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SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL – YEAR B

**Sunday 30th June: SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL –
Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.**

**Monday 1st July: Feria of 13th Week in Ordinary Time or
St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop & Martyr, *optional memorial*.
No Mass.**

**Tuesday 2nd July: Feria of 13th Week in Ordinary Time.
Mass at 10.00am.**

**Wednesday 3rd July: ST THOMAS, Apostle, *feast*. Mass
at 10.00am.**

**Thursday 4th July: Feria of 13th Week in Ordinary Time,
or, St Elizabeth of Portugal, *optional memorial*. Mass at
10.00am.**

**Friday 5th July: Feria of 13th Week in Ordinary Time or St
Anthony Zaccaria, Founder, *optional memorial*. Mass at
10.00am.**

**Saturday 6th July: Our Lady on Saturday or St Maria
Goretti, Virgin, Martyr, *optional memorial*. Mass at
10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.**

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 30th June: 08.30am Intentions of Maurice &
Margaret Kangethe (36th Wedding Anniversary).

11am for Patrick and Mary Early RIP.

Wednesday 3rd July: 10.00am for a Private Intention.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

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 by phone or email.

Collections: 23rd June: plate collection £772.17; Candles
£27.65; Poor box £7.00; Repository £19.00. Thank you for
your generosity.

Sunday 30th June: SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL.

The Feast Day of the 'Princes of the Apostles' who formed
a pact - Peter would focus on evangelising converts from

Judaism, and Paul on gentile converts. There will be a
second collection for 'Peter's Pence' (the Pope's charity)
at both Masses. The activities of the Holy See's
Dicasteries assist the Pope daily in bringing his tangible
support to many difficult situations, and support
charitable works for individuals and families in need,
helping people affected by natural disasters and wars.

Direct donations to -
[https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-
pence-second-collection-2024](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/peters-pence-second-collection-2024)

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

2pm – 4.30pm: The Repair Café, at Newbury Methodist
Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Bring along your broken
items for free repair – electronic good, toys, textiles small
furniture items etc. Save items from land fill!

**Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July: LOURDES PARISH
PLIGRIMAGE: Final Update:** The coach will leave St
Josephs at 7.30am on **Monday 1st July**. Please ensure
you have all relevant travel documents, plus tickets and
boarding passes. Please also allow for the Sanctuary levy
of 10 euros per person and local tax levy of 2.30 euros
per person per night. The weather forecast is for
sunshine and showers so please pack a lightweight rain
jacket.

Wednesday 3rd July: 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: N.B. No Adult Formation Group Meeting this
week.

**Thursday 4th July: GENERAL ELECTION. 'The Both Lives
Pledge':** Do you want to know where your MP candidates
stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today to
ask them to take the 'Both Lives Pledge' which outlines
three policy changes designed to increase protections for

babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women. You can email candidates by visiting righttolife.org.uk/bothlives before the General Election. **Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group N.B.** There will be **NO** gathering this week at Newbury Grove Care Home – resumes next Thursday 11th July.

7.30pm-9pm: Living Your Faith Group meets to 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.

Friday 5th July: The Holy Rosary will be recited after 10.00am Mass today.

DIARY DATE!! PARISH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY – Sunday 14th July. Parishioners are invited to bring a packed picnic lunch with them to church on 14th July to enjoy in the parish garden after the 11.00am Mass. Please note the date, and come along to socialise with fellow parishioners.

YOUNG PEOPLE! Youth Group BBQ Friday 19th July: Calling all young people Year 4 and above – especially our First Holy Communion children. You are invited to this Youth Group BBQ Friday 19th July at St Francis de Sales, Wash Common, 6pm to 8pm Join in the fun. Please contact Ellen on 07821206024.

WEST BERKS FOOD BANK – URGENT! With the intention of running the 'Hungry Holidays' scheme for the 9th year to help feed struggling families over the school holidays in over 42 local schools, more than 20 tonnes of food will be needed. To achieve this generous support will be needed. Please donate items at church, at Food Bank collection points in supermarkets, or donate on the West Berks Foodbank website. There, and on posters in church, you can identify the most badly needed items. Thank you.

From CTNA (Churches Together in Newbury Association): *LET'S END POVERTY* is a movement with the aim of getting people – and especially politicians – talking about tackling (or even eradicating) poverty. The movement believes there needs to be the political will to work towards a society where experiencing poverty is uncommon, where no-one is trapped in poverty, and where immediate help is available to avoid or escape falling into poverty. There is no membership fee or other expectation. 'Let's End Poverty' is not affiliated with any political party, and only aims to speak up for the end of poverty in the UK. The 'Let's End Poverty' website - <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/>

CALLING YOUNG MUSICIANS! If you play an instrument, especially acoustic guitar, electric guitar or 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

SHARING FAITH: In his address to the G7 summit recently, Pope Francis discussed the threat and promise of Artificial Intelligence. Further details are available at: www.indcatholicnews.com/news/49987

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.

From the Diocesan Vocations Team: "On this rock I will build my Church". Does a life of faithful prayer and teaching as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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: A person of conscience is one who never acquires tolerance, well-being, success, public standing, and approval on the part of prevailing opinion, at the expense of truth. *Pope Benedict XVI*