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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 9th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY). Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 10th November: St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church, memorial. No Mass today.

Tuesday 11th November: St Martin of Tours ('Armistice Day'), Religious & Bishop, memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

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

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

Friday 14th November: Blessed Hugh Cook Faringdon, Abbot, John Eynon, & John Ruge, priests & martyrs, (The Reading Martyrs). memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 15th November: Our Lady on Saturday, or Feria of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Albert the Great, Bishop, religious, & Doctor of the Church, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 9th November: 8.30am for the intentions of Aljoe and Alyoma Pereira. 11.00am for the Fallen RIP.

Tuesday 11th November: 10am for Patrick Fletcher RIP (Keller family intention).

Wednesday 12th November: 10am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Thursday 13th November: 10am for the intentions of Angela Jordan (Mike Parry's intention).

Friday 14th November: 10am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Saturday 15th November: 10am for the Holy Souls RIP.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Fr Padraig Faughnan, Margaret Saunders, 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: 2nd November: Plate collection £1110.91; Candles £60.42; Poor Box £23.00. 2nd Collection for Bamenda £383.90. Monthly totals for October: Contactless: £1,282.00 plus £62 for CAFOD and £62 for Missio; Standing Orders: £2,182.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 9th November: THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA OF ST JOHN (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY). Today the Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I, in AD 324. This Church serves as the Episcopal seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome and, hence, is called "*the Mother and Head of all Churches of Rome and the world.*"

11am Mass: This Mass for the Fallen will commence (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.

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.

Tuesday 11th November: 'Armistice Day': 11.00am Fr Michael will be leading the short Act of Remembrance at the town War Memorial outside St Nicholas' Church, Northbrook Street. All are welcome.

Wednesday 12th 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 13th 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.

Saturday 15th November (World Day of the Poor): 10am – 12 noon: First Holy Communion Program Children's Learning Session at *St Joseph's School*.

Also, 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.

Sunday 16th November: ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON (Joint Principal Patron of the Diocese) – Solemnity. 11am: This year's First Holy Communion candidates and their families will join us at this Mass.

Sunday 30th November: 2.00pm – 4.30 pm REPAIR CAFÉ NEWBURY & THATCHAM. Methodist Church Hall, Newbury RG14 1AN. Bring along your broken items for repair, reduce waste and stay for a chat over coffee, tea & biscuits. Voluntary contributions welcome. For more information visit www.repaircafe.org/en/cafe/newbury-and-thatcham-repair-cafe

NEEDED – YOUR TALENTS! With the creation of the greater Parish of the Sacred Heart due next year, we need to form a Maintenance Committee composed of parishioners drawn from each church community. We will need to identify two or three suitable persons from our Parish by the end of December, to sit on the Committee which would be required to:

1. Review information about matters of building repair and maintenance as they arise in any part of the greater Parish.
2. Decide which category the matter falls under - in terms of urgency; scale of work entailed.
3. Identify appropriate resources available. This would be an ongoing process of gradually gathering a 'bank' of people and reputable firms.
4. If judged appropriate, fellow parishioners could be asked to undertake smaller tasks; the Committee could recommend a local tradesman or firm to the Co-ordinating Pastor or Priest-in-charge, who, in turn, could instruct the Parish Secretary/Administrator to obtain a quote. For larger projects, the same procedure could be followed, recommending three reputable firms with the intention of seeking three quotes, from which one might be selected.

Committee members would need to meet in person only three or four times a year, but conduct most of their conversation by email/phone/zoom. Do you have talents that you can offer – even for just 6 months, or 1 year? Please speak with Fr Michael.

Newbury Christians Against Poverty: A free "Money Coaching" course is being held at 7pm on Wednesday 12th, 19th, and 26th November at St. Nicholas's Church Hall in Newbury. If you know anyone struggling to manage their finances and spending, please encourage them to consider this course - it's fun, educational, and offers an online tool to help produce and manage a personal / family budget. The build-up to Christmas is a particularly appropriate time to consider spending and budgets. Registration at:

<https://moneycoaching.capuk.org/join-course/526f1c3c-2a99-4bfb-aa10-217dc163bd15>

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.

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).

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: The fallen of our country: They left home and family for foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot, and should not, be forgotten.

