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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Ss SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles, feast. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. **N.B. Mass at 09.30am, NOT 10.00am.****

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: Feria of 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October: Feria of 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation), Solemnity. Masses at 10.00am & 7.30pm.**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Commemoration of ALL SOULS, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: 11.00am for Arthur Rackham RIP (Monika Rackham's Intention).

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: 10.00am for Lucinda Teixeira RIP (Alexandra Teixeira's Intention).

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: 10.00am for Elizabeth Constantine RIP (Deidre McNair-Wilson's Intention).

7.30pm for Colleen Morel RIP (Morel Family Intention)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: 10.00am for All the Faithful Departed RIP.

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

Diana Amesbury, 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.

**Collections:** 20<sup>th</sup> October: Plate collection £726.59; Candles £21.03; Poor Box £16.00. Second collection for *World Missions* £353.09. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year:** The central theme of today's readings is the overflowing

mercy and kindness of a loving, healing, and forgiving God for his children.

**N.B.** There is an important **Pastoral Letter** today from the Bishop on the 'Assisted Dying Bill.' It can be watched at YouTube link - [https://youtu.be/GTZNVxP\\_eRw](https://youtu.be/GTZNVxP_eRw) or accessed on our parish web site at [www.stjosephsnewbury.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsnewbury.org.uk) – together with a Template Letter for everyone to write to their MP. Copies of the template are also available for parishioners to take home with them. Alternatively, go to <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide>

**11am Mass:** The Music Group will play at Mass today.

**Tea and coffee** served in the hall after both Masses. All welcome.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** **NOTE** that Mass today will be at **09.30am, NOT at 10.00am!**

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October:**

**12.30-2pm:** The church is open on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

**7.30pm: Evangelisation Strategy Committee Meeting,** St Francis' Hall, Wash Common.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October: 10.30am – 12 noon Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group** at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. Ladies free at 10.30am on Thursdays please come to Newbury Grove Care Home to pray for children and grandchildren and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided, chat follows. Contact Elizabeth after 11am Mass; call 07880663462; or just come along (just past The Swan Pub).

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: ALL SAINTS DAY, Solemnity.** (Holy Day of Obligation) **Masses at 10.00am and 7.30pm.** The recitation of '**First Friday**' **Rosary** will immediately follow the 10.00am Mass today.

**10.30am-12.30pm – Friendship Café** at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH. A monthly invitation for all to visit Newbury Grove, to meet people, and to enjoy freshly baked treats. – all are welcome. For catering, RSVP by calling 01635 896105

or email [coral.elvin@careuk.com](mailto:coral.elvin@careuk.com) Extra parking available by arrangement with the Swan Pub, a short walk away on London Road.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY SOULS.** Mass at 10.00am.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for **Bamenda Sunday**. Annually we give thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon, and for the ministry of their priests serving in our Diocese. We pray for peace and justice in the region, and our annual appeal supports projects in Bamenda in 2024 - the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link.

**11am Mass: Children's Liturgy** in the hall for children of primary school age. Also, the **Music Group** will assist in the celebration of Mass.

**Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the parish hall after Masses from today.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Parish Readers Training Course: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. Starts with 10.00am Mass; finishes 2pm. Bring-your-own lunch. Led by Claire Tickell. Email Toby Tyler at [rts.tyler@gmail.com](mailto:rts.tyler@gmail.com) to confirm attendance.

**IT Expertise?** As we need to modernise our parish website, Fr Michael welcomes hearing from anyone with knowledge of web-building, web-development, or a wish to further develop their skills in this area with the help of someone more experienced. All ages welcome!

**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. Return envelopes to the church or presbytery with your Mass offering.

**Thank you!** Sincere thanks to Marion Shaw and her team of assistants who so kindly gave of their time and expertise to give us a wonderfully enjoyable social evening on 18<sup>th</sup> October with such a tasty supper. Their hard work raised £400 towards our parish funds!!

**Thanks from Christian Aid:** The concert in St John's Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> September raised £1,376 for Christian Aid. Thank you to Matthew Prior and Steve Bowie for a beautiful concert.

**Compassionate Assistance:** The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched its Emergency Middle East Appeal. The DEC members provide lifesaving aid in Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank, but now urgently need more funds. Further details and information at: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)

**Remembrance of Sacrifice:** The 2024 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal launched last Thursday. Poppies are available for a donation at the back of church in anticipation of Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November and Armistice Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**New English Cardinal:** Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP will become a Cardinal together with 21 others on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Formerly head of the Dominicans, Fr Timothy is a renowned author and theologian and has just led reflections in Rome for members attending the Synod this month. His selection means there are now four English Cardinals – the others: Cardinal Vincent Nichols; Cardinal Arthur Roche; and Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald.

**Opposing Assisted Suicide:** The House of Lords debated the Assisted Dying Bill on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. The Bill to legally permit doctors and nurses who consent to end the life of the terminally ill, is in danger of passing in law before the end of the year. This may pressurise the vulnerable to end their lives for fear of being a burden and destroy patient trust. Catholics must unite in prayer and action now to fight the most profound ethical change in legislation for decades. Contact your MPs - <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide>

**Volunteer Drivers: Newbury Cancer Care** need drivers to take cancer patients to hospital appointments. Their volunteer drivers have dropped from 30 to 20, but appointments are increasing. To offer a few hours a week please call Angela (Transport Co-ordinator) on 01635 243343 or Helen on 01635 31542. Mileage allowance is provided, and hospital parking reimbursed.

**New Lectionary: 5<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> November 7–8pm online.** Two on-line sessions on the new lectionary to be introduced in Advent. Each, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, is identical (log in for only one) and explains the lectionary, its revisions and what they mean, plus Q & A. Questions may be submitted in advance to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Sign up via these links: **5<sup>th</sup> November:** <http://bit.ly/3YnpVpE> or **19<sup>th</sup> November:** <https://bit.ly/3YmxGwd>

**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL:** The hall is available for 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*. Gift Aid details need only be entered once and will be retained for future donations.

**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** To dwell above with the saints we love - that will be utter glory! But to dwell below with the saints we know, well, that's another story...