

**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. 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:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April after the 10am Funeral 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.

**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.**

**Contact Us:**

Parish Priest: **Father John Lee**  
The Presbytery, 36 Cookham Road,  
Maidenhead, SL6 7EG  
Tel: 01628 783988  
email [jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Parish Secretary: **Shauna Hamilton**  
Monday to Friday  
09.00 to 13.00  
01628 783988  
email [maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Parish Centre Administrator: **Gloria McQueen**  
Monday to Friday  
09:00 to 12:00  
01628 636312  
email [stjoecentmhead@btconnect.com](mailto:stjoecentmhead@btconnect.com)

Head Teacher: **Mrs Janice Laycock**  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG  
01628 622570  
[www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk)



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

Number 125 – 22nd / 23rd April 2017  
Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

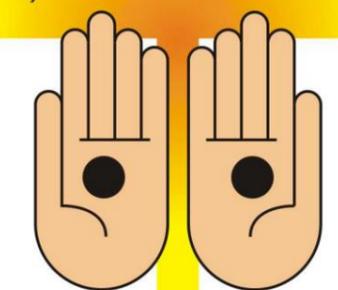
Sat	22nd Apr	10:00	Rafael Rozo, RIP
		18:30	Margaret & Christopher Garton
Sun	23rd Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Pauline and Frank Allen, SI
Mon	24th Apr	10:00	Mother Prayer Meeting
Tue	25th Apr	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
Wed	26th Apr	10:00	Kathleen Conway, RIP
Thur	27th Apr	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Fri	28th Apr	10:00	Requiem Mass, Lidia Filice, RIP
Sat	29th Apr	10:00	Orlando Tieghi, RIP
		18:30	Pauline Saltmarsh, RIP
Sun	30th Apr	08:00	Kathleen and William Bendall, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Antonietta Lasi, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

*Have you believed  
because  
you have seen me?*



*Blessed are those who  
have not seen and yet  
have come to believe.*

*John 20.29*

**John 20:19-31**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

**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, Jane Parkinson, 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;** Margaret Killoran RIP, John Tibbles RIP, Sr Patricia Coughlan RIP, Duncan Falconer RIP and Michael Oke RIP  
*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?

**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.

**RCIA:** The Journey of faith – next meeting will take place Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**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!

**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

**Please Take Me Home. I have lots of useful information that you can read during the week. Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter.**

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

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection for Holy Places was £745.28

**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.

**Our Lady of Fatima May 13th** this year will be the Centenary of the first appearance of Our Lady to three young children at Fatima. To commemorate this we invite all parishioners to see a film drama called 'The Thirteenth Day' on Saturday May 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Light refreshments will be served before the start. A donation of £5 or whatever can be afforded will go to the Lenten Project.

**UCM Meeting:** Tuesday April 25th at 7.45pm in the Bar Area. Preparation for our Lenten Project on May 13th plus a quiz.

#### **Your Foodbank Needs You!**

Did you know we support over 200 persons per week in the Maidenhead area?

Did you know everyone who is given food from the Foodbank is assessed by official agencies such as the CAB, RBWM Welfare Services, various churches, GP practices and issued with a food voucher ? (The exception to this are the homeless who are helped without question).

Did you know families struggle more to make ends meet during school holidays as the children are not having a meal at school (sometimes this is their main meal of the day!) Did you know most of the food given out comes from kind & generous donations from the public? Did you know you can donate directly to the Foodbank at the New Market King St, Sat 9-11am, or via supermarket drop boxes and collection points in your churches? We are in need of some extra help at the moment, in the first quarter of the year we generally see a falling off in donations, but the numbers of people we support have risen.

We are very low on stock in general, but in particular we need: Rice, Sauces i.e. , Pasta/curry, Tinned veg, Tinned fruit, Spreads, Long life milk, (We do have lots of pasta & tinned fish).If you are able to help even in the smallest way that would be fantastic & make such a difference to people struggling in our community. Please contact me for further information or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer Katie Hierons, Foodbank Manager, [kthierons@gmail.com](mailto:kthierons@gmail.com)