

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Feria of 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**or St John Eudes, Founder, optional memorial. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August: St Pius X, Pope, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: The Queenship of Mary, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Feria of 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**or St Rose of Lima, Religious, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August: ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle, feast.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 8.30am for Kathleen Dick RIP (Paul Dick's Intention).

11am for Giulia Columbro RIP (Valentina Albanese's Intention).

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August: 10.00am for Nancy Browne RIP (Anne Dowling's Intention).

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

Geoff and Kathleen Wain, 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:** 11<sup>th</sup> August: Plate collection £702.39; Candles £19.20; Poor box £26.01; Leprosy Appeal £546.83. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** The readings stress that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfilment of the symbol of the manna of the Old Testament, is the Food that gives us life forever. Jesus asserts that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life.

**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.

**2pm-4pm: The Repair Café** at Newbury Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Bring along your broken items for free repair – electronic goods, toys, textiles, small furniture items, general repairs, mobile phone & IT advice etc. Save items from land fill! Voluntary contributions welcome.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</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 22<sup>nd</sup> August: 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.

**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.

**Scam Email Alert:** Please be aware that further scam emails have been sent to some parishioners purportedly from Fr Michael asking for assistance with purchasing vouchers as tokens of appreciation for hard-working parishioners. If you receive such an email, delete it and please do not reply to it!

**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 28<sup>th</sup> July, please contact the parish office.

**CONFLICT CASUALTY:** An ancient Christian monastery in Gaza has been recognised as a World Heritage in Danger site. Founded around 340AD by St Hilarion, more information is at: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50382](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/50382)

**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)

**300 Club Lottery – August Draw:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 – Adrian Scrope; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 – Kay Binns; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 – Philip Rowlands. Congratulations! **2024/2025 Lottery:** Thanks 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) and return it, together with a cheque or cash, to the parish office in the presbytery before the end of August. 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>

**CNTA (Churches Together in Newbury Association) Prayer Week:** You are invited to participate in the Newbury week of prayer 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September. Daily events planned, open to everyone, to join, watch or listen. The formats and venues are varied, with different topics and focuses for each meeting, but the churches are all united in wanting to seek God together and bless the local area. On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** the **Midday Prayer for the Environment** will take place at St Joseph's Church between **12.30 – 2.30pm**.

**CARITAS: "To Hope and Act with Creation"** As part of the Season of Creation, Caritas is holding an environmental conference at St Peter's and Winchester Martyrs, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RY on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. John Paul de Quay from the Ecological Conversion Group will speak on '*Fellowship of believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home.*' There will also be updates from COP28, preparation for COP29 and practical actions for parishes. All welcome. The conference **10am-1pm**; Mass at 9am; coffee available from 9:45am. Bring lunch if you would like to stay and chat. For more information visit [www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk).

**Invocation at Adoremus: St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10am-5.30pm:** 'Adoremus' is the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>. However, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September the Bishops' Conference is hosting a national discernment event called 'Invocation at Adoremus'. This is an opportunity for any discerners to meet with the seminarians and others from across the country. There will be workshops, keynote speakers, Adoration, opportunities to discern vocation. Please get in touch if you would like to be a delegate to attend this event. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024-2025:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin with a **Briefing Meeting for Parents at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** in St Joseph's Hall. Programme open to children in year 4 or above in September. To register your child, email the parish office to request an application form.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025:** Confirmation preparation begins with a **Briefing Meeting for Parents and Candidates at 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** in St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash Common. Young parishioners in year 9 or above, are eligible. Please enlist by the end of August, contacting the Parish Office with name, age, and contact details. Email: [office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk)

**AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP:** Married couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> (or longer) Wedding Anniversaries are invited to a Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at 2:00pm. If celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, register to attend! To register, contact your parish office, or email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for an application form.

**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:** Perfection is not attainable in this life, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.