

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## **23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Feria of 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time, or, St Peter Claver, Religious, optional memorial.**  
**No Mass.**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Feria of 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Feria of 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in**  
**Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Feria of 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time, or, The Most Holy Name of Mary, optional**  
**memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September: St John Chrysostom, Bishop &**  
**Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: THE EXALTATION OF THE**  
**HOLY CROSS, feast. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 11am for Michael Early RIP.**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00am for Private Intention.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00am for Doris Baulk RIP (Liz**  
**Rees' Intention).**

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

**Geoff and Kathleen Wain, Bernadette Shaughnessy,**  
**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: 1<sup>st</sup> September: Plate collection £763.70;**  
**Candles £10.30. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year:**  
**(Education Sunday) Please pray for the Catholic**  
**Education Service. There is the option today to**  
**contribute to new Bibles for St Joseph's School – see**  
**baskets at church entrances. Today's readings from**  
**Isaiah, James, and Mark give us two challenges: 1) Ask**  
**God's help to open our spiritually blind eyes, deaf ears,**

**and free our mute tongue. 2) Share in Jesus' healing**  
**ministry by lending to him our eyes, ears, tongues, and**  
**hearts.**

**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.

**8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September: CTNA (Churches Together in**  
**Newbury Area) PRAYER WEEK.** A programme of daily  
prayer events hosted by different churches throughout  
the week to which all are welcome is at the back of the  
church to view – includes **12.30pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**September** here at St Joseph's, '*Prayers for the*  
*Environment.*'

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September: 7.00pm:** To commence the  
**2024-25 First Holy Communion Programme** there will be  
a **Briefing Meeting for Parents** in St Joseph's Hall. If you  
would like to child to be registered for the programme,  
please email the parish office to request an application  
form by COP Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The programme is  
open to children in Yr 4 or above.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: 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 12<sup>th</sup> September: Grand/Mothers' Prayer**  
**Group 10.30am – 12 noon** at Newbury Grove Care Home,  
370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Ladies, are you sometimes  
free on Thursday mornings? The **Mothers' and**  
**Grandmothers' Prayers Group** would love to see  
you. Meet at 10.30 am at Newbury Grove Care Home to  
pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren and  
for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided and  
good chats afterwards. Contact Elizabeth after 11 am  
Mass or call 07880663462. Better still, just come along  
to 370 London Road - just past The Swan Pub.

**7.30pm: Meeting of the West Berks Evangelisation**  
**Strategy Committee - St Francis de Sales' Church Hall,**  
**Wash Common.**

**7.30pm 'Living Your Faith Group'** meets on alternate  
Thursdays to reflect on the

Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house - 7 Rupert Rd Newbury RG14 7EQ. All are welcome to come along.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September: 12.30pm 'Prayers for the Environment'** at St Joseph's as part of **CTNA (Churches Together in Newbury Area) Prayer Week** – a programme of daily prayer events hosted by different churches. All welcome.

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September: 'Home Mission Sunday'**. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will be taken at Masses this Sunday. On-line giving <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection-1>

**Invocation at Adoremus: St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham) 15<sup>th</sup> September 10am-5.30pm:** Following the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 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)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025:** Confirmation preparation begins with a **Briefing Meeting for Parents and Candidates** at 7.30pm on in St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash Common.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Concert – **'The Road to Mozart'**, 3pm St John's Church, Newbury. Free Entry - retiring collection for Christian Aid. Features Mozart's Horn Concerto No 3, recorder and piano works by Handel, Telemann and Haydn.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 7pm PARISH SUPPER & FILM NIGHT** in St Joseph's Hall. Limited places. Film and Chilli Con Carne supper £15 per head. Film, *'The Duke'*. Contact Marion to book. Email [shawmpj@gmail.com](mailto:shawmpj@gmail.com)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: A Diocesan Formation Day for Readers** run by Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in

Basingstoke from 10.30am – 2pm. To register, please email: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Volunteer for COINS (Christian Outreach for Newbury Schools):** A lunchtime club (30 minutes) for up to 15 pupils in Years 3-6 runs at St Joseph's School on Wednesdays from 12:00-12:30 and will look at the story of Noah to learn about the characters, and reflect on their relationship with Jesus. Dates: Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct with an assembly on either Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Oct or Thur 17<sup>th</sup> at 09:00. A volunteer is needed to support Kate who leads the sessions. Could you help? You would need to be available for the full 5 weeks plus assembly; transport can be offered; have an up-to-date DBS certificate (this can be through another organisation if you already have one, or can be arranged through COINS). **Call Kate on 07967 717650** for more detail.

**Douai Abbey Employment:** The Abbey is seeking a **Guest House Administrative Assistant** to work three mornings a week at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, near Reading, RG7 5TQ. Applications close midnight, Sunday 15th September 2024. Further details from the Bursar on 0118 971 5319 or email [bursar@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:bursar@douaiabbey.org.uk)

**300 Club Lottery – 2024/2025 Lottery:** Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the coming year's lottery. Members' tickets will be ready for collection after both Masses next week or will be posted out.

**West Berks Foodbank** has sent its thanks to the parish for its support for the Hungry Holidays Initiative. 'We are incredibly grateful for your continued support of West Berks Foodbank. Ongoing support from churches like yours is vital in helping us in the fight against hunger and poverty locally. With your help, we can build up our stocks, which will be essential to help all those in difficulties.' For details of the Foodbank's **Harvest Appeal**, see posters and shopping lists by the church doors.

**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:** "Charity is the form, mover, mother, and root of all the virtues." – St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274)