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33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – YEAR B

Sunday 17th November: 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B.
Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 18th November: Feria of 33rd Week in Ordinary Time or Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome, optional memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 19th November: Feria of 33rd Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 20th November: Feria of 33rd Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 21st November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 22nd November: St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, memorial. Requiem Mass at 11am. NO MASS at 10.00am.

Saturday 23rd November: Our Lady on Saturday or St Clement I, Pope, Martyr or St Columbanus, Religious, optional memorials. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 17th November: 08.30am for Christopher Avery RIP (St Joseph's Parish Intention).

11.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Tuesday 19th November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Wednesday 20th November: 10.00am for intentions of Sylvia Brereton (Kiki Morley's Intention).

Thursday 21st November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Friday 22nd November: 11.00am Requiem for Edward Willmott RIP.

Saturday 23rd November: 10.00am for John George Armour RIP (Debbie Armour'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.

Collections: 10th November: Plate collection £862.00; Candles £24.85; Repository £65; CAFOD £20. October totals: Standing Orders £2041.50; contactless £1133.00,

CAFOD £32, and 'Missio' £10. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 17th November: 33rd Sunday (B) World Day of Prayer for the Poor. Pope Francis, in his message, quotes Sirach "The prayer of the poor rises up to God". Full message from the Pope at www.vatican.va

Today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us in spite of our uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Each year at this time, the Church asks us to consider our "four last things" – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell, or the end, judgment, reward and punishment.

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

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

11am Mass: Our children preparing for 1st Holy Communion will take part in Mass today.

Sale in aid of Christian Aid in the hall after 11am Mass.

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!

Wednesday 20th 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 Sacrament of Marriage*. All welcome.

Thursday 21st 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 or just come along.

Friday 22nd November: 11am: Requiem Mass for Edward Willmott RIP.

6pm – 8pm: Pastoral Area Youth Group at St Francis de Sales Parish Hall, Wash Common. All children who have already made their 1st Holy Communion are very welcome to attend. The group will be making lanterns for the Festival of Light and decorating glass jars. £2 per child. Please RSVP to: annhaynes07@hotmail.com.

Sunday 24th November: CHRIST THE KING 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.

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 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

ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE! Oppose Assisted Suicide: Friday 29th November. With the vote on this date, our nation stands on the brink of major change in how we treat human life. Mounting evidence from places that have legalised assisted suicide shows these laws are incremental, that safeguards do not work, and that this law can have devastating consequences. **IT IS VITAL THE LAW IS DEFEATED!** Catholics must take action now to fight the most profound ethical change in legislation for decades. **PLEASE** take the cards in church today and send to MPs; email your MPs - <https://care.org.uk/takeaction/write-to-your-mp-about-assisted-suicide> or write using the template 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 or from Pilgrim Gifts based in Walsingham via www.pilgrimgifts.co.uk.

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: A family requests help with school runs for wife and 4 children - morning drop-offs at 8:45am and afternoon pick-up at 3:15pm, Monday to Friday. 7-seater car available for 9-minute drive between Shaw Valley and Curridge School. Pay: £400-500 a month. Only during school term until wife obtains driving licence. If you can help, please contact 07548 958375. Thank you!

300 Club – November draw: 1st prize £100 - Vincent Butler; 2nd prize £50 - Ronald Bird; 3rd prize £25 - Terry Hamill. Congratulations!

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: Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.