

**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](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.

**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.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 13th March 2017.** £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

**2017 Interfaith Dialogues:** Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February in St. Mark's Catholic Church, Dedworth, Windsor from 7pm – 9pm. Please see the notice board for dates in February and March or visit the website: [www.wamcf.org](http://www.wamcf.org)

**St Mary's Catholic Pre School** will soon be carrying out their intake for September 2017. If you would like your child to attend the Pre School please apply as soon as possible as there are limited spaces.

**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.

**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 115 – 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, (psalter week 2)

#### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Holy Souls
		18:30	Manuel Family, FM
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Liam & Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		10:45	Chris Welaham, RIP
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11.00	Funeral Mass Jim Buckley
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00	Donie O'Regan, RIP
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Mary & Michael Carrigan, A
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Funeral Mass Anna Keohane
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Sonia Gutierrez, SI
		18:30	Miguel & Josephina Varella, A
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	David Cloet, TM
		10:45	Maria Figueria, 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.



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

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Matthew 5:17-37

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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

**Please pray for** all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Maura Gray, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leauge, Betty Buckley, Evelyn Withey, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Alex Holden, Maria Wiggins, Joe Ball, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heavers 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 that is, 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;**

*Jim Buckley RIP*, Funeral Mass Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in St. Joseph's Church.

*Anna Keohane RIP*, Funeral Mass Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10am St. Joseph's Church.

*Bridget Puzio RIP*, Funeral Mass Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1pm in St. Joseph's.

*Eithna Officer RIP*, Funeral Mass Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church.

*Gerard McGuinness RIP*, Funeral Mass Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am in St. Joseph's Church.

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 in the next few weeks 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 £1226.20

**Second Collection:** The second collection for Catholic Education Service is this weekend the 12<sup>th</sup> February not March as stated in last weeks Newsletter.

**Children's Liturgy:** The Children's Liturgy is where the children learn, in a way which is meaningful for them, the message of the Gospel their parents are hearing in church. The 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.

**CTS Stand:** Thank you to Lucy Lyne for looking after the CTS rack so efficiently. Please take a moment to look at the wide selection of booklets concerning our faith. We are very grateful to Lucy for all her hard work.

**Parish Social:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Parish Centre. Live music by Stephen and Megan. Tickets are £10 and available from both the Parish Office and the Centre Office. All proceeds go towards the Lenten Project. Full bar on the night. Nibbles available on the night, No food required.

**Parish Project Survey:** A reminder that **all parishioners who are over 18 years will be asked to complete a brief survey starting this weekend 12th February.**



THE CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST IN EAST BERKS  
ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus.*

**HEADTEACHER**  
Required September 2017  
Exceptional Headteacher sought to help us make our very good school outstanding

Informal visits to St. Mary's are warmly encouraged and can be arranged by calling Mrs. Chawla in the school office -01628 622570  
An application pack can be downloaded at: [www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk)  
Closing date – 12.00 noon, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017  
Interviews – week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**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. This is really important as we need to make our Church more secure.

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

**Men's Matters Windsor:** Men's Matters Windsor is a new charity supporting older men in Maidenhead & Windsor who are isolated, feel lonely and experiencing major life changes. From Monday 6th February, Men's Matters Windsor has a 'drop-in' centre for men over 50 living in and around Windsor. It is open from 1pm to 3.30pm every Monday at the All Saints Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor SL4 4JW to meet with each other and enjoy a cuppa.

**This year's Lenten Project:** Fr John invites all our parishioners to submit suggestions for this year's Lenten Project to Shauna in the Parish Office by 11<sup>th</sup> February by phone/email.

**Magnificat: Did you know?** This is one of the best publications around for following scripture readings for daily Mass and every Sunday. There are also many interesting articles to help you in your spiritual life. If you would like a copy please get in touch with Shauna in the Parish Office to arrange. The Magnificat is only £4 per month.

**Day by Day:** Available in the church at all times. Please leave the £1 in the candle box.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10 - 18 March 2017 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are all invited to attend. Masses are on Friday 10 March at 7.30pm, Saturday 11 March at 10.00am, Sunday 12 March at 10.45am, Monday 13 to Friday 17 March at 7.30pm and Saturday 18 March at 10.00am. If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer, you are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email [novena@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com).

**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](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org) or on 0800 612 3423. Information packs are available at all Masses this weekend for anyone interested in joining us.