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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – **YEAR B**

Sunday 26th May: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – Year B. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, feast. No Mass.

Tuesday 28th May: Feria of the 8th Week of Ordinary Time, or, Blessed Margaret Pole, Martyr, optional diocesan memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 29th May: Feria of the 8th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 30th May: Feria of the 8th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 31st May: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 1st June: St Justin, Martyr, memorial. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions follow 10.00am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 26th May: 11am for Giulia Columbro RIP (Rosie Byrne'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: The plate collection for 19th May was £652.07; Candles £12.11. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 26th May: The Most Holy Trinity (Year B) The Trinity shows us the depths of God's love in the mystery of his inner life as Three Persons in One: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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.

11am: Children's Liturgy will take place in the hall for those of primary school age. The **Music Group** will not assist with the celebration of Mass today but will play next Sunday.

Wednesday 29th May: 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.

7.15pm: Bible Study with Fr Peter Codd at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hungerford. All are welcome. Please note that this is the last session before a break for the summer months of June, July and August. The sessions will resume in September.

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

7.30pm: Bible Society Romans Course: The penultimate session of this 10-week course looking at the theme of 'Community' 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 30th May: Grand/Mothers' Prayer Group 10.30am – 12noon (Note: New time!) 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.

2.30pm: Film Matinée 'The Way to the Stars', moving war-time drama, in St Joseph's Hall.

Sunday 2nd June: CORPUS CHRISTI – Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. 11am Mass: The Music Group will assist in the celebration of Mass.

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

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 office 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

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.

St Joseph's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 1st-5th July 2024. Transport to, and from, Stansted Airport has been confirmed for those attending. Cost per person for the return journey to Stansted is £50. Please pay by cash or cheque, payable to 'THE TEA BAR' and post through the Presbytery letter box.

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/joining/register/tZlIf--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcw7lZHWq87dG>. 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; exploring theological reflection & 'visio divina' in photography as unrushed contemplation. 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.

LIFTING THE 50% CAP ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: For 14 years the Church has fought the 50% cap on school admissions which is detrimental to Catholic school provision. The Government has now announced the lifting of the Cap, subject to the outcome of a consultation. The proposals will allow the Catholic Church to establish special academies alongside our existing special schools. A strong response to the consultation is important so that the Church can continue to play its part in the provision of schools in all parts of the education sector on an equal footing with other groups. Please respond positively to this consultation, as Catholic schools are more diverse than other types. Even with higher levels of pupil deprivation, they achieve better results. Removal of the cap will help sustain that diversity in the longer term.

Job opportunity: Caritas Portsmouth Project Development Officer - Caritas Portsmouth, part of the Diocese, seeks a self-motivated, compassionate individual to join as a Project Development Officer. Southampton and Havant based, the role is central to the development of parish-based social and environmental projects that supporting those in need. **Fixed term contract** until end June 2025. **Salary:** £25,000-26,000 depending on experience. For details, visit: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/>.

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.

AND A FINAL THOUGHT: The poor man is not the one without a cent. The poor man is the one without a dream.
Henry Ford