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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial.**  
**No Mass.**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: St JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Religious, feast. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or St Paulinus of York, Bishop, or St Denis, bishop, & Companions, Martyrs, or St John Leonardi, Founder, optional memorials. NO 10.00am MASS. Requiem Mass at 11am.**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or, St John XXIII, Pope, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady on Saturday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 8.30am for the Intentions of Mariusz Ciochon.

11.00am for Tony & Mary Kirk RIP (Haines Family Intention).

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am for Anna Bell RIP (Maureen & Jeremy Smith's Intention)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11.00am for Bernadette Shaughnessy RIP (Requiem)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: for a Private Intention

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

Danielle Simpson, 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:** 29<sup>th</sup> September: Plate collection £848.72; Candles £27.40; Poor Box £31.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** The readings reflect on the bond of love that marriage creates between man and woman, a bond that God intends to be permanent. They challenge us all to faithfulness in our relationships, and for spouses to keep faith in God, and honour their commitment before Him.

**Mass Count:** Today is the third of four Sundays when we make a count of those at Masses. The figures are submitted to ultimately inform statistics about Mass attendance around the world at present.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> October: 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.

**7.30pm: Adult Formation Talk** in St Joseph's Hall – topic tonight *The Sacrament of the Sick*.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October: N.B. NO 10.00am Mass today – Requiem Mass at 11.00am for Bernadette Shaughnessy RIP.**

**10.30am – 12 noon Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group** at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Ladies free on Thursday morning are invited to attend the **Mothers' and Grandmothers' Prayers Group**, 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 chat 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 – 9.00pm: 'Living Your Faith Group'** meets to reflect on the Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house – 7 Rupert Rd, Newbury RG14 7EQ. All are welcome to come along.

**7.30pm - 9.45pm: Renewal Evening on Zoom**, 7.30pm-9.45pm. Guest speaker is Ros Powell who will speak on preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 - a Holy Year of Hope. An evening of praise, prayer and blessing. To participate please go to -

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ztZwdeCvrzlqHNa0-OWyO55qSVS\\_gRpHnX-y#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ztZwdeCvrzlqHNa0-OWyO55qSVS_gRpHnX-y#/registration)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: 1pm: Wedding** of Paige Kennard and Giuseppe Scanella. Congratulations!

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am – 12 noon CHILDREN'S LEARNING SESSION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** in St Joseph's Hall. The second module of the programme for all children who have enrolled, followed by their participation at 11.00am Mass tomorrow.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: 11am:** Our children preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will take part in Mass today.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 6pm-8pm Youth Group** St Francis de Sales' Hall, Wash Common. Children who made their First Holy Communion this summer, and their parents, are invited to meet the Youth Group and enjoy fun, food, and fireworks. Parents, especially, are invited tonight to meet other parents and youth leaders over a cup of tea/coffee and cakes. Enjoy the community spirit that the Youth Group is striving to build in our children and Youth. If your child has a specific dietary requirement /allergy please let Ann know in your response.

**RSVP:** by Wednesday 16th October to Ann Haynes Email: [Annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk) Mobile: 07791258363.

**Parish Supper and Film Night: All of the tickets for this event have been sold!** Doors open at 6.30pm. Supper will be served at 7pm, followed by the film *'The Duke'* with interval choc ices. Please bring your own drinks.

**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)

**N.B.** There will also be a local Parish Readers Training Course: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Led by Claire Tickell. Please email Toby Tyler at [rts.tyler@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: 11.00am Mass** Our young people preparing for Confirmation and their families will join us for the celebration of Mass today.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October: ADoRE spiritual Mini-Retreat** 10.00-1.00pm *"Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit,"* Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Joe Livingston. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

**The Synod – Rome October 2024:** As bishops and laity gather for the second session, Pope Francis has said that he envisions the Synod as "a journey in accordance with the Spirit, not a parliament for demanding rights and claiming needs in accordance with the agenda of the world, nor an occasion for following wherever the wind is blowing, but the opportunity to be docile to the breath of the Holy Spirit."

**Month of October and the Holy Rosary:** In this month of the Holy Rosary, we are encouraged to pray this wonderful prayer. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in church, as a family at home, as a religious community, as a pious fraternity, or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose.

**Opposing Assisted Suicide:** Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, is encouraging Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action as Parliament pushes towards an assisted suicide bill in the Commons this month. Legal, state-sanctioned assisted suicide would be the most profound ethical change in our legislation for decades. MPs must hear from constituents who can graciously articulate the key arguments against it. If assisted suicide is legalised, it will fundamentally alter the ethical fabric of our society and change the doctor/patient relationship, as well as pressurising the vulnerable to end their lives for fear of being a burden. Go to the following site to email your MP - <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide>

**From the Diocesan Vocations Team:** "We see Jesus crowned with glory and honour." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**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:** Knowledge is like underwear; it's useful to have but not necessary to show it off.