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## 27th Ordinary Sunday Year B

The followers of Christ can be caught between valuing the commitment of life's promises in marriage, and compassion for people whose marriages have broken up. Jesus values the commitment too: adultery is condemned as a sin against justice – of tampering in some way with the commitment made of one person to another.

Why is this followed by a comment about children that they should come to him? Obviously from love for children, and also for love of the child inside each of us, the child of God that we all are. So for the child of God who is suffering through the breakdown of commitment, Jesus is saying to come to him, be welcomed into his arms and be blessed.

While trying to value commitment in marriage and also in religious life, he is also reaching out to people who are in difficult, personal situations. We follow him in this, letting go of judgements about people's relationships. We never know people unless we have walked in their shoes and at their pace.

The church has tried in many ways to reach out to people who need care, protection and healing in Pope Francis' Letter on the Family, The Joy of Love.

In situations where there are differences in people's attitudes, especially in the family, it is good to keep doors of communication open. This is the way towards greater love and healing, and allowing Jesus be part of every aspect of life. Many parents have been happy in later years that they kept lines of communication open with children whose lifestyles may have been different from theirs.

***Think of a family relationship for which you are grateful.  
Lord, may your love be upon us, especially in our commitments.***

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Gen 2:18-24** *God intends man and woman to become one flesh*

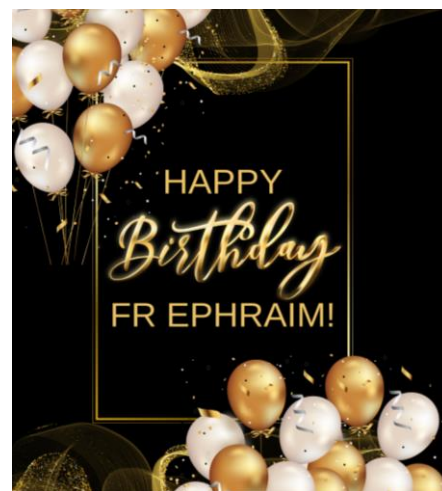
**Psalm 128 R/ May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 2:9-11** *Jesus became fully our brother and a saviour for all*

**Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mrk 10:2-16** *"What God has joined together" and receiving the kingdom of God as a little child*

Please note that the Office & will be CLOSED on  
Wed 9 Oct due to an offsite event

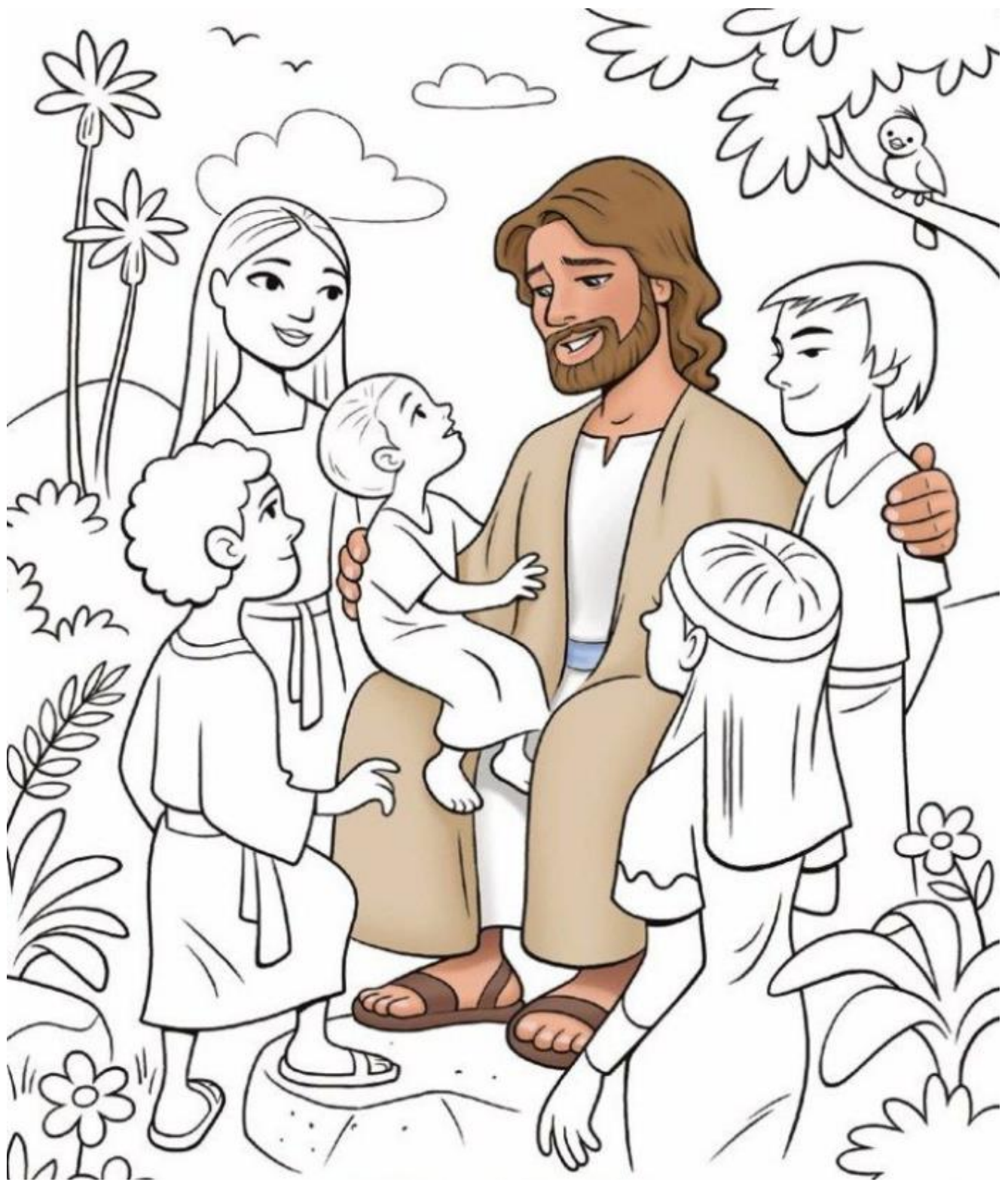


## **\*\*ALL WHO GIFT AID DONATIONS TO THE PARISH\*\***

The Diocese operates under a new Registered Charity number from Jan 2023 following changes to its governance. The previous Gift Aid declarations are no longer valid. We have to obtain new declarations from all parishioners who gift aid their donations in order to comply with Charities Commission and HMRC rules.

If you Gift Aid your donations via standing order, direct debit or envelopes, please take a new form from the Church entrances, complete and sign it, ticking the "in the last four years" box and return it to the Parish office/ leave in the Sacristy.

You can also download it online from: <https://tinyurl.com/35fuemv9>



### **BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES**

- **20 Oct 11am St. Mary's school mass (Harvest Mass)** Please bring in canned goods/jar sauces/coffee/tea/hot chocolate to donate to our local Food share for the Harvest Mass.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11am Mass. Children from 3 years (& their parents) are welcome.
- **First Holy Communion 2024/5 is now closed.** Please check the website and newsletter in Summer 2025 for the next intake.
- **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** in St Edmund Parish Centre (term time only)
- **5 Nov Baptismal Course** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please complete the online form from the website and make an appointment & meet the parish priest before attending.
- Shoutout to those doing **DofE**. You can help with children's liturgy, bake sale, hall tidy after tea, etc on Sundays. Or help with our social media, website, or organising our historical documents in your spare time! Contact Office/ Youth team

Did you know you can do the following on our website [www.stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk):

- Check **Mass Times**  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/mass-times/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/mass-times/)
- Sign up** for baptism, First Holy Communion, RCIA, etc?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/our-faith-journey/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/our-faith-journey/)
- Check your **Rota?**  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/rotas](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/rotas)
- Book the Hall/ Bar?**  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/parish-centre/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/parish-centre/)
- Sign up for **Gift Aid**, make **direct donations**, etc?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/fundraising-and-finance/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/fundraising-and-finance/)
- Find out the **contact details** of the priests, office, youth team, school, safeguarding? Go to [www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/contact-page/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/contact-page/)

**Bookmark it now!**

## TALKS / COURSES / PILGRIMAGES

### 15 Oct 12.30-1pm Networking Lunch – Anti-Slavery Week

Stevie Waight from the Medaille Trust will speak about what Modern Slavery is, how to spot the signs. Register at <https://forms.office.com/e/Dr14A21AxG>.

### 18 Oct 7.30pm A Time to Mourn, A Time to DANCE by Springs

Dance Company at St Luke's Church. Book tickets (£5 each) by emailing [admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](mailto:admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

### 20 Oct 3-5pm Public talk: The Maronite Christians in the Holy

Land Explore the rich history of Maronite Christianity, , liturgies, etc. In St Thomas More Catholic Church in Bournemouth. Book tickets at £7 per person or £10 per family:

<https://tinyurl.com/2tznew72>

### 26 & 27th Oct St. Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage Visit St.

Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, relics, and place of execution with activities/talks. FREE! book <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

### 26 Oct 10-1pm ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat "Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit":

Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Joe Livingston. Zoom registration: [bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREOCT2024)

### 23 Nov in-person Marriage Prep at Corpus Christi Catholic

Church, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE. See

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 18 Oct** BINGO Night in St Joseph's Parish Centre
- 20 Oct** Harvest Mass (11am) – see also Children's section
- 10 Nov** Remembrance Sunday
- 1 Dec** **Christmas Fayre**
- 15 Dec** **Christingle**
- 24 Dec** Opening of The Holy Door in St Peter's (Start of Jubilee Year)
- 25 Jan 25** BURNS Night Dinner in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION\*

Gift Aid: **£199.00**; Non-GA: **£579.51**

**Thank you for your generosity, and for gift-aiding!!**

*\* Loose plate, envelopes & Dona*

**Thank you** for contributing to vestments and lectionaries. We're almost halfway to the new lectionaries! They cost £695 for St Joseph's and £395 for St Elizabeth's.

## Readers!

On Saturday **19th October from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm**, there will be a Diocesan Formation Day for Readers. The Day will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, the Director of Liturgical Formation, and it takes place at St Bede's Church/Hall, Basingstoke. The purpose of their biblical formation is to give readers the ability to understand the readings in context and to perceive by the light of faith the central point of the revealed message. The liturgical formation ought to equip the readers to have some grasp of the meaning and structure of the liturgy of the word and of the significance of its connection with the liturgy of the eucharist. The technical preparation should make the readers more skilled in the art of reading publicly, either with the power of their own voice or with the help of sound equipment (55).

If you are a reader at Mass, regularly or occasionally, this day is for YOU! Registration for the Day is by email: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



## CAN YOU HELP?

Home help required for a retired lady,  
breakfast/lunch preparation  
5 days a week. Must be someone  
known to the Parish contact Rod on  
07425955287

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We need a tombola drum for the  
Fayre. Can you gift/lend one?  
Contact

[patriciaray980@btinternet.com](mailto:patriciaray980@btinternet.com)

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### 2nd Collection: CAFOD

CAFOD's family fast day and the  
focus is on Daniel, a carpenter in  
Goma who is carving out a better  
future for himself and his family,  
standing as a sign of hope for other  
young people in Goma.

[https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-  
fundraising](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parish-fundraising)

All funds will go directly to CAFOD



## NOTICEBOARD & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	5th	10:00	
		18:30	David Goode, SI
Sun	6th	08:00	Carina Antunes, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	George Lam, SI Bejay Deo, A Carl O'Donovan, A
Mon	7th	10:00	Mothers Prayers in Church (no Mass)
Tue	8th	10:00	Rose Redmond, SI Lee Justice, A
Wed	9th	10:00	Doris Clarke, SI Brett Sivyver, A
Thu	10th	10:00	Michael & Vera McLoughlin, A Coleman Family, FM
Fri	11th	10:00	Anthony Brito, SI Deceased members of the SVP Society
Sat	12th	10:00	Athos Pell, A
		18:30	
Sun	13th	08:00	Carina Antunes, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Rick Fernandes, SI Antonia Lazaro, A Lerisa Campbell, A

- **8 Oct Rescue Project** 2<sup>nd</sup> Session in St Ed's: **6.30pm** Mass followed by **7-9pm** session at the Parish Centre
- **10 Oct Bible studies** resume (see info pack)
- **12 Oct 9-6pm Space for Women** online event by **Cor et Lumen Christi**. See <https://tinyurl.com/bdybdene>
- **13 Oct 2.30-5pm LOSS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP** monthly in St Edmund Parish Centre
- **18 Oct 7pm BINGO NIGHT** Tickets at £5 includes Bingo Cards. Bring your own nibbles and the bar will be offering wine, beer & soft drinks for cash donations. Tea, coffee and a Raffle will be available during the interval. Get tickets from Vision Group. All proceeds to Thames Hospice and St Mary's Primary School.
- **19 Oct 10.30am- 2pm** Diocesan Formation Day for Readers at St Bede's Church Hall, Basingstoke. Registration for the Day is by email: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).
- **20 Oct 3pm Filipino Mass** All are welcome!
- **22 Oct 2.30pm UCM Talk** by the Maidenhead Community Watch. All are welcome! In St Elizabeth bar
- **1 Nov 10am All Saint's Day + Healing Mass** (7pm at St Edmund Champion's)
- **2 Nov 7-10pm Pub Quiz** in aid of Sense UK (St Joseph's Hall). Colin (ex-pupil of St Mary's) is fundraising for the London Marathon. Bring a team or we'll find a team for you. Tickets £15 includes Ploughmans, Raffle & Bar. Buy tickets from Teresa Dale: 07789 847401
- **9 Nov 7.30pm Catenians 35th Annual evening:** Musical & Opera with 4 professional opera singers. Claire's Court School. Profits to The Lifestyle Club (a charity supporting people with diabetes). Tickets £28 pp (£24 pp before 30 Sep from Jonathan: [manorcott@outlook.com](mailto:manorcott@outlook.com) or 07740 430599
- Weekly **Yoga with Una** Thurs 7pm in the Hall. Bring a mat & towel. All levels welcome! Donation £5 or more proceeds to St Joseph's Church. Prepay to book your spot <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQP1DYDH>

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