

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August: Feria of 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**or St Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress, optional**  
**memorial. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Feria of the 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time or St Pontian, Pope, & St Hippolytus, Priest,**  
**Martyrs, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe,**  
**Religious, Priest, & Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity & Holy Day of**  
**Obligation. Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm.**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Feria of 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**or St Stephen, King of Hungary, optional memorial. Mass**  
**at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Our Lady on Saturday or Feria of**  
**the 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Exposition**  
**of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow**  
**10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August: 11am for the Intentions of the Philp  
Family (Antoinette Philp's Intention).

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August: 10am for Colleen Morel RIP  
(Marcia Morel's Intention).

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August: 10am in thanksgiving for Night  
Adoration.

### **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:** 4<sup>th</sup> August: Plate collection £846.29; Candles  
£44.18; Poor box £85.00. Thank you for your generosity.  
Monthly totals for July: Contactless donations £1603;  
Standing Orders £2265.50; 'Peter's Pence' contactless  
£155; 'Stella Maris' contactless £150. Thank you.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** We live in  
a world where all people hunger more for spiritual  
sustenance than for physical food. In response to the  
spiritual hunger in his own day, Jesus proclaims Himself  
to be "*the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven*"  
and feeds them with His words.

There will be an appeal at both Masses on behalf of the  
charity '**Lepra**'. Lepra works to provide better detection,  
treatment and support mechanisms for those affected by  
the disease leprosy. To watch a short film about the work  
of Lepra, please go to:  
**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJudR1qPIQI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJudR1qPIQI)**

**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.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August: 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 15<sup>th</sup> August: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity & Holy Day of**  
**Obligation. Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm.**

**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 St Joseph's Hall. All welcome.  
The joyous musical, '**Hello Dolly!**'

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Altar Server Training: 11.30am**  
**– 12.30pm** in church. Refresher session for those  
children who have previously attended training and an  
introductory session for all others who would like to  
undertake this important role. Open to all who have  
already made their First Holy Communion. Please let Fr  
Michael know that your child will be attending by  
emailing the parish office. Children attending should be  
accompanied by a parent or carer.

**Report on St Joseph's Parish Finances and the Parish Hall Refurbishment Project:** If you would like to receive a written version of the address Fr Michael gave at both Masses on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, please contact the parish office.

**COMPASSIONATE RELIEF:** Two months after the signing of the cooperation agreement between the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Order of Malta, a second aid delivery has reached the people in northern Gaza. It contained vital relief supplies for distribution to those in need. One relief kit is able to feed a family of five for one month and donations may be made via: [www.malteser-international.org/en/](http://www.malteser-international.org/en/)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** Applications are being invited for the position of Director of Fundraising at the St Vincent de Paul Society. Full details are available via: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50307](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50307)

**CELEBRATING FAITH:** A Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will visit the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as part of the 38th New Dawn Catholic Pilgrimage this week: [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk)

**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 is in September. 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.

**Ask your MP to protect life in the new Parliament.** We are likely to face threatening new legislation in the new Parliament that would facilitate abortion of babies at home for any reason up to birth, and legalise assisted suicide. Ask your local MP to protect the most vulnerable. Take action: Email your MP today by visiting <https://righttolife.org.uk/newparliament>

**CARITAS: "To Hope and Act with Creation"** On **September 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 including suggestions how to reduce the impact of climate change. All welcome - details to follow, but please note the date.

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

**Retrouvaille:** A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (French for 'find each other again') is a Catholic programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

**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](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.

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 one who laughs last obviously didn't get the joke!