

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.

Did you know: If you are married and you or your partner pays basic rate tax at 20% whilst the other is a Non Tax Payer a concession known as Marriage Allowance was introduced in the last tax year which allows the Non Tax Payer to transfer 10% of their tax free allowance, currently £11,000, to the tax payer resulting in a tax saving of £220. The application can also be backdated to the previous tax year giving a further tax saving of £212. This benefit will not be given automatically and must be claimed by the Non Tax Payer. It is thought that thousands of eligible couples have not registered for this benefit and are losing out on the tax saving. The simplest way to apply is online at www.gov.uk/apply-marriage-allowance. This will only take a few minutes but you will need the National Insurance numbers of both parties and a means of proving your identity, such as the last four digits of the account where your child benefit, tax credits or state pension is credited or your passport number and expiry date. If one of you was born before 1st April 1935 you will get better tax savings under the existing Married Couples Allowance.

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!

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 112 – 21st / 22nd January 2017
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, (psalter week 3)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	21 st Jan	10:00	Parish Priest Intention, SI
		18:30	Holy Souls
Sun	22 nd Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	For Christian Unity, SI
		10:45	Januario DeSouza, A
Mon	23 rd Jan	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	24 th Jan	10:00	Ian Noble, A
Wed	25 th Jan	10:00	Gaetana Attardo, Funeral Mass
Thu	26 th Jan	10:00	Maura and Breda McAuliffe, RIP
Fri	27 th Jan	10:00	Jane Mifsud, RIP
Sat	28 th Jan	10:00	Nigel Cunningham, SI
		18:30	Doreen Kearsley, RIP
Sun	29 th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Hanrahan Family, SI
		10:45	Ben and Shan Muggridge, SI

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.



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

Sunday 22nd January 2017

He said to them,
"Follow me and I
will make you fish for people."
Immediately they left their
nets and followed him.
Matthew 4.19-20



Matthew 4:12-23

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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 Leavage, Betty Buckley, Evelyn Withey, Alexandra Donaldson, Sam Dalton, John Webb, Alex Holden, Maria Wiggins and Vincent Ray.

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

If you are going into hospital or know someone please inform the hospital chaplain on arrival. Please also let Fr John Lee know so that arrangements can be made for a visit.

Please Pray for the souls of; 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, Brian Nolan, Cheryl Alexander and Jim Buckley

Please pray for all 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 £1199.81

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.

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.

Parish Project Survey: Fr John will be issuing a letter next week to introduce a short term Parish Project which will last until the end of April. More details to follow.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 30th January for a reorganisation.

A New Year's Resolution: If you pay income tax and do not Gift Aid your donations register now and allow St Joseph's to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. Contact the Parish Office for further details or to sign up

Parish Social: Keep Saturday 4th March 2017 free in your diary for the Parish Social. More details to follow.

At the 10.45am Mass today the choir will sing:

Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high.

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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.

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.

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.

UCM: There will be a **'Cheese and Wine' evening on Tuesday 24 January** after the **Annual General Meeting at 7.45 pm**. Other foundations have the AGM in January and it is a good time for Maidenhead as we have several issues to discuss. The meeting will take place in the bar area of St. Joseph's Parish at 7.45pm

Second Collection: There is a second collection at all Sunday Masses next weekend (28th/29th) for White Flower Appeal. The society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children.

Mother's Prayer Group: meets each Monday at 10.am in St Joseph's church. All welcome.