

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.

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.

Social Night: A big thank you to all those that supported our Social Night on the 4th March. A great night was had by all.

Please note Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Thursday 23rd March after 10am Mass. Please join in if you can. 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.

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.

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 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 120 – 18th / 19th March 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A, (psalter week 3)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	18th Mar	10:00	Alice Swales, A
		18:30	Bridget & Charles Malpass, A
Sun	19th Mar	08:00	Charles & Pauline Van de Verve, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Michael and Margaret Philip, A
Mon	20th Mar	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	21st Mar	10:00	Herbert & Silvia Willmott, FM
Wed	22nd Mar	10:00	Tecla Kilby, SI
Thu	23rd Mar	10:00	Bridget Puzio, RIP
Fri	24th Mar	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Sat	25th Mar	10:00	Private Intention
		18:30	Neill Clooney, A
Sun	26th Mar	08:00	Mary Delia Quirke, A
		09:15	Henry DeSouza
		10:45	People of the Parish/ Mothering Sunday

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.

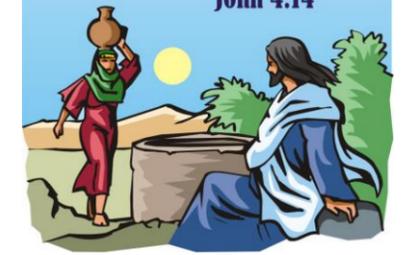


Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by
My Spirit says the Lord!
Zechariah 4:6

Sunday 19th March 2017

**Those who drink
of the water that
I will give them
will never
be thirsty.**

John 4.14



John 4:5-42

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

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, 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; Nabil Ishaq Fanous RIP, Christopher Treacy RIP, and *Kathleen Connolly RIP*

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: 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_SL67EG. 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 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.

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

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.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1139.03. The second Collection for CAFOD was £928.62

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 proceed go to Mary's Meals.

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.

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.

St. Joseph's Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota is now available in the Sacristy. A form will be placed by April 1st in the sacristy for Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer for the Easter Triduum Services.

St. Elizabeth's Church Lent Project Bring and Buy: A Bring and Buy Sale of HOME PRODUCE will be held in St Elizabeth's after 9.15am Mass on **Sunday 2nd April**. Please start making your jams, marmalades and cakes etc. and bring them along on Sunday morning 2nd April. **NO** bric-a-brac please at this Sale – but we will need it before Christmas for the next one. Many thanks.

UCM Meeting: Father Donie MHM is giving a Lenten Talk on Tuesday March 21st at 7.45pm in the Bar Area. All are welcome to come.

Saturday May 13th it will be the Centenary of the first Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. Five other appearances followed during 1917. A film drama of the events "the 13th Day" is to be shown in the Church Hall after refreshments on May 13th at 7.30pm. All are encouraged to come

Children's Liturgists: a reminder that there is a short but important meeting for everyone this Sunday 19th March, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. Mass in the Bar area. We hope that our new safeguarding officer will come and introduce himself and speak briefly about the current regulations. Please bring your diaries. Any new helpers or parishioners with suggestions are very welcome at the meeting - and we desperately need more help! Please contact Tricia Weeks on 01628 627265 for further details.

A reminder for First Holy Communion children: remember that your younger and older brothers and sisters are very welcome to join us for Children's Liturgy during the 10.45 a.m. Mass in term time - and you can come too when on Sundays when there is not a class! If you do not yet have a registration card, Donna at the entrance will give you one. We would love to see you there!

Fr John Chadwick would like to apologise to the lady who approached him recently about vestment making. Can she approach him again please to discuss further.