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## **31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.**

**Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: St Charles Borromeo, bishop, memorial. No Mass.**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Feria of 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: Feria of 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Feria of 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, or St Willibrord, bishop, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Feria of 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

### **Mass Intentions:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 11.00am for a Private Intention.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00am for Pat Saunders RIP (Margaret Saunders' Intention).

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: 10.00am for Clemens Zott RIP (Monika Rackham's Intention).

### **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.

**Rest in Peace.** Recent days have seen the sudden deaths of baby Christopher Avery and Edward Willmot. May they rest in peace and joy. Please pray for their grieving families at this time.

**Collections:** 27<sup>th</sup> October: Plate collection £773.70; Candles £53.62; Poor Box £6.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year:** The central message of today's readings is the most

fundamental principle of all religions, especially Christianity. It is to love God in Himself and living in others. Scripture readings for today remind us that we are created to love God by loving others and to love others as an expression of our love for God.

**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. Donations also via -

**<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=136990>**  
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**Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the parish hall after Masses from today.

**11am Mass: Children's Liturgy** in the hall for all children of primary school age (in Reception class and above). The **Music Group** will play at Mass today.

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

**2.30pm:** Baptism of Marcus Richard Nevill. Congratulations!

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: 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: Adult Formation Talk** in the hall. Tonight's topic – 'The Virgin Mary'. All welcome.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November: 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. Contact Elizabeth after 11am Mass; call 07880663462; or just come along.

The '**Living Your Faith Group**' has paused sessions until next year. Further dates will be arranged in 2025.

**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.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.** Please note that 11.00am Mass today will commence a few minutes early in order to observe the traditional Act of Remembrance and 2 minute silence at 11.00am together with the rest of the nation. Plan to arrive a little earlier to be seated in time so as not to disrupt this observance. If arriving as it happens, ushers will hold back arrivals at the doors until the Act is concluded. Thank you for your understanding.

**'Dilexit Nos':** At a time disturbed by much turmoil and anxiety, Pope Francis invites us to fix our gaze on the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a new Encyclical Letter, *Dilexit Nos*. He quotes his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, "Christ is the heart of the world, and the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection is the centre of history, which because of him, is a history of salvation" (Cf. *Dilexit nos* No. 31). This is the confidence we regain by drawing ever closer to the Heart of Jesus. This invitation is part of a spiritual thread through Pope Francis' pontificate from the words of his first homily when he reflected: "We can walk as much as we want, we can build many things, but if we do not confess Jesus Christ, things go wrong" (Homily 13 March 2013). In *Dilexit nos*, the Holy Father offers us a sustained meditation on the Heart of Jesus in the pages of scripture; in the teaching of the Magisterium; and through the history of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** All children of primary school age welcome, but Child Protection Guidelines prevent those younger than Reception class age taking part. No younger siblings accompanying those at Primary School – please! All catechists are DBS checked to work with children. After a welcome and prayer, the children say sorry prayers and listen to a reading, after which they discuss its relevance to their lives. An activity follows before returning to Mass for the Offertory Procession.

**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:** This month 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 at 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.

**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)

**Opposing Assisted Suicide:** Passage of this Bill suggests that a vote will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The Bill would legally permit doctors and nurses who consent to end the life of the terminally ill. 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>. Paper copies of a **template letter** to MPs are still available in the church.

**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 Vincent de Paul:** Bethan Townsend, Young SVP Rep, invites you to an SVP Mass & Gathering on **Friday 8th November** at St Peter's Church, Winchester. It is hoped to inspire young people (*Mini Vinnies and Youth SVP*), young adults (*SVP 1833*) and SVP Conferences (*SVP members*) to better connect with Vincentian and diocesan networks, support one another, and to work effectively to turn concern into action in the Diocese. Day starts from **12:15pm, Mass at 1pm** with Bishop Philip; concludes **2:30pm**. To register email [bethant@svp.org.uk](mailto:bethant@svp.org.uk)

**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)

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**AND A FINAL THOUGHT:** Always give 100% in everything you do, unless you're donating blood!