):

The readings for the 15th Sunday invite us not to keep our faith to ourselves but to share it with others as we hear how the 12 disciples are sent out on mission. '**Sea Sunday**' 2nd collection - Seafarers play a vital role in all our

lives, but they work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The 2nd collection at both Masses supports the work of '*Stella Maris*' – the Apostleship of the Sea – for seafarers, fishers and their families. You can donate in church (gift aid envelopes are available); by visiting 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.

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

11.00am Mass: Children's Liturgy will take place in the hall for those of primary school age.

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.

Following 11am Mass – Parish Garden Party. All welcome!

12.30pm: Baptism of Catarina Tomporoski. Congratulations to Catarina and her family.

Wednesday 17th July: 10.00am Mass attended by St Joseph's School to mark the end of term.

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 in the parish hall – topic tonight – *The Sacrament of Confirmation*.

Thursday 18th 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.

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.

Friday 19th July: Youth Group BBQ: Calling all young people Year 4 and above -

especially our First Holy Communion children. You are invited to this Youth Group BBQ at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common, from 6pm to 8pm. Join in the fun! Please contact Ellen on 07821206024 if you would like to attend.

Sunday 21st July: 11am: Children's Liturgy will take place in the hall for all those of primary school age.

St Francis de Sales' Garden Party – Wash Common: after 11.00am Mass today. Bring a picnic. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024-2025: The parish's preparation programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin in September. The programme is open to children in our parish community who will be in year 4 or above in September 2024. If you would like to register your child on the programme, please email the parish office to request an application form.

300 Club Lottery 2024/2025: Thank you to all participants in the 2023/2024 Lottery for their generous support. The first draw of the 2024/2025 Lottery will take place in September. If you would like to subscribe, please complete an application form (available from the back of church) before returning it, together with a cheque or cash, to the parish office in the presbytery before the end of August.

ADORE spiritual mini-retreat: Saturday 27th July: 10am – 1pm "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. Register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024 More information at www.altonrenewal.com

PAPAL REQUEST: During the month of July, Pope Francis invites us to pray for our brothers and sisters who receive the Anointing of the Sick. The full message can be viewed via the video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rx4MDubVTY

COMMUNICATING FAITH: Last month saw the launch of 'All Kinds of Catholic', a new weekly podcast. A new conversation with a different Catholic guest is released every Wednesday. The dialogue focusses on how each person is living their faith in the world today and all recordings may be accessed at: www.kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com

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:

Confirmation preparation for the West Berks Pastoral area begins in Sept 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.* To enlist, contact the Parish Office giving name, age, and contact details. Further information issued nearer the time. Email: office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP: All married couples in the Diocese celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary are asked 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 celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, be sure to save the date! To attend, please contact your parish office or email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

From the Diocesan Vocations Team: "He began to send them out two by two." Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK – URGENT! To run the 'Hungry Holidays' scheme for the 9th year to help feed struggling families over the school holidays in over 42 local schools, more than 20 tonnes of food is needed. Please support! Donate at church, at Food Bank collection points in supermarkets, or on the West Berks Foodbank website. Most wanted items are highlighted in church. Thank you.

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: Please pray in thanksgiving for Fr Tom Hiney and Fr Ambrose Chou – both ordained priests yesterday for our diocese at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth! *Deo Gratias.*