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CORPUS CHRISTI – Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – YEAR B

Sunday 2nd June: CORPUS CHRISTI – Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 3rd June: St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, memorial. No Mass.

Tuesday 4th June: Feria of the 9th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 5th June: St Boniface, Religious, Bishop & Martyr, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 6th June: Feria of the 9th Week of Ordinary Time, or St Norbert, Founder, Bishop, optional memorial or. N.B. Mass will be at 9.30am today.

Friday 7th June: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, Solemnity. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 8th June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary, memorial. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 2nd June: 08.30am for intentions of Vito Columbro

11am for Emilie Zott RIP (Monica Rackham's Intention).

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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 by phone or email.

Collections: Due to counter unavailability the plate collection for 26th May will be in next weekend's newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 2nd June: CORPUS CHRISTI – Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. (Year B) *Corpus Christi* is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus.

11am Mass: The **Music Group** will assist in the celebration of Mass.

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after both Masses. All are welcome. If you would like to join the rota for tea/coffee preparation, please sign up on the sheet in the hall or let Fr Michael know.

8.30am Baby and Toddler Group in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Wednesday 5th June: 12.30-2pm: The church will be open for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoon for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome to come along at any time whilst the church is open.

7.30pm: Adult Formation Group meeting in St Joseph's Hall. Topic - 'The Early Church.' All are welcome.

7.30pm: Bible Society Romans Course: The last session of this 10-week course looking at the theme of 'Mission' in St Paul's letter to the Romans at Newbury Methodist Church. Everyone is very welcome. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rosie Greenhalgh (rosie.greenhalgh@ntlworld.com).

Thursday 6th June: N.B. Mass is at 09.30am today.

Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group 10.30am – 12noon at Newbury Grove Care Home, 370 London Road RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. Refreshments provided. If interested, please just come along.

11.00am: 'D' Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Service at the Greenham Control Tower, Burys Bank Rd, RG19 8BZ. Special free bus departs Wharf Bus Station at 10.15am, returns 1pm. Fish & Chip van and bar from 12 noon. 6pm Music and dancing. Displays from US Air Force; Watership Brass Band & Cromwell Singers; RAF Welford Historical Society.

7.30pm – 9pm: Living Your Faith Group meets on reflect on the Sunday readings at Chris and Teresa's house in Newbury. If you would like to join the group, please call 07917323364. All welcome. The meetings will continue on 20th June, 4th July, 18th July, before resuming on 12th September after a break for the summer.

Friday 7th June: Recitation of the **Rosary** follows 10.00am Mass today.

Saturday 8th June: The Diocesan Vocations Promotion team invites young adults (18 - 35'ish') to a Summer

Retreat Day, theme: “*God’s Call to Missionary Discipleship and Living Our Vocation*” from 10.30am at St Philip Howard Church/Hall, Fareham, PO14 1ND. The day offers talks, testimony, prayer and fellowship. An evening meal will follow Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Booking required; for details email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Sunday 9th June: 11am: First Holy Communion Mass.

Friday 28th June: Youth Club. The Waterside Centre is booked, 6-8pm, for paddle boarding and other activities for up to 32 children – weather permitting. Please email interest in attending to Ellen Clinch: ellenmclinch@gmail.com. Cost - £10 per child; consent forms will be managed by the Waterside centre staff on the evening. Please arrive for 5:45pm.

CALLING YOUNG MUSICIANS! If you play an instrument and especially acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass, please contact Fr Michael or the parish email with your details -office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk. There are plans to begin a monthly, lively Mass for the West Berks Pastoral Area, commencing in September, and rehearsals will take place beforehand in the summer.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 -2025: Our next Confirmation programme for the West Berks Pastoral area begins in September 2024. Young parishioners, resident and participants in our Parish community, in year 9 or above, are eligible. *Confirmation celebrates the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit on a baptised person, completing and strengthening the grace given by the Spirit in Baptism. It marks the Christian as a follower of Christ and a full member of the Church.*

If interested, please contact the Parish Office giving your name, age, and contact details. Further information on the programme provided nearer the time. Email: office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election: As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP: I invite all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join me for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September** at 2:00pm. If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, be sure to save the date! If you would like to attend, please contact your parish office or email

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for an application form.

Life in the Spirit Team - Diocese of Portsmouth on ZOOM - 7 Sessions on Thursday evenings, from **6th June - 18th July 2024**, 7.30pm until 9pm. Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 29th June** starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Tea / coffee provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. Link to register – <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlIf--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcw7IzHwq87dG>. Free to all – Crowdfunding via JustGiving to cover costs.

Saturday 29th June: Douai Abbey Programme Summer 2024. Workshop: Contemplative Photography - Encountering the divine through image making; led by Roddy Maddocks. Bring digital camera or smartphone if possible. Arrivals and coffee from 10am; day starts at 10.30am; ends at 4pm; cost £25 (with lunch) or £15 with own lunch. Fees payable on the day (concessions available). Book your place, details on other Douai events via this link - <https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk/pastoral-programme.php>. N.B. Bookings close two weeks beforehand – not guaranteed thereafter.

From the Diocesan Vocations Team: “This is My blood of the Covenant which is poured out for many”. Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life's work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

West Berkshire Foodbank: Food donations are vital to offer referrals a balanced three-day supply of food. There is a donation point at the back of church, as well as at the locations listed on the Foodbank's website.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL: The hall is often available for your 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* for Sunday collections. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. 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: ... It has been proved useless trying to hold a person to anything they say while being madly in love, drunk, or running for office!