

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Foundress, Patron of Europe, feast. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of 16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time or St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest, Religious, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July: ST JAMES, Apostle, feast. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July: Our Lady on Saturday or Feria of 16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 11am in Thanksgiving (Eileen Corcoran's Intention).

### **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:** 14<sup>th</sup> July: Plate collection £788.43; 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Apostleship of the Sea) £389.08; Candles £26.10. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** Today's readings explain how God, like a good shepherd, redeems his people and provides for them.

**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.

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

**1pm: Baptism** of Arabella Lucas. Congratulations!

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: 7.30pm:** Parish Finance Committee meeting in the parish hall.

**Wednesday 24<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.

**NB:** No Adult Formation Group – sessions will resume in the autumn.

**Thursday 25<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.

**NB:** Living Your Faith Group – sessions have stopped for the summer but will resume on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, and will be held fortnightly thereafter.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** The Fourth **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated on 28 July and will have "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Ps 71: 9) as its theme.

**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.

**300 Club July Draw:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 – Kathy Shannon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 – Deidre McNair Wilson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 – Chris & Carol Bartlam. Many congratulations!

**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](https://bit.ly/ADOREJUL2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**CARITAS: “To Hope and Act with Creation” Save the date!** On **September 14<sup>th</sup>** Caritas and St Peters and the Winchester Martyrs are hosting a conference for the Season of Creation. John Paul de Quay is coming to speak on “How Faith should motivate us in caring for our Common Home”, there will be updates in preparation for COP 29 and looking at practical actions we can take in our parishes to help reduce the impact of climate change. Everyone is welcome and more details will follow soon, but in the meantime, please hold the date in your diary.

**ECUMENICAL UNITY OF HOPE:** Leaders of the major world religions gathered in Hiroshima recently to reaffirm their commitment to making sure that Artificial Intelligence is developed ethically and responsibly for peace. Further details are available at: [www.romecall.org](http://www.romecall.org)

**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](http://www.kindsofcatholic.buzzsprout.com)

**HISTORICAL REFLECTION:** “Stories that can so easily remain hidden from our history books and sit outside our collective memory are those of the contribution made by our military chaplains...” So writes Bishop Paul Mason, Bishop of the Forces, in his Foreword to the newly published book, ‘*Defend us in Battle*’, by James Hagerty, a study of Catholic military chaplaincy from 1945 to the present, and of the ministry of Catholic priests in the Royal Navy, Army, and RAF. Details and purchasing options at: [www.sacristy.co.uk/book/catholic-military-chaplains](http://www.sacristy.co.uk/book/catholic-military-chaplains)

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024-2025:** The parish’s preparation programme for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin in September 2024. The programme is open to children in our parish community who will be in year 4 or above in

September. If you would like to register your child on the programme, please email the parish office to request an application form.

**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](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Prayer Intentions:** Bishop Philip has made arrangements with the Lourdes Pilgrimage team to take with him prayers for those unable to attend pilgrimage in person. If you would like the Bishop to offer a prayer for your intention at the Grotto in Lourdes this July please email your petition in confidence to: [lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

**From the Diocesan Vocations Team:** “He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Will you respond to the needs of Christ’s sheep 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. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** People can’t drive you crazy if you don’t give them the keys!