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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - YEAR C

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Sunday 12th October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 13th October: Feria of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time or **St Edward the Confessor**, *optional memorial*. **No Mass today.**

Tuesday 14th October: Feria of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time or **St Callistus I**, pope & martyr, *optional memorial*. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Wednesday 15th October: St Teresa of Avila, foundress & Doctor of the Church, *memorial*, **Mass at 10.00am.**

Thursday 16th October: Feria of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time, or, **St Hedwig**, religious, or, **St Margaret Mary Alacoque**, religious, *optional memorials*. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Friday 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & martyr, *memorial*. **Mass at 10.00am.**

Saturday 18th October: ST LUKE, Evangelist, *feast*. **Mass at 10.00am** followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.**

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 12th October: 11am for Catherine Gowing RIP (Hitchon Family Intention).

Thursday 16th October: 10.00am in Thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Fr Pat Faughnan, Fr Jeremy Corley, Philip Rowlands, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, Angela Jordan, Eric and Beryl Thompson, Lesley Smith, Larry Bretz, Yvonne Bradley, Pat and Ron Bird, Theresa Cassidy, Joshua David, Marie O'Sullivan, Liliana Ramalingam, Terry Hamill, Rita Zollo. Additions - please inform Fr Michael.

Collections: 5th October: Plate collection £767.00; Candles £38.01; Poor Box £2.00; Repository £2.00, 2nd Collection for CAFOD £512.05. Totals for September: Standing Orders £2,277.50; Contactless £1,888.00 plus £171.00 for Home Missions (contactless). Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 12th October: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C.

Today's readings focus on the gratitude God expects from us. Today's Gospel story of *The Forgetful Lepers* presents a God Who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and who feels pain at our ingratitude.

11.00am Mass: We welcome for the first time our new First Holy Communion children for 2025-26.

N.B. This Sunday is the fourth and final Sunday when, annually, we are obliged to take a '**Mass Count**' of attendees as required by the diocese to feed into national statistics which are then submitted to the Vatican.

Wednesday 15th October: 12.30pm – 2pm: The church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

7pm – 8.30pm: Choir Rehearsal in church. Newcomers are welcome to come along and see – without commitment – if they would like to join. All welcome!

Thursday 16th October: 10.30am Grand/Mothers' Prayers every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Rd, Newbury RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. New attendees always welcome. For more information speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

Also, **10.00am-12 noon, Coffee Morning**, with cake stall, tombola etc. in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Northbrook Street, in aid of the *Newbury Street Pastors*. Please drop in and support the work of this great Newbury charity, for which Fr Michael is a trustee!

Saturday 18th October: 12 noon Baptism of Sofia Spinelli. Congratulations.

Sunday 19th October: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. On 19th October, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support *Missio* – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the *Missio* envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift

Aid your donation if possible. On-line link at: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-mission-sunday-1>

Free On-line Course: Understanding the Bible from Start to Finish. Learn about the Old and New Testaments, free of charge, world-renowned course presented online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. The course started on Wed 1st October at 7pm UK time (x 8 Wednesday evening sessions), but it is still not too late to join. Information & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Did you know? Blessed Chiara Badano (1971-1990), known as the young saint of faith and joy, was an Italian girl known for her deep courage in suffering. Despite being diagnosed with cancer at the age of 17, she remained full of joy and trust in God until her death at 18. From a young age, Chiara exhibited a deep spiritual life that would go on to inspire countless others, especially young people who are facing their own struggles and challenges. In 2010, she was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI. Her feast day is celebrated on 29th October. Learn more of her life on-line...

Assisted Suicide – Statement from Archbishop Sherrington of Liverpool: “We reiterate our firm opposition to the bill in principle and in practice. Despite being described by proponents as the safest of its kind, the bill remains unworkable. The Bill threatens the future of care homes and hospices that would not otherwise provide assisted suicide, as doing so would violate their core mission and ethical principles. It puts the safety of our healthcare institutions, professionals, and patients at risk. The bill undermines the duty of care of healthcare professionals by permitting them to help patients to end their lives, fundamentally changing the relationship between the medical profession and the patient. Furthermore, the CMS (Catholic Medical Association) states that the bill’s conscience clause is not adequate.” **Right To Life UK** has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. ***Please take action now*** and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

Saturday 18th October: Formation Day for Readers: The Liturgy Project team invites you to a formation day for Readers at St Bede’s, Basingstoke on Saturday 18th October. All readers, experienced and new, are welcome to attend. This day will include a session on Lectio Divina. Register attendance at liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Also, 18th October: 7.30pm CANTEMUS CHOIR CONCERT at **St Joseph’s Church**. The programme includes ‘*Five Days that Changed the World*’ by Bob Chilcot, John Rutter’s ‘*Requiem*’, and lighter pieces including ‘*Blue*

Moon’, ‘*In the Mood*’, and ‘*Scarborough Fair/Sound of Silence*’. Tickets £10 on the door. Interval Refreshments. Proceeds to St Joseph’s Church.

Saturday 25th October: Douai Abbey Autumn Pastoral Programme: *Ecumenical Council of Nicaea AD 325* - A Day of information & discussion. The Council of Nicaea took place in Asia Minor in the year 325AD, the first time that the whole Church was summoned in consultation. It produced the creed which has become the distinctive expression of the Church’s faith in Jesus Christ. Led by Br Simon Hill OSB, a monk of Douai Abbey. **10.30am to 4pm**, with arrivals and coffee from 10am. Please bring own lunch. For bookings and further enquiries, email pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk or visit the Abbey website. A contribution of £20 is payable on the day. Coffee and tea are provided.

Saturday 29th November: 7.30 pm at St Nicholas Church, Newbury. ADVENT CONCERT – BACH’S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO performed by Newbury Choral Society, Endelienta Baroque Orchestra and professional soloists, conducted by Joe Tobin. Tickets from £18 - £5 available at www.newburychoral.org.uk

BAMENDA AUTUMN UPDATE: Please go to <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Bamenda-quarterly-update-Sept-2025.pdf> for the Autumn Update on Parishioner-Funded projects in Bamenda.

CSSA PUBLIC CALL FOR INFORMATION: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church to contribute their experiences of how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors. Please go to portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/cssa-public-call-for-information to complete a survey. The survey is anonymous unless you choose to provide your name or a contact number.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: Please allow priority for parking for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. N.B. If parking in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you may be subject to parking fines (please check parking signage carefully).

Contactless Donations: Please use your debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate your chosen amount on our digital collection pads for Sunday collections. 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 problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem.