

**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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Please join in if you can. We are desperately looking for new volunteers especially for the Friday group that cleans the church only once a month at 10am. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052

**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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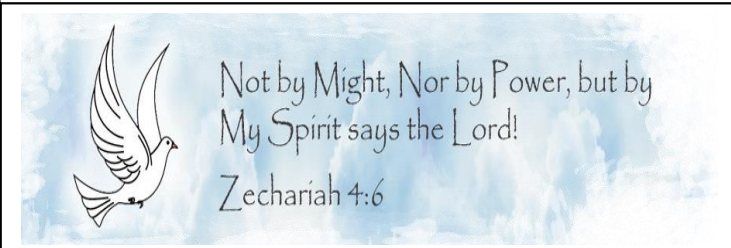
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR  
ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD &  
ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**

Number 122 – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year A, (psalter week 1)

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat	1st Apr	10:00	Pietio Tirrito, A
		18:30	Michael Brennan, A
Sun	2nd Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Stanley Griswood, RIP
		10:45	Brian Cashman, A
Mon	3rd Apr	10:00	Morning Prayer
Tue	4th Apr	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
Wed	5th Apr	10:00	Requiem Mass, Margaret Killoran RIP
Thu	6th Apr	10:00	John Taylor, RIP
Fri	7th Apr	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound
Sat	8th Apr	10:00	Gerard McGuinness, RIP
		18:30	Kathleen Connolly, RIP
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Tom Mulligan, A

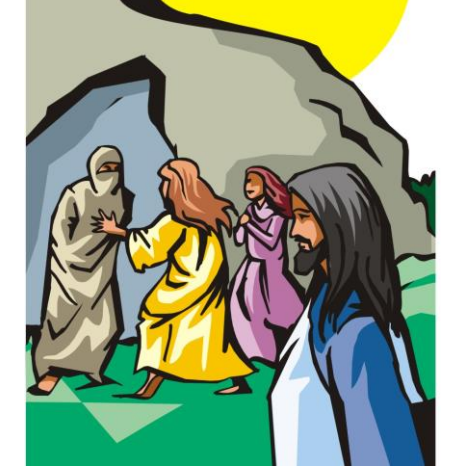
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

Jesus said to them  
"Unbind him and  
let him go!"

John 11.44



**John 11:1-45**

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

**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, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, 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;** Kathleen Connolly RIP and Assunta Altomare RIP  
*Margaret Killoran RIP*, Requiem Mass Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in St. Joseph's Church  
*Duncan Falconer RIP*, Requiem Mass Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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?

**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.

#### **Sundays during Lent in Our Parish**

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.

**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.

**Clergy Assistance Fund Collection** was originally scheduled 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March. As the second collection during Lent is for our Lenten Project, the Clergy Assistance envelopes will now be postponed until 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1242.61

**Easter Cards:** Please collect a card at the end of Mass today which contains all the dates and times of Masses and Liturgies for Holy Week and Easter.

**UCM Meeting:** Tuesday April 4th at 7.45pm in the Bar Area. An Art Experience with Maidenhead artist Maria Meerstadt. Come and join the fun.

**Children's Liturgy** - We wish all the children a very Happy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you for the new term which starts on Sunday 23rd April.

**Painting** the outside of the Church yellow for Easter will commence on April 1st. Any volunteers available please contact Shauna in the Parish Office.

**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.

**Mary's Meals:** Thank you to Keith Bartlett for visiting 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.

**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](mailto:triciabrooking@gmail.com).

**St. Joseph's Eucharistic Ministers:** The new rota is now available in the Sacristy. A form is 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

**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. Full flower team on Easter Saturday morning at 10am in the main hall. Please advise if not available. Thank you

**Growing an Engaged Church:** So far only 400 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](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

**One of our Parishioners** Philomena Burrows is running the London Marathon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>

**Wanted! Replacement Choir Master and Organist!** Ben our choir master will finally be leaving us after Easter. Unfortunately no one has come forward to take on the running of the choir and regrettable this means that the choir will not be able to carry on after Easter.

Also Carolyn who currently is the organist for the choir and also plays the keyboard for the folk group has requested that she stands down as organist after Easter. Events have rather overtaken us however and unfortunately she has had an accident and badly broken her wrist – which means that she will be unable to play anything for 6 months! We wish her a speedy and complete recovery and hopefully full use of her wrist in time.

There must be many musically talented people in the parish – if you feel you could help either in the running of the choir or to accompany the singing of hymns by playing the organ or keyboard then please do get in touch with Lisa or Fr John.