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11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Holy Communion Sunday (1)

Sunday 14th June: 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A. Masses at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Monday 15th June: Feria of 11th Week of Ordinary Time. No Mass today.

Tuesday 16th June: Feria of 11th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Wednesday 17th June: Feria of 11th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Thursday 18th June: Feria of 11th Week of Ordinary Time. Mass at 10.00am.

Friday 19th June: Feria of 11th Week of Ordinary Time, or, St Romuald, Abbot, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am.

Saturday 20th June: Our Lady on Saturday, or, St Alban, martyr, optional memorial. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.

Mass Intentions:

Sunday 14th June: 8.30am for Canon Anthony Zollo RIP (Foundation Mass)

11.00am for Giulia Columbro RIP (Vito Columbro's intention).

Tuesday 16th June: 10.00am in Thanksgiving for Night Adoration.

Saturday 20th June: 10.00am for Giulia Columbro RIP.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound of the Parish:

Paula Holmes, Carol Bartlam, Joyce Delahunty, Graham Attridge, Angela Jordan, Elizabeth Skelton, 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: 7th June 2026: Plate collection £867.6; Poor Box £32.50; Candles £50.42; Repository £5. Totals for the month of May: Standing Orders £1,912.50; Contactless

£1,489; plus £138.00 for World Communications (second collection). Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday 14th June: 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A We are commissioned or sent, to transform others with the "Good News" of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus His Son.

11.00am Mass of First Holy Communion for eleven of our children who commenced preparation last September. The remaining nine children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday 28th June.

First Holy Communion Cards & Gifts: these are available to purchase from our parish Repository after Masses. Please speak to Maureen Smith for more information.

Thursday 18th June: 10.30am - Grand/Mothers' Prayers for now will be held in members' own homes. If interested in attending, please speak with Fr Michael or Elizabeth Matias after Mass.

Saturday 20th June: 11.15am: Baptism of Oscar Dixon. Congratulations!

Sunday 21st June: 12th Sunday of the Year (A) – FATHERS' DAY. 'A Day for Life'- The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year's theme is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*. There is a **Second Collection** at Masses on this Sunday. It is also possible to give via this link:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2026>

1.15pm: Baptism of Ricardo Fernandes. Congratulations!

Friday 26th June: 7pm St Joseph's Parish Quiz Night (Doors open 6.30pm), in the parish hall, £8 per player, maximum 6 persons to a team, with Raffle. Bring own refreshments; tea, coffee and scones available. To book, email kaylbinns@gmail.com

Saturday 27th June: Newbury Choral Society Summer Concert 'Shakespeare in Music' at St Nicolas Church, Newbury. Doors open at 6.45pm, concert starts at 7.30pm. *Bernstein: West Side Story Suite; Shearing:*

Songs & Sonnets; Vaughan Williams: Three Shakespeare Songs. Tickets available from choir members or at www.newburychoral.org.uk. Adults: £18, 12-18 years and full-time students: £10, Children under 12 years: £5.

Sunday 28th June: 2.00pm-4.30pm – ‘The Repair Café in the Methodist Church Hall, Northbrook Street. Save your useful and much-loved items from waste land-fill and bring them along for repair by experts!

Sunday 5th July: The Mayor of Newbury Summer Variety Concert 2pm at the Corn Exchange. Tickets £6.25 (per person). To book call 01635 522733, or go to cornexchangenew.com.

A New Parish Administrator & Hall Manager for St Joseph’s! Mrs Rachel Coutinho of our parish has been successfully recruited to fill this newly expanded role for the parish, and we greatly look forward to her beginning in early July. Welcome Rachel, and we all look forward to getting to know you better!

JUNE – Month of the Sacred Heart. Our Pastoral Area is named the Sacred Heart parish, and so in the wake of the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 12th June, you are encouraged to pray for the Church in our area. The Sacred Heart reveals the Saviour’s merciful love which banishes all fear, shame and discouragement from our own hearts. The Heart of Jesus continues to beat for us in heaven.

Lourdes Pilgrims – TAKE NOTE! Ryanair has mandated that all passengers must now be in possession of a downloaded digital boarding-pass on their iPhone or Android. Paper boarding-passes are no longer accepted. If you have a problem with this, please make it known to the parish in good time before departure on 30th June.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 -2027: Our next Confirmation programme run together with St Francis de Sales’ Parish will **begin on 14th September 2026** – open to those who are in year 9 or above (aged 14 – 18), and who are resident and participants in our Parish community. *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 at Wash Common as soon as possible giving your name, age and contact details. Information about the programme will be provided when we receive your application. Learning sessions will take place in St Joseph’s Hall. **There is a payment of £126 which covers the entire cost of the retreat weekend (2nd-4th October) at St Cassians in Kintbury.** Parish Office: washcommon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Telephone: 01635 40332.

Stop the Assisted Suicide Bill Returning! Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill.

‘Not Dead Yet UK’ has launched a simple tool to help email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to the disabled. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool at: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/> ‘Dignity in Dying’ (supporters of a revived bill) are demanding that Parliament prioritises medically-assisted killing, but this is NOT the public’s will according to a major new poll. Voters want MPs to focus on **reducing NHS waiting times and providing access to quality palliative care for all**, amongst many other priorities.

‘ADOREMUS’ - a National Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 10th October 2026, staged in London by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales is set to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - with Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Individuals and Groups from parishes intending to attend should inform Canon Michael Dennehy *by Wednesday 1st July 2026*, so that he can co-ordinate travel and book places. Email mdennehy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Leaving a Gift in your Will: Many Catholics choose to leave a gift to their parish in their will. These gifts are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to parish life. To support parishioners in planning ahead, the diocese has created a range of helpful resources and documents to assist with getting personal affairs in order. These include: An Asset Inventory Record; A Will Planner; Instructions for a Catholic Funeral; and Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill. These materials are designed to provide practical support and peace of mind when making important plans for the future, and are available on the diocesan website at <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

From West Berkshire Foodbank: Place donated items in the box at the back of church, ready for collection on alternate Wednesdays. Your generosity is appreciated.

St Joseph’s Hall: Interested in hiring St Joseph’s Hall for an occasion or a class? Please contact the parish office to enquire about availability, and to book. A provisional cost of £25 per hour has been set at present, subject to confirming the new heating and utility costs following the hall’s major refurbishment. Office Tel: **01635 40167**; E-mail office@stjosephsnewbury.org.uk

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: “We are made for the infinite.” (Pope Leo in Spain this week)