

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. Holy Week and April now available

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

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.

Please note Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Tuesday 28th 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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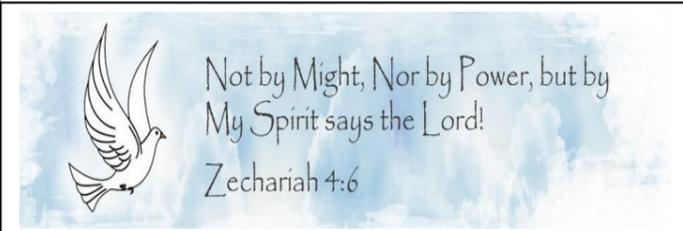
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR
ST.JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD &
ST.ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**

Number 121 – 25th / 26th March 2017
4th Sunday of Lent, Year A, (psalter week 4)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	25 th Mar	10:00	Private Intention
		18:30	Neil Cooney, A
Sun	26 th Mar	08:00	Mary Delia Quirke, A
		09:15	Henry DeSouza
		10:45	People of the Parish
Mon	27 th Mar	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	28 th Mar	10:00	Requiem Mass, Assuanta Altomare RIP
Wed	29 th Mar	10:00	John Barton, A
Thu	30 th Mar	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Fri	31 st Mar	10:00	Otylia Domanska, RIP
Sat	1 st Apr	10:00	Pietio Tirrito, A
		18:30	Michael Brennan, A
Sun	2 nd Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Stanley Griswood, RIP
		10:45	Brian Cashman, 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.

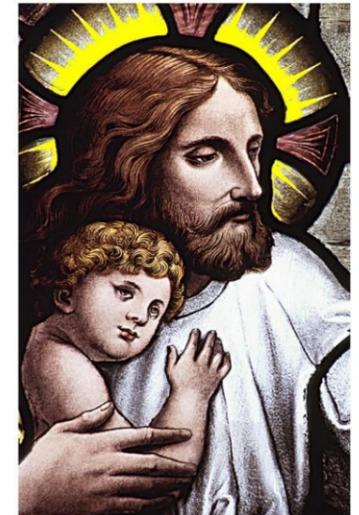


St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes. St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave

Sunday 26th March 2017

**As long as I am
in the world, I am
the light of the world.**

John 9.5



John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the Law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

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; Christopher Treacy RIP and Kathleen Connolly RIP
Assunta Altomare RIP, Requiem Mass Tuesday 28th March at 10am in St. Joseph's Church
Margaret Killoran RIP, Requiem Mass Wednesday 5th April 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: 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 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

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

Clergy Assistance Fund Collection was originally scheduled this weekend. As the second collection is for our Lenten Project, the Clergy Assistance envelopes will now be postponed until 23rd April.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1204.32

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.

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

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!

Envelopes – Available for collection in St Joseph's on a table by the door leading to the centre and in St Elizabeth's in the foyer.

Mother's prayer group are having a cake sale for Mary's meals this weekend at 6.30 Mass on Saturday 25th, 8am Mass and 10.45 Mass on Sunday 26th. Slice of cake only £1. What an excellent treat for Mother's Day. Please support this great cause.

Easter Flowers: Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers on the windows or the altar please put your dedication and a donation marked FAO Joan Boland in the office. Thank you

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy with confessions next Thursday evening 30th March beginning at 7.30pm in St. Josephs Church.