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24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

Sunday 15th September: 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 16th September: Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs, memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 17th September: Feria of 24th Week in Ordinary
Time, or, St Hildegard of Bingen, Religious & Doctor of
the Church, or, St Robert Bellarmine, Religious, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church, optional memorials. Mass at
10.00am.

Wednesday 18th September: Feria of 24th Week in
Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 19th September: Feria of 24th Week in Ordinary
Time, or, St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr, or, St Theodore
of Canterbury, Bishop, optional memorials. Mass at
10.00am.

Friday 20th September: St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St
Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs, memorial.
Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 21st September: ST MATTHEW, Apostle &
Evangelist, feast. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 15th September: 08.30am for Ella Herbert RIP
(Carol Irlam's Intention)

11am for Irene Garnell RIP (Family Intention).

Tuesday 17th September: In Thanksgiving for Night
Adoration.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Des Dougan, 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: 8th September: Plate collection £742.73;
Candles £37.14; Poor Box £24.05. Thank you for your
generosity.

Sunday 15th September: 24th Sunday of the Year: (Home
Mission Sunday/'Evangelii Gaudium Sunday') Pope
Francis renamed this Sunday after his Apostolic
Exhortation, in which he said, "*We cannot forget that*
evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the
Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have
always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking
God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have
the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding
anyone." **A 2nd Collection** will be taken at Masses this
Sunday supporting the Directorate for Mission. Through
this directorate, the vision of the Holy Father is promoted
to further the goals of proclamation, evangelisation,
dialogue and catechesis. On-line giving at
[https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday-second-collection-1)
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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.

Monday 16th September: 7.30pm SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025: Confirmation preparation
begins with a **Briefing Meeting for Candidates and their**
Parents at 7.30pm in St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash
Common. Please, all candidates ensure you can be there!

Wednesday 18th 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 19th 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.

2.30pm: Film Matinée - St Joseph's Church Hall. Classic musical comedy, *'The Harvey Girls'*, with Judy Garland and Angela Lansbury. All welcome.

Saturday 21st September: 10.00am-12 noon CHILDREN'S LEARNING SESSION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME. St Joseph's Hall. The first module of the new programme for all children who have enrolled, followed by their participation at 11.00am Mass tomorrow.

12 noon: Baptism of Evelyn Berger. Congratulations!

Sunday 22nd 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.

Thursday 26th September: COINS (Christian Outreach for Newbury Schools) **Coffee Morning 10-12 am**, St Nicolas' Church Hall, Northbrook St, Newbury. Donations of cakes and tombola prizes would be very much appreciated, or if you are able to help on the day, please contact hello@coinsnewbury.org. Or just simply come along to enjoy a friendly gathering, a welcoming cuppa and a tasty treat whilst raising funds to *take Jesus into school*. Come and see our latest resources and current activities.

Friday 18th 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

Saturday 19th 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

N.B. There will also be a local **Parish Readers Training Course: Saturday 9th November 2024** at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. Starting with Mass at 10am and finishing at 2pm after a bring-your-own lunch in the Parish Hall. The course will be led by Claire Tickell and will focus on the practical aspects of reading at Mass. Please email Toby Tyler at rts.tyler@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. **All our readers are asked to attend one or other of these training opportunities to enhance their crucially important ministry.**

PAPAL COMMUNICATION: One of the many questions that Pope Francis poses in the month of September, as he asks us to pray for the cry of the Earth, is: *"Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes?"* The full message at: www.thepopevideo.org/september-for-the-cry-of-the-earth/

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 18th Sept, Wed 25th Sept, Wed 2nd Oct, Wed 9th Oct with an assembly on either Thurs 10th Oct or Thurs 17th 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.

300 Club Lottery – 2024/2025 Lottery: Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the coming year's lottery. Members' tickets are ready for collection after both Masses today (or will be posted out shortly), and the winners of the September draw will be announced next week.

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

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: Today is **'BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY'** and marks the 84th anniversary of the remarkable victory by Royal Air Force pilots and aircrew during the Battle of Britain in September 1940. This was the first decisive battle in history fought entirely in the air, and was a dramatic turning point in the Second World War. ***'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few'***. (Sir Winston Churchill)