

# St Joseph's Catholic Church

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

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**  
**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time or St Callistus I, Pope, optional memorial. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: St Teresa of Avila, Foundress,**  
**Doctor of the Church, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 28<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary**  
**Time or St Hedwig, Religious or St Margaret Mary**  
**Alacoque, Religious, optional memorials. Mass at**  
**10.00am.**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop,**  
**Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: ST LUKE, Evangelist, feast. Mass at**  
**10.00am.**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Our Lady on Saturday or Ss John**  
**de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Religious,**  
**Martyrs, or St Paul of the Cross, Founder, optional**  
**memorials. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and**  
**Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: 11am for Catherine Gowing RIP**  
**(James Hitchon's Intention).**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am for Aubrey Howie RIP**  
**(Evelyn Howie's Intention)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am in Thanksgiving for**  
**Night Adoration.**

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

**Danielle Simpson, Angela Saguez, 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:** 6<sup>th</sup> October: Plate collection £733.00;  
Candles £32.10; Poor Box £37.00. Thank you for your  
generosity.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Prisoners'**  
**Sunday):** We must prioritise risks for God in our lives, and

not rely on possessions. The readings teach that we do not possess anything material in life that endures eternally. 'Things' can possess us when we give them top priority in our lives. We become the prisoners of our possessions.

We remember prisoners and their families today. Prisons are in crisis, and 'Pact', the national Catholic prison charity offers hope to turn lives around. Details to donate are on the 'Pact' poster in church.

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

**Mass Count:** Today is the last of four Sundays when we make a count of those at Masses.

**Tea and coffee** served in the hall after both Masses. All welcome. To join the rota for tea/coffee preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the hall or let Fr Michael know.

**Wednesday 16<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.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am-12 noon Coffee**  
**Morning** in support of the Newbury Street Pastors in St Nicolas' Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Includes cakes, tombola, stalls. Drop in while you are shopping.

**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' Prayer Group**, 10.30 am at Newbury Grove Care Home to pray for our children and grandchildren and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided, chat follows. Contact Elizabeth after 11 am Mass or call 07880663462. Better still, just come along to 370 London Road - just past The Swan Pub.

**N.B. No Adult Formation Group Talk** this week due to commitments. Resumes next week.

**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 any specific dietary requirement/allergy please let Ann know in your response. **RSVP:** by Wednesday 16th Oct to Ann Haynes Email: [Annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Annhaynes07@hotmail.co.uk) Mobile: 07791258363.

**Parish Supper and Film Night: Sold Out!** 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** Our young people preparing for Confirmation and their families will join us for the celebration of Mass today. Children's Liturgy for primary age children will also take place during this Mass today.

20<sup>th</sup> Oct is **'World Missions Sunday'** (second collection) when the Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October: 7.30pm – 9pm Confirmation Preparation Session** for all candidates in St Francis de Sales' Parish Hall, Wash Common. Please remember to bring your Bible with you.

**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)

**Children Praying for Peace.** *Aid to the Church in Need* is hoping to exceed last year's milestone of more than a million children joining a campaign to pray the Rosary for peace in the world's conflict zones. The "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" initiative is held for the nineteenth year on **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Last year the target of a million children praying the Rosary for peace

was reached for the first time - and the charity hopes to exceed this in 2024. Full details of the event are at: [www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/](http://www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/)

**Opposing Assisted Suicide:** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a Bill into parliament this month to legally permit doctors to end the life of those with a terminal illness potentially creating a new UK business sector of euthanasia provision. Doctors and nurses should not be turned into providers of lethal injections or other deliberate forms of what will be euthanasia. It would break their professional integrity and upend patient trust. Catholics must unite in prayer and action this month to fight the most profound ethical change in our legislation for decades. Please contact your MPs to prevent 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>

**New Lectionary: 5<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> November 7–8pm online.** Two on-line sessions about the new lectionary which will be introduced in Advent. Each, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, will be identical (so only log in for one) and explains the lectionary, its revisions and what they mean, plus Questions and Answers. Question may be submitted in advance to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Links to sign up for these sessions will be available in next week's newsletter.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY: Parish Administrator, Christ the King, Reading:** The Parish of Christ the King, Reading, are recruiting a Parish Administrator – 6 months fixed term contract (maternity cover). Hours: 15 hours per week. Salary: £12 per hour. For further details, and other job opportunities in the Diocese, please visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org/about-us/people/careers](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org/about-us/people/careers)

**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 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:** ... If the grass looks greener on the other side, it's probably astroturf.