

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.

UCM Meeting Tuesday March 7th 7.45pm in the bar area. "Mary's Meals"- a discussion on how we may contribute to this year's Lenten Project.

Please note Cleaning of the Church is this Tuesday 7th March

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. Please note Baptism's are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

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: The last meeting Tuesday 14th March in Maidenhead Mosque, *What makes life meaningful?* From 7pm – 9pm.

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.

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.

House Masses: Fr John Lee is more than happy to celebrate a House Mass for any family or group of families who would like one during Lent. If d in their Programme of Formation during the 10.45am Mass this Sunday. If you are interested please email Fr John or telephone the Parish Office.

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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1st Sunday of Lent, Year A, (psalter week 1)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	4 th Mar	10:00	Franco Bigoni, A
		18:30	Deceased members of Figueira Family
Sun	5 th Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Chris Brown, SI
		10:45	Helga Zollner, RIP
Mon	6 th Mar	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	7 th Mar	10:00	Stephen Rigby, SI
Wed	8 th Mar	10:00	Renee De Souza, A
		12:00	Funeral Mass, Nabil Ishaq Fanous
Thu	9 th Mar	10:00	Janusz Messing, A
Fri	10 th Mar	19:30	Elizabeth McKeon, RIP
Sat	11 th Mar	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
		18:30	John Murphy, A
Sun	12 th Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, A
		10:45	Chris Whelehan, RIP

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 5th March 2017



If you are the
Son of God,
command these stones
to become
loaves of bread.

Matthew 4:3

Matthew 4:1-11

After Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. While in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. The Gospel tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. The devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is 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 Heaver 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; Bridget Puzio RIP, Ethna Officer RIP and Gerard McGuinness RIP.
Nabil Ishaq Fanous RIP, Funeral Mass Wednesday 8th March at 12noon in St. Joseph's Church.
Christopher Treacy RIP, Funeral Friday 10th March at 1.00pm in Reading Crematorium South Chapel.
Kathleen Connolly RIP, Funeral Mass Wednesday 15th 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?

Growing an Engaged Church: 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. Fr John would like to express heartfelt thanks to you all for responding so positively with the questionnaire that has been issued over the last few weeks. We are now beginning now to process the information received and a report will be issued to the parish in due course. There are still some questionnaires available for anyone who is yet to complete one. Please complete a questionnaire after Mass this Sunday. It is also available on website for your convenience. *The Gallup website is:*
https://my.gallupfaith.com/stjosephmaidenhead_SL6 7EG Your survey access code is: **D940FE1** (NOTE: The access code is case sensitive.)

Mother's Prayer Group: meets each Monday at 10.am in St Joseph's church. All welcome. You are invited to leave your petitions in the Blue Book on our Lady's altar and they will be prayed for on a Monday.

Thursday St Joseph's Prayer group continues and for any parishioners wishing but are unable to attend they may pray in unison from wherever they are between 7pm-8pm. You are invited to leave your petitions in the Red Book on our Lady's altar and they will be prayed for during the weekly meetings.

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.

Lenten Project: Keith Bartell (an actor) will be here next weekend to speak at each of the Mases on the work of Marys Meals, our chosen charity for this year Lenten Project. Keith will also present a one hour illustrated talk in St. Josephs Parish Centre at 6pm on Sunday 5th March.

A Second Collection will be taken today for Marys Meals. Donations to the Lenten Project can be gift aided. Please use either a spare numbered envelope or a white envelope which shows your name or envelope number and is marked 'Lenten Project' for your donations. The second collection next weekend will be for CAFOD.

Mother's Day Sweet Treat draw: "Tickets" at £1 each will be on sale after 10.45 Mass on 5th and 12th March. The draw will take place on 19th March. Each prize (Chocolates or fancy biscuits) will include a handcrafted Mother's day card. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

Sundays during Lent in Our Parish

5th March – Illustrated talk on Marys Meals in St Joseph's Centre at 6pm

12th March – Stations of the Cross in St Elizabeth's Church at 6pm

19th March – Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Church at 6pm

26th March – Mother's Day

2nd April – Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Church at 6pm

9th April – Stations of the Cross in St Elizabeth's Church at 6pm

Stations of the Cross: Will also take place after 10am Mass every Friday during Lent.

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.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1175.37

This Lent, join our Sr Hyacinthe's (Formation for Mission team) Wednesday Gospel Webinar, every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel. Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. Take the time to ponder the Word of God and to ask the questions you cannot ask in church during the homily! You can join the webinar wherever you are, from a computer with a good internet connection and the sound turned up.

Here are a few steps to join the webinar:

1. Register: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar>
2. You will receive a confirmation email, and reminder emails after that.
3. On Wednesday at 7pm, join the webinar by clicking on the link in your confirmation/reminder email.

Lions Club of Maidenhead are presenting a Spring Charity Music Concert featuring The Royal Harmonics (Windsor), Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band and Maidenhead Rock Choir at the Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead on Saturday 11th March at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm with a licensed Bar. Proceeds will be donated to the Lions Club Charity Fund which is donating £15,000 to the Alexander Devine Hospice. Tickets are £15 and can be obtained from music@maidenheadlions.org.uk or call 0845 833 5793

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. March now available

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

Homemade soup and crusty bread followed by cake and coffee in St. Edmund Campion Church Hall every Thursday during Lent between 12pm – 2pm. All proceeds go towards St. Edmund Campions Lenten Project.

Lenten Project Great Big April Fool's Quiz: Saturday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Bar and raffle available. Price £10. Tickets can be obtained from Parish Office, Centre Office or call Gerry on 07770423688 or Eddie 07786114332.

Confirmation Group: Our plans for visiting Flame are now finalised and we are meeting on Saturday 11th March at 9.40am. We plan to leave Wembley Arena at 5pm, so will have an estimated time of return to St. Joseph's at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks with you. We will not be able to take anyone without completed permission slips.