

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.

UCM meeting in the bar area on Tuesday February 21st 7.45pm. "The work of the Salvation Army in Maidenhead." All parishioners are welcome to come to hear Major Kim Wilson.

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.

Safeguarding Update: A team of Safeguarding Representatives for the two churches in our parish has now been formed. The team will begin work after DBS clearance checks have been completed.

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.

2017 Interfaith Dialogues: Next meeting Tuesday 28th February in Maidenhead Synagogue, *How can we be happy?* from 7pm – 9pm. Please see the notice board for dates in February and March or visit the website: 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.

Parish Social: Saturday 4th 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

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

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, (psalter week 3)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	18 th Feb	10:00	Sonia Gutierrez, SI
		18:30	Miguel and Josephina Varella, A
Sun	19 th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	David Cloet, Thanksgiving Mass
		10:45	Maria Figueria, SI
Mon	20 th Feb	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	21 st Feb	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
		13:00	Funeral Mass, Bridget Puzio, RIP
Wed	22 nd Feb	10.00	Ashley Young, RIP
Thu	23 rd Feb	10:00	Bishop John Salt, RIP
Fri	24 th Feb	10:00	Veronica Chinkondenji, RIP
Sat	25 th Feb	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Figueira Family, SI
Sun	26 th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Terry Webb, SI
		10:45	Panayiotis Grammatopoulos, 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 19th February 2017



Matthew 5:38–48

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her, what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better, translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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 note that under the Data Protection Act, hospital staff cannot disclose patient information. We rely on Parishioners to keep us in the loop.

Please Pray for the souls of; Jim Buckley RIP, Anna Keohane RIP, Willie Knowles RIP and Ragonda Neville RIP. *Bridget Puzio RIP*, Funeral Mass Tuesday 21st February at 1pm in St. Joseph's. *Eithna Officer RIP*, Funeral Mass Tuesday 28th February at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church. *Gerard McGuinness RIP*, Funeral Mass Friday 3rd 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 £1048.39. Second collection for Catholic Education Service £325.38

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.

Growing an Engaged Church: Last Sunday Fr John launched a Gallup Project which will last until the end of April. What would you like your Parish Church to look like? How could you create this kind of change? Are we doing all that we could be doing? Are we doing the *right* things? Are we doing the *most important* things? The purpose of the Survey is to address these questions and help form some directions for the future. Please complete a *Gallup Member Engagement Survey* after Mass this Sunday and leave in a special box that you will find at both entrances to the Church. *Your thoughts, feelings and opinions count! We want to hear from you!* *Saturday evening Mass attendees will be invited to complete the survey next weekend 25th February.*

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer. This year Maidenhead's meeting will take place at the United Reform Church in West Street at 2pm on Friday March 3rd (the back of Marks and Spencer) The service has been written by ladies in the Philippians and will feature a ritual dance performed by Catholic ladies from the Philippians who live in Reading. They are taking time from work so please support them. All welcome including gentlemen



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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
Closing date – 12.00 noon, Wednesday 22nd February 2017
Interviews – week beginning 6th March 2017

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

Lenten Project: Thank you to all those who submitted suggestions for this year's Lenten Project. Fr John has decided on **Mary's Meals** as the Project for this Lent. **Mary's Meals** is a global movement providing the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. More information to follow.

Please note there will be an appeal later in the year for Aid to the Church in Need and Margaret Clitherow Trust.

CAFOD Lent Fast day Friday 10th March: Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school. Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Many thanks.

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.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 24th June 2017 at 11 am. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, Or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. Or contact Liz Murphy at St Bede's Parish office on 01256 465214 To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form. Alternatively send via email to above email address or by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

Goan Community Retreat in Konkani: Saturday 4th March from 2pm to 6pm in St. Josephs Church