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Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI – The Body and Blood of Christ, YEAR C

Sunday 22nd June: Solemnity of CORPUS CHRISTI - The Body and Blood of Christ - YEAR C. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 23rd June: Feria of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Etheldreda, Abbess, *optional memorial*. No Mass today.

Tuesday 24th June: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, *solemnity*. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 25th June: Feria of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 26th June: Feria of the 12th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 27th June: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, *solemnity*. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 28th June: St Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church & Martyr, *optional memorial* or The Immaculate Heart of Mary, *optional memorial*. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 22nd June: 8.30am for Antonio Albanese RIP (Valentina Albanese's Intention).

11.00am for the Intentions of our First Holy Communion Candidates.

Tuesday 24th June: 10.00am for Aubrey Howie RIP (Evelyn Howie's intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Angela Jordan, Jonathan Sheridan, Philip Rowlands, 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: 15th June: Plate collection £777.66; Candles £37.73; Poor Box £43.00; Repository £5.00. Second Collection for Day for Life £301.46. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 22nd June: CORPUS CHRISTI and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY (2)

On this feast day, we give special thanks and praise to God for the sublime gift of His Body and Blood that Christ left us at the Last Supper.

11.00am Mass will witness our remaining 12 children making their First Holy Communions.

Tea and coffee will be served in the church after 8.30am and 11.00am Masses. All welcome.

Tuesday 24th June: 7.3pm Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Church Sacristy.

Wednesday 25th June: The church will be open today for quiet prayer during the usual Wednesday times of **12.30 – 2pm**. All are welcome to drop in.

6.45pm – 8.45pm 'Come and Sing' Choir Session in church. The Choir is looking to expand. Have you ever wanted to sing, but too scared?! Don't worry – singing is a joy for anyone, and choirs offer an enhancing social activity, also offering a way to express one's heart and articulate one's faith. Everyone has a voice - use that voice, enjoy its strength. Come along to our *Come and Sing!* session. Good fun, good people, and very good for your mental wellbeing. All welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Email the office and Carl will respond, or catch him after 11am Sunday Mass. Remember: Anyone can sing!

Saturday 28th June: SAFEGUARDING TRAINING. A morning session covering both children and vulnerable adults is being held at St. Francis de Sales' church hall, Wash Common on Saturday 28th June from 10 am until 12.30. Registration is from 9.30 and you will be welcomed with a hot drink and a croissant. This is an opportunity for those who have not done any safeguarding training since September 2023 when a full day's training was held in our hall. The diocese requires training to be done every two years so this is an ideal opportunity to attend locally. The training will be delivered by the safeguarding ministers from Wash Common, Woolhampton and St. Joseph's.

Please let Mary Barnard know that you are attending.

Also on Saturday 28th June: SEEKER SATURDAY 'Discerning God's will' 11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham PO16 0NQ. Fellowship,

Formation and Food. Booking required. For info please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

7.30pm: Newbury Choral Society Summer Season Concert at St Nicholas Church, Newbury. The choir will perform three contemporary pieces on the theme of journeys: Bob Chilcott – *The Voyage*, Cecilia McDowall – *The Girl from Aleppo* and Stephen Paulus – *The Road Home*. Tickets available from choir members or on-line www.newburychoral.org.uk.

Sunday 29th June: SS PETER & PAUL: There will be a second collection for 'Peter's Pence' at both Masses today.

11am Mass: Children's Liturgy in the sacristy/outdoors. The **Music Group** will play at this Mass.

12.30pm: St Francis de Sales Parish Garden Picnic. This will take place in the garden at St Francis de Sales at 12.30pm, after the 11am Mass. Please bring along your own picnic, soft drinks are provided. All are welcome.

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July: PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. The coach will leave St Josephs at 8am prompt to travel to Gatwick. Please ensure all relevant travel documents (tickets, boarding passes if appropriate, Global Health Insurance Card, travel insurance and passports) are in order. Bring any medication required. The Sanctuary levy of €10 per adult for the week and local tax of €2.30 per adult per day will be collected at the hotel. Weather - Warm, sunshine, occasional showers. Pack a light rain jacket.

Sunday 6th July: The **Vatican City Cricket Team** will be visiting Douai Park, Upper Woolhampton, to help raise funds for the Douai Foundation supporting Benedictine education projects around the world. The Vatican will play in a 15-over triangular tournament against the Old Dowegians and the Emeriti Cricket Club, competing for the *Pope Leo XIV Cup*, named in honour of His Holiness. As well as the cricket, there will be food and drink, a dog show, a bouncy castle, and a raffle. Tickets are £10 for adults, free entry for children under 14. Although available on the gate, it would help the organisers greatly if visitors bought tickets in advance (on sale until Monday 23rd July). BOOK VIA: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/81393>

Monday 7th July: Called and Gifted Information Evening from 7.00pm – 8.30pm on-line. To register, please email calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name and parish.

Thursday 10th July: The Diocesan **Formation for Mission Team** would like to invite all catechists in the Diocese to a series of events in 2025 for prayer, formation and networking. The first, **Forming for Life in Christ**, is an opportunity to meet on-line and build a community of support with other Catechists, helping each other to better participate in Jesus' mission of introducing

disciples to His filial relationship with the Father. The session will run from **8pm – 9pm**. For further information and to register, please email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. An in-person **Diocese Catechist Day** will be held later in the year on **Saturday 11th October**.

Friday 11th July: 10:30am - 5:00pm: Leadership and Legacy: The Future of Women in the Church – a one-day conference at New Hall Boreham House, Chelmsford, hosted by New Hall School in collaboration with *The Tablet*. This event will bring together voices from across the Catholic tradition to reflect on the evolving role of women in the Church. For more information or to purchase tickets, please go to www.thetablet.co.uk/events

June - Month of the Sacred Heart. June is customarily dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Friday 27th June is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and a Day of Prayer for Priests. As the parish of the Sacred Heart Newbury (in formation) comprising also Wash Common, Thatcham and Hungerford, let us pray too for the ongoing work of uniting our church communities.

Hungry Holidays: For the 10th year, West Berks Foodbank is addressing this issue – no school meals available to children outside term time. The Foodbank will be providing support to at least 478 households with 1026 under 18 year olds. **This is a major undertaking needing your support to make it successful.** Donations of any of the items on the Foodbank Hungry Holidays Shopping List (available at the entrances to church) will make a BIG difference. Items can be left in the collection box at the back of church or at collection points in local supermarkets. Please drop off any donations by Sunday 29th June to allow time for the Foodbank to deliver the food to the schools, who will distribute it before the end of term. Thank you for your on-going support.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE PARISH HALL: Please allow priority for parking for older parishioners, the disabled and families with young children. **N.B.** If parking in Hawthorn Road, opposite the church, you 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: ... If you want to fly, give up everything that weighs you down.