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TRINITY SUNDAY – YEAR C

Sunday 15th June: TRINITY SUNDAY - YEAR C. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 16th June: Feria of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Richard of Chichester, Bishop, optional memorial. No Mass today.

Tuesday 17th June: Feria of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 18th June: Feria of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 19th June: Feria of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Romuald, Bishop, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 20th June: Feria of the 11th Week in Ordinary Time, or, St Alban, Martyr, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 21st June: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, memorial. Mass at 10.00am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 15th June: 8.30am in Thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

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

Tuesday 17th June: 10.00am for Barbara Rowlands RIP (Phil Rowlands' 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: 8th June: Plate collection £733.21; Candles £25.07; Poor Box £1.00; Repository £37.60. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 15th June: TRINITY SUNDAY, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY (1) and 'Fathers' Day'

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three

distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal.

There will be a second collection for Day for Life. Along with raising awareness on life issues, the Day for Life has its own Fund which allocates over £200,000 in grants to projects and organisations which promote the Christian respect for life from conception to natural death. This impacts local communities by, for example, providing mothers and children with necessary means. You can donate on-line at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-day-for-life/>

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

Wednesday 18th 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.

7.30 – 8.30pm: COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) Pause and Pray event at Newbury Baptist Church, Newbury RG14 5DD. Refreshments and prayer focusing on Year 6 as they transition to Secondary School and all of those in the school community going through exams. The Coins Team look forward to seeing you.

Thursday 19th June: 10.30am Grand/Mothers' Prayers every Thursday at *Newbury Grove Care Home*, 370 London Road, Newbury RG14 2QH to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren, and for a strengthening of faith. New attendees always welcome. For more information, speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

2pm: Requiem Mass for Olivia Wilcox RIP at St Joseph's.

8pm – 9pm: Forming for Life in Christ on-line event for Catechists (see below).

Sunday 22nd June: CORPUS CHRISTI (Feast of the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ), and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY (2)

Wednesday 25th June: 6.45pm – 8.45pm 'Come and Sing' Choir Session in church. The Choir is looking to expand. Have you ever wanted to try singing, but too scared?! Unsure?! Don't worry – singing is a joy for anyone, and choirs don't bite. Music is a vibrant 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. Lots of good fun, good people, and very good for your mental wellbeing. Everybody is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions? Please email the office and Carl will respond, or catch him after 11am Sunday Mass. Remember: Anyone can sing!

Saturday 28th June: Save the Date: SAFEGUARDING TRAINING at St. Francis Hall from 10am until 12.30pm. If those with a DBS have not done any training since the session at our hall in September 2023, they will be asked to attend. The local parish safeguarding ministers are delivering the training.

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: 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.

Stop assisted suicide - sign the local petition! Only 28 MPs need to change their minds to defeat the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill on Friday 20 June – several already have. It is the last opportunity to sign the petition in church to your local MP to stop the Bill!

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. There are two available dates to choose from **Thursday 19th June** or **Thursday 10th July, 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**.

Pope Leo's Intention for June: The Holy Father's prayer intention for June is: "that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world." The video may be seen at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmFWToNIZNM

Retrouvaille: What is it? ... a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. They have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more on – 07973 380443 or search www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

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.

Saturday 6th September: Diocesan Formation Day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy. St Bede's, Basingstoke, from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The programme will include prayer and reflection, sharing good practice; working collaboratively; how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists; Music suggestions; and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers. Please register your interest by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

300 Club – June Draw: 1st prize £100 – Rebecca Couzens; 2nd prize £50 – L. Berridge; 3rd prize £25 – Annette Haines. Congratulations!

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: A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.