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32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B **'REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY'**

Sunday 10th November: 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 11th November: (Armistice Day) St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 12th November: St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 13th November: Feria of 32nd Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 14th November: Feria of 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, or Blessed Hugh Cook Faringdon, Abbot, John Eynon & John Rugge, Priests, Martyrs, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 15th November: Feria of 32nd Week in Ordinary Time or St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 16th November: ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of Diocese, solemnity. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 10th November: 08.30am for those who have died in war RIP.

11am for William Coffey RIP (Coffey Family Intention).

Tuesday 12th November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Wednesday 13th November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

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Friday 15th November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Saturday 16th November: 10am in Thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

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: 3rd November: Plate collection £886.48; Candles £43.55; Poor Box £38.20; Hall hire £40.00; Repository: £63.00. Second collection for Bamenda (not including contactless): £507.39. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 10th November: 32nd Sunday (B) Today's readings invite us to surrender our lives to God with a humble and generous heart, by serving others lovingly and sacrificially.

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. Late arrivals will be held back outside until the Act is concluded. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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

3pm: Blessing of Graves in Shaw Cemetery by Fr Budyn.

Wednesday 13th 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.

N.B. Next **Adult Formation Talk** will be on Wednesday 20th November.

Thursday 14th November: 10.30am – 12 noon Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road, RG14 2QH 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.

2.30pm: Film Matinée in the Hall, the musical 'Mame' 1974, with Lucille Ball. All welcome.

Saturday 16th November: 10.00am – 12 noon First Holy Communion Preparation Session in St Joseph's Hall for all children enrolled in the 2024-25 Programme. The children will participate at 11.00am Mass tomorrow.

12 noon: the Requiem Mass for baby Christopher Avery will take place at St Michael's Church,

Harts Lane, Burghclere RG20 9JW. Christopher's parents would welcome any parishioners who wish to attend.

Monday 18th November: 7.30pm Confirmation Preparation Session for all enrolled in the programme. Session in St Francis de Sales Parish Hall, Wash Common. Remember to bring your Bible!

Saturday 30th November: West Berks Pastoral Area Advent Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford RG17 0AF from starting at 10am and concluding with Mass at 4pm. A programme of talks and reflections with a separate programme for our young parishioners and with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome. Please bring your own lunch.

Newbury Room to Rent? A professional carer is seeking a room only (no meals) for occasional nights to facilitate shift care role of a local person receiving care assistance. £25 per night offered. For more details, please contact Marie Rodican at email mariarodican@gmail.com

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

Opposing Assisted Suicide: Passage of this Bill suggests that a vote will take place on 29th 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.

New Lectionary: 19th November 7–8pm online. An on-line session on the new lectionary to be introduced in Advent, led by Fr Anthony Fyk, explains the lectionary, its revisions and what they mean, plus Q & A. Questions may be submitted in advance to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Sign up via this link: **19th November:** <https://bit.ly/3YmxGwd>

New Sunday Missal: The CTS New Sunday Missal (People's Edition) with the new translation of The Lectionary containing the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle from 1st December, is available to purchase direct from CTS for £19.95 (hard-back edition) at www.ctsbooks.org.

West Berks Foodbank: 12 Gifts of Christmas Appeal: In December, as well as providing essentials, the Foodbank would like to provide some treats in food parcels so that

Christmas will be a little more special. Would you consider donating any, or all, of the following 12 items? Tub of sweets; Yule Log or Xmas Cake; selection box; Christmas pudding; stuffing or gravy; cranberry sauce; savoury biscuits; mince pies; luxury biscuits; Pringles or crisps; small box of crackers; Christmas surprise of your choice. Putting your donation in an Xmas Gift bag will make it even more special. Thank you for your kindness and support. Please ensure that your donations are brought to St Joseph's by Sunday 1st December or the Foodbank Warehouse (80 Greenham Business Park) by Friday 6th December.

Community Help Needed: School Runs: We need someone from our parish to help with school runs for my wife and 4 kids. Morning drop-off is at 8:45am and afternoon pick-up at 3:15pm, Monday to Friday. You can use our 7-seater car for the short 9 - minute drive between Shaw Valley and Curridge School. We're offering £400-500 a month. Starting 13th November, only during school term until my wife gets her driving licence. If you can help, please contact us at 07548958375. Thank you and God bless!

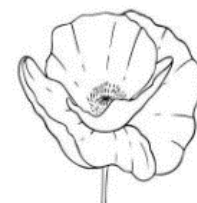
Keyholders' Register: This register is being updated. If you hold a key for the parish, but have not yet confirmed your details for the register, please contact the parish office.

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

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.

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 mouth should always have three gatekeepers: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?



God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign!
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
With heart and voice to sing
God save the King!