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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: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Thursday 20th April after 10am Mass. 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 11am. 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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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord *Year A*

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

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
Tue	18th Apr	10:00	Requiem Mass, Duncan Falconer RIP
		10:45	Jerry Curran, RIP
Wed	19th Apr	10:00	Gerard McGuinness, RIP
Thur	20th Apr	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Fri	21st Apr	10:00	Teresa Cunningham, SI
		12:30	Requiem Mass, Michael Oke RIP
Sat	22nd Apr	10:00	Elizabeth & Frances Geronimo, FM
		18:30	Margaret & Christopher Garton
Sun	23rd Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Pauline and Frank Allen, SI

Fr John wishes all our Parishioners, friends, families and visitors to St. Joseph's and St. Elizabeth's a very happy, holy and peaceful Easter.

May Jesus who suffered, died and rose for us fill you all with the great gift of his peace and love.



The Easter prayer Regina Coeli ("Queen of Heaven" in Latin) is a wonderful tribute to our Lord's resurrection and to the Blessed Virgin Mary (pictured in her Coronation). Although its origins are unknown, it dates back to the 13th century.

The Regina Coeli is one of four antiphons (short liturgical texts sung or chanted, often as seen below, in a responsorial pattern) dedicated to Our Lady. It is often sung as a hymn and has had numerous musical settings in its original Latin text, including several by Mozart.

Traditionally, it is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.
For He, whom thou wast worthy to bear.
Alleluia.
Has risen as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.**

**Let us pray
O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 RIP and Sr Patricia Coughlan RIP

Duncan Falconer RIP, Requiem Mass Tuesday 18th April at 10am in St. Joseph's Church

Michael Oke RIP, Requiem Mass Friday 21st April at 12.30pm in St. Joseph's Church

Lidia Filice RIP, Requiem Mass Friday 28th 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?

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

Mother's Prayer Group: No prayer Group on Easter Monday 17th April.

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.

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.

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

Sign of Peace at Mass: A personal plea, when exchanging the sign of peace, please be gentle and aware that the person beside you might not appreciate their hands been squeezed tightly. Thank you!

Clergy Assistance Fund Collection was originally scheduled 25th/26th March; the collection will now take place on the weekend of 22nd / 23rd April.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1116.57

This Weekend's Collection: Good Friday Collection is for the support and upkeep of the Holy Places. The collection at the Easter Masses is for the benefit of the Clergy.

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.

Lent Project: Our second collections for Mary's Meals have now finished but you may still make a further donation provided the cheque/money is in an envelope marked Lenten project and showing your name if you wish to Gift Aid it.

The amounts collected to date total £7,820 comprised as follows;

Church collections and donations	£4,179
Fundraising projects	
April Fools Quiz Night	£1,650
Social Night with Steve and Megan	£1,350
Mother Prayer Group Cake Sale	£401
St Elizabeth's Produce Sale	£174
Chocolate Raffle	£66
Total raised through fundraising	£3,641

We still have the Golf Day to come which usually produces close to £1,000 and Gift Aid of roughly £300 to add to the total.

Fr John would like to thank everyone for all their generous contributions to this very important Charity. A special word of thanks to all those who organised different events during Lent. May God Bless you for your commitment to this year's Lenten Project. Fr John will offer Mass in thanksgiving for this tremendous effort.

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.

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

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>

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