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17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

Sunday 28th July: 17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 29th July: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 30th July: Feria of 17th Week in Ordinary Time or St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 1st August: St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 2nd August: Feria of 17th Week in Ordinary Time or St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, optional memorial or St Peter Julian Eymard, Founder, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 3rd August: Our Lady on Saturday or Feria of 17th Week in Ordinary Time. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 28th July: 8.30am for Mary Hobbs RIP (Catherine Hobbs' Intention).

11am for the Intentions of Aneta Krzycka (Maria Ciochon's Intention).

Tuesday 30th July: 10.00am for John Byrne RIP.

Wednesday 31st July: 10am for Denis Ignatius Dougan RIP (Denise Dougan's Intention).

Thursday 1st August: 10.00am for Lucinda Teixeira RIP (Alexandra Teixeira's Int).

Friday 2nd August: 10.00am for Jeanne Bunn RIP & Beatrice O'Sullivan RIP (Marie O'Sullivan's Int).

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: 21st July: Plate collection £707.94; Candles £45.15. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 28th July: 17th Sunday of the Year: Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. They focus on hunger and food and how we can satisfy the deeper hunger of our life. The Fourth **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** is celebrated today and has "*Do not cast me off in my old age*" (Ps 71: 9) as its theme.

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

1pm: Baptism of Thomas Ubah. Congratulations!

Tuesday 30th July: 1pm **Marriage of Gisel Fitipaldi-Moreno and Daniel Frische** at St Joseph's Church. Congratulations to you both!

Wednesday 31st 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.

Thursday 1st August: **N.B. There will be NO Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group** 10.30am – 12 noon at Newbury Grove Care Home this week – resumes as usual next Thursday 8th August.

Friday 2nd August: The recital of **The Holy Rosary** will follow after the 10.00am Mass today.

A THANK YOU FROM STELLA MARIS: Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday on 14th July. St Joseph's raised **£419.08**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Diocesan Free Wills Service: The Diocese has partnered with leading solicitors, Octopus Legacy, and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to easily write or update a basic simple or

mirror Will for free. If wishing to write your Will in person, online, or over the phone, you will be supported through the process. There is no obligation to leave the Diocese a legacy in your Will, but a gift of this kind always supports the Church. To arrange over the phone, or to arrange a meeting – call **0800 773 4014**. To prepare your will online, go to -

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/make-your-free-will/>

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. If you would prefer to pay by electronic bank transfer, please contact the parish office.

CARITAS: “To Hope and Act with Creation”: On **September 14th** Caritas and St Peters, Winchester, are hosting a conference for the Season of Creation. John Paul de Quay will 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. All welcome - more details to follow, but in the meantime, but please note the date.

NEW FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (24th September): The Vatican has approved a request that the yearly Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham now be upgraded and celebrated as a Feast in the dioceses of England, starting on 24th September. “Given the historic importance of this shrine for the Church in England and Wales, dating back over one thousand years, and given the growing devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham to which you attest, the Dicastery has decided that the request is granted.” May this yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelisation in our land.

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**

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.* Please enlist before the end of August by contacting 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 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: “I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.” Are you being called to help feed the people of God 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.

LOST PROPERTY: A folding camping chair was left in the church garden after the parish picnic. Please contact the parish office if you are its owner.

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: “*The twentieth century saw more Christian martyrs than the previous nineteen centuries combined. More than half the world’s six billion inhabitants live in countries where being a Christian could cost you your life*” **Lord Alton**, Preface to ‘Religious Freedom Today: The Catholic View’, 2015.