

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **- YEAR C**

**N.B.** Fr Michael will be away on leave from 29<sup>th</sup> July, and back for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Fr Peter Codd should only be contacted in the event of an emergency. Leave messages with the Parish Office if necessary.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Year C. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of the 17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass today.**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Feria of the 17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August: St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, optional memorial or St Peter Julian Eymard, Founder, optional memorial or Our Lady on Saturday. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July: 8.30am for Mary Hobbs RIP (Catherine & Philip Hobbs' Intention).

11.00am for the Intentions of Aneta Krzycka.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July: 10.00am for Denis Ignatius Dougan RIP (Denise Dougan's Intention).

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

Angela Jordan, Jonathan Sheridan, Philip Rowlands, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

**Collections:** 20<sup>th</sup> July: Plate collection £723.12; Candles £6.03; Poor Box £21.11; Repository £4.00. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C.**

The main theme today is the power of intercessory prayer, the Our Father as the ideal prayer, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer, with trusting faith and boldness.

**8.30am Mass: Baptism** of Naomi Nair. Congratulations!

**Tea and coffee** will be served in the church after 8.30am and 11.00am Masses. All welcome.

**The Repair Café, 2pm - 4.30pm** at the Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street RG14 1AN. Broken household items repaired for free; coffee, tea and biscuits. Voluntary contributions are welcome.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July: 1.30pm Marriage** of Andreina Pacheco-Pita and Ayham Jouria. Congratulations!

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July:** The church will be open today for quiet prayer between **12.30 - 2pm**. All are welcome to drop in. **NB:** The church will not be open for quiet prayer on Wednesdays during August; Wednesday lunchtime opening will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August: Recitation of the Holy Rosary** will follow directly after 10.00am Mass.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: 12 noon Baptism** of Neveah Coupland North Giles. Congratulations.

### **TWO NEW CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES BEGINNING THIS AUTUMN:**

#### **1) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025-2026:**

The parish's preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin probably in October this year – depending on the completion of the hall refurbishment project. The programme is open to children in our parish community who will be in Year 4 or above in September 2025. If you would like to register your child on the programme, please email the parish office to request an application form.

**2) INVITATION - RCIA:** Perhaps God is also calling you, or someone you know, to become a Roman Catholic. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic Faith with a view to being received into the Church, the **RCIA Programme** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will commence

on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Hall at St Francis de Sales', Wash Common. Speak to Fr Michael, and also email Francis Connolly ([fjcon@btinternet.com](mailto:fjcon@btinternet.com)). The programme is run jointly for the Pastoral Area. Adult Catholics seeking Confirmation may also prepare for this sacrament via the RCIA programme.

**The Pope's Sorrow:** Pope Leo XIV has sent a telegram to the people of the Holy Family Catholic Parish in Gaza after an attack by Israeli troops. He expressed deep sorrow for the loss of life and for the injuries caused by the attack: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52839](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/52839)

**Christian Art:** In a new video, Fr Patrick van der Vorst visits a London gallery where British sculptor Nic Fiddian-Green is exhibiting a body of work entitled '*The Face of Christ*'. The artist, best known for his monumental sculptures, now asks: What did Christ look like? [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdbU6hVZ4UQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdbU6hVZ4UQ)

**A FLAG TO REPRESENT OUR HOME NATIONS:** In the autumn a display will be created in St Joseph's Chapel to illustrate the many home nations from which our parish members originate. Can you please contribute a small flag (maximum size A4) from your home nation to form part of the display? Please hand in to Maureen Smith or Fr Michael.

**300 Club Lottery 2025/2026:** The first draw of the 2025/2026 lottery will take place in September. To buy one or more tickets, please complete an application form (available at church entrances) before returning it, together with a cheque or cash (or ask for details to make an electronic bank transfer), to the parish office before the end of August.

**New Priest Ordained for Portsmouth:** The ordination took place at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, last Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July of **Fr Ryan Browne**. His first appointment is as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral. You can see Fr Ryan's picture on the Vocations Noticeboard in the church. Congratulations, prayers, and best wishes for a long and fruitful ministry. Also, two seminarians, **Emmanuel Chituh** and **Richard Martin** were ordained Deacons yesterday, Saturday 26th July!

**'The Pilgrimage of Hope':** is a national walking pilgrimage for England & Wales with four main Ways converging at Nottingham Cathedral on Saturday 13th September 2025 - an initiative of the *Hearts in Search of God* project. The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. The routes use established hiking routes and off road as much as possible. Pilgrims can register for day stages at [www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day)

**CARE NOT KILLING – APPEAL:** The Assisted Suicide Bill comes to the Lords on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Disappointingly,

MPs voted the Bill through the Commons by 314 to 291 at its Third Reading in June. The priority now is for a seasoned political adviser to operate at Westminster (£20,000) to walk peers through the Bill and alert them to its many pitfalls and dangers. 'Care not Killing' have therefore launched an Appeal help inform supporters of assisted suicide of the troubling consequences of the new legislation, encourage them to change their minds and reject it. Donate at – <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/donate/>

**The Church of England General Synod** has called on the Government to improve funding for "desperately needed" palliative care rather than putting vulnerable people at risk through "unworkable and unsafe" legislation to introduce assisted suicide. Synod backed a call by the Bishop of London (former Chief Nursing Officer for England) for the Government to do this to enable people to live their lives in full until they die. She told the Synod the Bill would make it more difficult for people to access the end-of-life care they need.

**Formation at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke:** A Formation morning for **Ministers of Children's Liturgy** will take place on **Saturday 6th September**. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice; working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers. A Formation morning for **Readers** will take place on **Saturday 18th October** and all readers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. The day will include a session on Lectio Divina. Please register for either day via [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage in October Half Term:** 25th Oct to 1st Nov - £799 to include flights, transfers, 7 nights half board - breakfast and a 3-course meal, a fully guided itinerary, staying at a visionary's Pensione. Please email [susan.smith313@ntlworld.com](mailto:susan.smith313@ntlworld.com) or [info@discovermedj.com](mailto:info@discovermedj.com) and state it is Sue Smith's group. WhatsApp number is **07418610725**. Please let Sue Smith know by 27<sup>th</sup> July if you are interested.

**REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL:** Please allow priority for parking for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. **N.B.** If parking in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you may be subject to parking fines (please check parking signage carefully).

**Contactless Donations:** Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate your chosen amount 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:** Merely looking at something is very different from seeing it.