

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.

Please note Cleaning of the Church is this Wednesday 15th March. Please join in if you can after 10am Mass. We are desperately looking for new volunteers.

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.

St Edmund Campion Primary School in Maidenhead is looking for KS2 Main Scale Teacher for Year 4 full time and permanent. Required for 1 September 2017 or earlier if available. Please see our website for more details www.st-edmund.org.uk or contact the school directly on 01628 620183. Closing date for applications: Friday 17th March Interview date: Wednesday 29th March

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 evenings 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.

2017 Interfaith Dialogues: The last meeting Tuesday 14th March in Maidenhead Mosque, Holmanleaze, SL6 8AW Topic of conversation: *What makes life meaningful?* From 7pm – 8.30pm. Followed by Refreshments.

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.

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**

Number 119 – 11th / 12th March 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A, (psalter week 2)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	11th Mar	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
		18:30	John Murphy, A
Sun	12th Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, A
		10:45	Chris Whelehan, RIP
Mon	13th Mar	10:00	Morning Prayer
		19:30	Anne McCaffrey, A
Tue	14th Mar	19:30	Jim Buckley, RIP
Wed	15th Mar	10:00	Funeral Mass, Kathleen Connolly, RIP
		19:30	Deirdre Maria, SI
Thu	16th Mar	19:30	Fergus Toman, SI
Fri	17th Mar	10:00	St. Marys School Children's Liturgy
		19:30	Rafael Roza, RIP
Sat	18th Mar	10:00	Alice Swales, A
		18:30	Bridget & Charles Malpass, A
Sun	19 th Mar	08:00	Charles & Pauline VandeVerve,FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Michael and Margaret Philip, 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 12th March 2017



Matthew 17: 1-9

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. Those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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, Vincent Ray, Pauline and Frank Allen.

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; Gerard McGuinness RIP, Nabil Ishaq Fanous RIP and Christopher Treacy RIP. *Kathleen Connolly RIP*, Funeral Mass Wednesday 15th March at 10am in St. Joseph's Church.

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?

Growing an Engaged Church: So far only 380 survey questionnaires have been submitted. This is disappointingly low. Have you taken a questionnaire home and have forgotten to bring it back to us? The Survey questionnaire is important as it will be used to form some directions for the future of our Parish. Please complete a questionnaire after Mass this Sunday. What you think and have to say is important! You can also fill in the questionnaire online at: https://my.gallupfaith.com/stjosephmaidenhead_SL6_7EG Your survey access code is: D940FE1 (NOTE: The access code is case sensitive.). When the system prompts you to enter your survey access code, type the survey access code listed above

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.

A Second Collection will be taken today for CAFOD. If you would wish to Gift Aid you must use the CAFOD Gift Aid envelope which is inside the CAFOD envelope.

One of our Parishioners Philomena Burrows is running the London Marathon on the 23rd April. In doing so Philomena is hoping to raise as much as she can for Cancer Research. Like too many people now, Philomena has lost a friend to cancer at too young an age and is currently watching her father battle an incurable form of cancer. She is therefore taking on this painful challenge to try and help fund new research. 1 in 4 of us will be affected by Cancer so if you feel you want to help join the fight then any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Philomena-Burrows>

Sundays during Lent in Our Parish

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.

Parish Council: Fr John is in the process of forming a new Parish Council for St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's Parish. More information to follow.

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.

Friday 17th March at 10am, St Marys School will take part in a Children's Liturgy in St Joseph's Church. All parents are welcome.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1205.73

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.

Try something different for Lent: Have you ever wondered about how to get more out of The Mass, The Bible or your Faith? Why not try a course on The Psalms as an easy starting point? Every Thursday from 2pm we will be following a course from Ascension Press - please come to parish centre: St Edmund Campion RC Church, Maidenhead. <https://shop.ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study/psalms>

Mary's Meals: Thank you to Keith Bartlett for visiting us last weekend and his presentation on Mary's Meals. For more information please visit their website <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>. The book "The Shed That Fed a Million Children: The Mary's Meals Story (Paperback)" by Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, can be obtained on Amazon or Waterstones online for £6.99. Keith's book 'Hamlet, The Greatest Theatre Tour on Earth' is available from the Parish Office at £10. All proceeds go to Mary's Meals.

Screening of 'The 13th Day'. A feature film on the story of Fatima organized by UCM. More details to follow.

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.

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Readers: The next Readers' Rota for April – June 2017 is now available in the Sacristy. If you are unable to fulfil your duty please find a substitute. If anyone would like to read at the Triduum or on Easter Sunday please contact Tricia Brooking, 01628 637759, triciabrooking@gmail.com.

Social Night: A big thank you to all those that supported our Social Night last Saturday night. A great night was had by all.