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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - **YEAR C**

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Sunday 26th October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 27th October: Feria of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time. No Mass today.

Tuesday 28th October: Ss SIMON & JUDE, apostles, feast. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 29th October: Feria of 30th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 30th October: Feria of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 31st October: Feria of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 1st November: Our Lady on Saturday, or Feria of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 26th October: 11am for a Private Intention.

Wednesday 29th October: 10.00am for the intentions of Dominik Krzycki.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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: 19th October: Plate collection £497.07; Candles £21.52; Poor Box £23.74. 2nd Collection for Missio £144.80. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 26th October: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C. True humility and repentance for our sins must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God's grace in our salvation.

Wednesday 29th 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.

7.30pm – 9pm: Choir rehearsal in church. If you would like to join us for a rehearsal to see what is involved, please just come along. All welcome.

Thursday 30th 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 are particularly welcome at present because, owing to illness, numbers from our Church are down and help is needed to assist the very frail ladies from the Care Home to take part in our brief worship. For more information speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

12 noon: Funeral Service for Vera Harle.

Saturday 1st November: 12 noon: An additional Mass will be celebrated for the Lithuanian Community in the local area.

N.B. The Feast of All Saints is moved to 2nd November.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: As November's time of remembrance of our dead is imminent, envelopes are available in church in which to place names of deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Their names will be placed on the altar and Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. In front of the altar, you can complete names of the deceased to be placed in special envelopes. Return envelopes to the church or presbytery with your Mass offering.

Sunday 2nd November: THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS. BAMENDA SUNDAY. On the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. There will be a second collection for Bamenda at Masses on 2nd November or donations can be made on-line at portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bamenda/donate/ The Music Group will play at the **11am** Mass.

Monday 3rd November: COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS. 10.00am Mass will be celebrated.

Tuesday 4th November: COINS Pause and Pray - 1pm - 3pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Greenham.

Join COIN members (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) to pray together for our school communities in Newbury. Refreshments are provided! These termly events are a chance to catch up with the COINS Team and other COINS volunteers. They will also be sharing their plans for 'The Christmas Gift', a Year 6 workshop that take place in the first two weeks of Advent.

Saturday 15th November (World Day of the Poor): 10.30am: Charity Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers at St Joseph's Parish, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. On this weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the diocese. All are welcome.

Saturday 29th November: 7.30 pm at St Nicholas Church, Newbury. ADVENT CONCERT – BACH'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO. Tickets available at www.newburychoral.org.uk

also on **Saturday 29th November: Women's Retreat Day** at Sacred Heart, Waterlooville PO7 7SR. 9.30am – 4pm. Lunch provided. Babes in arms welcome. £10 suggested donation. To book, email catholicmotherssoton@gmail.com or scan the QR code on the poster in church.

Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal: The appeal has launched which honours every life lost in service and shows support for those still living with the impact of conflict. There are over **2 million Armed Forces veterans** in the UK. The RBL supports individuals and their families when a veteran's life falls apart, and helps rebuild it. **Poppies are available at the back of the church.**

2026 Pilgrimage to Assisi, 14th – 19th June: This pilgrimage/holiday offers the opportunity of enjoying both the city of Assisi and the beautiful countryside of Umbria. Visits and excursions to religious and cultural sites in the area. Cost: £1075 per person (sharing) / £1195 per person (single occupancy) inclusive. Flights are Heathrow – Perugia return (20 minutes from Assisi). Full details from Fr Michael by email if requested.

New Saints: Pope Leo has canonised 7 new Saints. 1) **Ignatius Choukrallah Maloyan**, an Armenian Archbishop martyred during the Armenian genocide. 2) **Peter ToRot** – a lay catechist from Papua New Guinea who was killed during World War II. 3) **Vincenza Maria Poloni** - an Italian religious sister and co-founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona. 4) **Maria Carmen Elena Rendiles Martinez** - a nun from Venezuela who founded the Congregation of the Servants of Jesus. 5) **Bartolo Longo** - an Italian lawyer

who converted from satanism to become a promoter of the rosary. 6) **José Gregorio Hernandez Cisneros** - a Venezuelan layman who was recognised as a doctor of the people. 7) **Maria Troncatti** - an Italian Salesian sister, who spent nearly five decades as a missionary in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest among the indigenous Shuar people.

These saints represent a diverse group of individuals from various backgrounds, including missionaries, martyrs, and lay people - highlighting the Church's commitment to honouring those who have lived out their faith with courage and dedication.

Thank You to **Cantemus Choir** and to our Choir leader, Sarah Holland, for the wonderful concert they gave at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 18th October. The overall total raised on the evening for the parish will be in next week's newsletter.

"Hope in Scripture": Deacon Martin McElroy is delivering 4 talks on *"Hope in Scripture"* on Friday evenings: with 31st October, 7th and 14th November remaining, 7.45-9.30pm. Online using Zoom – only a computer or phone is needed to join. Each session addresses specific passages of Scripture related to the topic of Hope, and explores how Hope is depicted in the Old Testament, Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul. Each session is independent of the others, so you are encouraged to attend what you can. To register, go to the link on last week's diocesan e-news email. The parish office can forward this to you if you do not receive it.

Assisted Suicide – In Canada between 2016-2024, 90,000 people have died through assisted suicide, raising huge concerns about the casual manner in which vulnerable people are being put to death and the serious ethical questions hanging over a substantial number of those deaths. **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.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: While work concludes, parking is available in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, but 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.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: Imagination is said to be more important than knowledge, for knowledge is limited, but imagination encircles the world.