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ALL SAINTS - YEAR C

Sunday 2nd November: ALL SAINTS, solemnity (transferred). **Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

Monday 3rd November: Commemoration of ALL SOULS (transferred). **Mass at 10.00am.**

Tuesday 4th November: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 5th November: Feria of 31st Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 6th November: Feria of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 7th November: Feria of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time or St Willibrord, Bishop, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 8th November: Our Lady on Saturday, or Feria of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 2nd November: 11.00am for Clemens Zott RIP (Monika Rackham's Intention).

Monday 3rd November: 10.00am for the Holy Souls.

Friday 7th November: 10.00am for Norah Edwards RIP (Margaret Saunders' Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Kate Kennington, Deidre McNair-Wilson, Jean O'Neill, Angela Jordan, Philip Rowlands, Jonathan Sheridan, Deanna Knight, 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: 26th October: Plate collection £575.47; Candles £58.88; Poor Box £23.35; additional donation to 2nd collection for Missio £60.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 2nd November: ALL SAINTS – YEAR C. BAMENDA SUNDAY. On the first Sunday of November we celebrate the link between our diocese and the archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon. It is a time where we also ask for

your financial support to help our brothers and sisters, who are still impacted by the civil unrest that has affected the region since 2016. You can read more about the partnership and how your support is transforming lives in the Bamenda Newsletter on the parish website. *There will be a second collection for Bamenda at both Masses today or donations can be made on-line at portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bamenda/donate/* The Music Group will play at the 11am Mass.

November – Month of the Holy Souls: 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.

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!

Wednesday 5th November: 12.30pm – 2pm: The church will be open for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome at any time whilst the church is open.

Thursday 6th November: 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. For more information speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

7.30pm: RCIA Programme continues at the Parish Hall, St Francis de Sales, Wash Common. Session 4 – *The Creed*.

Also 6th November - An Invitation - to families with children at St Bart's School to view the documentary film,

The Hardest Bridge, 5pm-7pm at the school. It recounts the events in October 1984 when the IRA detonated a bomb at the Grand Hotel in Brighton to assassinate Margaret Thatcher. Five people were killed and 31 others seriously injured. One of those killed was the Conservative MP, Sir Anthony Berry. ***The Hardest Bridge*** is about his daughter, Jo Berry (an international speaker and peace activist), and her reconciliation with the convicted IRA terrorist, Patrick Magee, who planted the bomb that killed her father. Patrick was sentenced for his role in the plot but released under the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. In 2000 the pair met and their transformative journey since this moment is the subject of the film. Jo Berry and the director will be present. To attend, please contact the school.

Friday 7th November: Recitation of the Holy Rosary will follow directly after 10.00am Mass.

Sunday 9th November: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

11.00am Mass – Please be sure to arrive earlier for this Mass as it will commence (**N.B.** at approx. 10.57am) with the traditional Act of Remembrance observed by the whole nation that morning – comprising special prayers, the Last Post, 2 minutes silence, and Reveille. Those arriving once the Act of Remembrance has commenced will be asked to wait outside until its completion so as not to disturb this solemn expression of our remembrance and thanksgiving. Thank you.

3pm: Fr Zbigniew will be blessing graves in **Shaw Cemetery** for those who wish to direct him to family graves.

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

St John Henry Newman – 'Doctor of the Church'. Pope Leo XIV yesterday - Saturday - proclaimed Saint John Henry Newman, the most recently canonised saint from England, as the 38th 'Doctor of the Church.' A 'Doctor of the Church' is a man or woman of great holiness and learning whose teaching and wisdom not only resonated with their own contemporaries, but still illuminates, instructs and inspires today. The Church gives them the title 'Doctor', from the Latin 'docere', meaning 'to teach', in recognition of their eminent contribution to our knowledge of the faith – spiritually, intellectually or morally.

Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal: Poppies are available at the back of the church in support of veterans still living with the impact of conflict.

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.

Cantemus Choir Concert: The wonderful concert they gave at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 18th October raised an amazing **£669.30** for the parish. Thank you again to Sarah Holland and all the Cantemus choir members for their time, talent, and generosity!

From CAFOD: Thank you for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal! Your donations in your parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. You can read more about Waré's story at cafod.org.uk/harvest

Assisted Suicide Bill: A House of Lords Committee charged with carrying out detailed scrutiny of the Bill has delayed its progress — a move the Bill's sponsor in the Lords, Lord Falconer and his supporters condemned as a "wrecking amendment." Now, widespread opposition to the Bill from senior representatives of medical and legal professional bodies has clearly irked its sponsors.

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.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter by email each week, please contact the parish office.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: Some things are more precious because they don't last long.