

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.

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.

Cleaning of the Church: We will have a deep clean on Tuesday 11th April at 10am to prepare the Church for Easter. Please join in if you can. Tea / Coffee will be served in the Presbytery after to say thank you for all your help. We are still 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.

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord *Year A, (psalter week2)*

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	8th Apr	10:00	Gerard McGuinness, RIP
		18:30	Kathleen Connolly, RIP
Sun	9th Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Tom Mulligan, A
Mon	10th Apr	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	11th Apr	10:00	Mass of the Oils – St John's Cathedral Portsmouth Please note there is no morning Mass in St. Joseph's
Wed	12th Apr	10:00	Private Intention
		19:30	Stations of the Cross – St. Elizabeth's
Thu	13th Apr	20:00	Holy Thursday
Fri	14th Apr	10:00	Stations of the Cross – St. Joseph's
		11:00	Walk of Witness in the town
		15:00	The Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
Sat	15th Apr	10:00	Morning Prayer and blessing of the Easter baskets for the Polish Community followed by Confessions
		20.00	Easter Vigil and Blessing of the new Easter Fire
Sun	16th Apr	08:00	Anthony Felton, RIP
		09:15	Maria Nealon, A and Larry Parkinson, RIP
		10:45	Jerry Curran, RIP

Sunday 9th April 2017

The crowds
were
saying,
"This is the
prophet
Jesus from
Nazareth
in Galilee."
Matthew 21.11



Matthew 26:14—27:66

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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; Assuanta Altomare RIP, Margaret Killoran RIP, John Tibbles and Michael Oak RIP *Duncan Falconer RIP*, Requiem Mass Tuesday 18th 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 10am 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

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.

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

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1249.10

Next Week's Collection: Good Friday Collection is for Holy Places. The collection at the Easter Masses is for the benefit of the Clergy.

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 during the 10.45 a.m. Mass

Children's Liturgists: - Please pick up your new rotas from the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby.

Palm Crosses: The Palm crosses are made in eight villages in the Masasi area of southern Tanzania, these being Mpeta, Namikunda, Mulndelunde, Murmbarka, Machombe, Chivirikiti, Makanyama and Marika. African Palm crosses are made from Dwarf Palms *Hyphaena Coriacea* which grow wild and are not cultivated. The villagers cut the palms in an area near Mbangara where they grow wild; they are then dried and cut into strips before being transported back to the villages, by bicycle or on foot. They are then woven into Palm Crosses and taken to a central collection point which at present is in Mpeta.

Saturday 15th April: After the Easter Vigil you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre.

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 proceeds 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.

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.

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

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>

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 regrettably 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.

Safeguarding Update: A team of Safeguarding Representatives for the two churches in our parish has now been formed. Louise Wood is the Safeguarding leader and is also the safeguarding rep for The First Holy Communion Group. George Lam is the safeguarding rep for Children's Liturgy and John Lynn is the safeguarding rep for Eucharistic ministers. If you have any queries please contact Louise on home 01628522215 and 07783684281 or the Parish Office on 01628 783988

Maundy Thursday Watching: As part of the tradition of watching on Holy Thursday the experience will be shared with St Luke's and All Saints who also observe this tradition. As a mark of our shared faith and prayer for more visible Christian unity Fr John Chadwick will be visiting St Luke's after Holy Thursday Mass followed by All Saints for a further period before returning to St Joseph's Church. Anyone wishing to join are all welcome.

Parish office will be closed for the Easter break on Holy Thursday and opening again on Tuesday 18th April. Centre office will be closed for the Easter break from Tuesday 11th April and opening again on Tuesday 18th April.