

The Catholic Academy Trust in East Berkshire
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus.



To the greater glory of God

Admissions for September 2017 – children born 1st Sept. 2012 to 31st Aug. 2013

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 who will be starting school in September 2017? You are very welcome to visit our friendly school, be shown round and ask any questions you may have. Please contact the school on 01628 622570 or email office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk to make an appointment.

Are you thinking of getting married? Please note that the Church is now asking for twelve months' notice in order that necessary paperwork and other marriage preparation can be completed. In the first instance, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Father John.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12.30pm. Parents are expected to take part in a two evening preparation programme held on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage Care: Marriage Preparation Facilitators and a Head of Centre needed. Marriage Care is the largest faith-based relationship support organisation in England and Wales. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators and a Head of Centre to volunteer with us at our Reading centre and help us in our mission to support couples in the best and worst of times. Please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

The Parish Website: <http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/> is being updated regularly. If you would like to update any existing information please do so via the Parish Office.

Notices for next weekend: should be posted or emailed to the Parish Office by 12.00pm on Wednesday.

If you wish to speak to the Parish Priest in confidence on any matter, please contact Shauna at the Parish Office for an appointment. Fr John is always happy to visit you at home if so desired.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST.JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST.ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM

Number 111 – 14th / 15th January
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, (psalter week 2)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	14 th Jan	10:00	Canon John Madden, RIP
		18:30	Deceased Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Sun	15 th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Parish Priest Intention, SI
		10:45	For Peace in the World, SI
Mon	16 th Jan	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	17 th Jan	10.00	Rafael Rozo, RIP
Wed	18 th Jan	11.30	Doreen Kearsley, Requiem Mass
Thu	19 th Jan	10:00	Natalie Cunningham, SI
Fri	20 th Jan	10:00	James Philip Birchenough, A
Sat	21 st Jan	10:00	Parish Priest Intention, SI
		18:30	Holy Souls
Sun	22nd Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	For Christian Unity, SI
		10:45	Januario DeSouza, A

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

Sunday 15th January 2017



John 1:29-34

Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony, he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes: St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave



Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by
My Spirit says the Lord!
Zechariah 4:6

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leauge, James and Betty Buckley, Evelyn Withey, Alexandra Donaldson, Sam Dalton, John Webb, Alex Holden and Vincent Ray.

If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound or in hospital please let Shauna know in the office as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged. Thank you.

Please Pray for the souls of; Joan Cloonan RIP, funeral Mass Thursday 12th January at 10am in St. Joseph's. Doreen Kearsley RIP, funeral Mass Wednesday 18th January at 11.30am in St. Joseph's, Gaetana Attardo RIP, funeral Mass Wednesday 25th January at 10.00am in St. Joseph's. We also pray for the souls of Ann O'Mahony and Brian Nolan.

Please pray for all of the Holy Souls who still need your prayers. Just one short prayer will earn you their Eternal gratitude. Imagine what you could do with two prayers. Have you tried this yet? Or are you too busy?

Choir: Ben, our choirmaster, will be leaving us next year as he and his wife, Shan, will be moving out of the area. We would very much like the choir to be able to continue – singing is such an important part of our liturgy and worship and the choir is a great asset to the parish. Ben has offered to carry on until Easter but would like to hand over responsibility before this if possible, so we are now looking for someone to take over. If you have experience of running a choir and would be interested, or if you know someone who you think might be, please speak to Father John or to Ben.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1269.08

Mother's Prayer Group: meets each Monday at 10.am in St Joseph's church. All welcome. Please note 16th January is in the Bar Area.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy group are already struggling to have enough volunteers to run the sessions and we are sadly losing 2 more of our team this term. Please will you consider trying to lead one session this year? You will always work with a team of 3, help and support will be on hand and all the plans are provided. Perhaps you have a child doing their First Communion and would like to contribute? Or maybe you are a retired teacher willing to help us out very occasionally? You do not need experience and this could be a wonderful chance for you to try out a new vocation - several of our Liturgists have gone on to be wonderful teachers in schools! Please contact Tricia Weeks, (Tel. 01628 627265) for further details, you will be welcomed with open arms. We really do need your help.

Brownies: Looking for something new for 2017? The Brownies that meet in St. Josephs Church are in need of extra adult helpers who ideally would be able to help on a regular basis – Wednesday 6pm term time. As an adult volunteer, you'll try new things, learn skills and be a role model for girls. Giving your time helps to make guiding happen! If you're up for new opportunities, challenges and lots of fun then email maidenhead.brownies@gmail.com to find out more!

RCIA: The Journey of faith – meeting takes place each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you or if you know anyone that wishes to find out more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office for more information.

Thank you to all those that helped with the flowers in the church at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated.

At the 10.45am Mass today, The Motet is Verleih uns Frieden by Felix Mendelssohn and is based on a very old Catholic prayer for peace.

In German, the words are:

Verleih uns Frieden gnaediglich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten!

Es ist doch ja kein Andrer nicht, der fuer uns koennte streiten.

Denn du unser Gott alleine.

In English (translated by Helga Cairncross in the choir):

Graciously grant us peace, Lord God, in these times.

There is indeed no other who could fight for us.

Only you, you our God, only you alone.

Parish Pilgrimage to Poland in The Footsteps of Saint John Paul II - 19th-24th April 2017, led by Fr John Lee:

If you are planning to join us on the pilgrimage please send the form with the deposit to Pilgrimage People ASAP. Their contact details are: office@pilgrimagepeople.org or on 0800 612 3423. Information packs are available at all Masses this weekend for anyone interested in joining us.

Part-time Administrator job opportunity at Re:charge R&R: You could be handling all types of admin, from correspondence & communication with clients, contributors, funding organisations etc. through to helping to organise varied fund-raising events. You will need to be accurate and organised, and ideally have some experience in a previous office administration role. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office would be good - in particular Word and Excel. If you are interested in this role or would like more information on the job, hours and rates of pay then please call Georgie Grafham on 07805 799250

CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting – Saturday 4 February 2017: Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

Maidenhead Care: Anyone thinking of volunteering as a New Year Resolution might like to consider offering a little time to this very worthwhile Good Neighbour Scheme. Even a couple of hours a month would be gratefully accepted as there is always a need. No one is ever pressured to do more than they can offer.

There are a few ways of helping. Please contact Patricia Denham on 01628 631424 or look up the website for more information: www.maidenheadcare.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2017: Can parents please note that the program is now closed for this year. In late summer this year we will take names for the 2018 program.

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Philip Egan has issued a pastoral letter on the Sacrament of Confirmation which is to be read at all Masses this Sunday. Copies are available for you to take away. The letter is also available on the Parish website.

Eucharistic Ministers Retreat Day: Saturday 21st January. Can all ministers meet in the Church carpark at 9am next Saturday and a coach will take you to Douai Abbey. Please note the day of reflection will finish at 4pm and there is a hot lunch provided.

Postage Stamps: If you have any used stamps please leave them with Joan Boland or Shauna in the office. Last year with your help, Joan was able to pass these on and help raise over £2,500 for charity.

Keys: If you have keys belonging to the Parish, can you please return them to the office so they can be registered, numbered and then reissued.