

**A workshop for Catechesis:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, This workshop is aimed at giving catechists ideas for children between 4-11 years. The day will include the in-depth discovery of different resources that can be used in your parish to open the Word of God to children and to awake their faith. Booking essential. Contact [cinty.lake@live.co.uk](mailto:cinty.lake@live.co.uk)

**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. We can leave in the sacristy or post out to you. The Magnificat is only £4 per month. May and June are 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 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 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.

**St. Bernard's Preparatory School:** (A co-educational I.A.P.S School 2.5 – 11 years) Open Morning, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 11.30am, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12pm

**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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Third Sunday of Easter, Year A (Psalter Week 3)

#### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	29th Apr	10:00	Orlando Tieghi, RIP
		18:30	Pauline Saltmarsh, RIP
Sun	30th Apr	08:00	Kathleen & William Bendall, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Antonietta Lasi, A
Tue	2nd May	10:00	Elizabeth & Joseph White, FM
Wed	3rd May	10:00	Franco Cavalcante, A
Thur	4th May	10:00	John Coleman Jr, FM
Fri	5th May	10:00	Mass of the Sick & Housebound in <b>St. Edmund Campion</b>
Sat	6th May	10:00	Murial Veronica Roberts, FM
		18:30	George & Annisa Lam, SI
Sun	7th May	08:00	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Lilly Fario, RIP

#### Urgent Appeal

The election race has started and the fate of the UK's resettlement programme, which brings the most vulnerable refugees to Britain directly from the region, is at stake.

**The next 48 hours are crucial: this is when parties will be finalising their manifestos.**

**Your MP could influence their party's manifesto today.**

[Write to your MP now](#)

The UK government had committed to **resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees and 3,000 at risk children by 2020**. Because this commitment was made until the end of the current Parliament, it is now under threat.

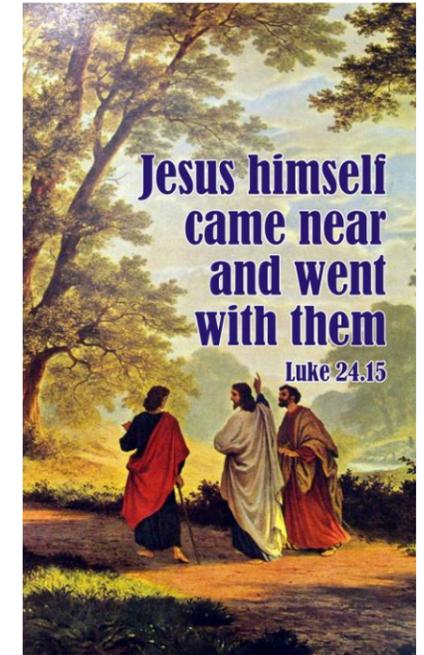
We need to make sure it appears in all parties' manifestos - as an explicit commitment extended until the end of the next Parliament in 2022.

We can't let this lifeline for the most vulnerable refugees from the region be closed.

[Write to your MP and ask them to make this commitment in their party manifesto.](#)

**Fr John Lee**  
**Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017



**Luke 24:13-35**

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

**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, Joan Lennarz, 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;** Sr Patricia Coughlan RIP, Duncan Falconer RIP, Michael Oke RIP and Lidia Filice RIP

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:** As it is a Bank Holiday please meet in the church carpark, go from there to another location. 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.

**Celebration:** This Sunday we bid a fond farewell to our choir leader Ben Muggridge and his wife Shan who are moving to Shropshire. Once again we thank Ben for all his hard work and commitment to the music ministry spanning fourteen years. Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the 10.45am Mass this Sunday.

**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!

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1074.44. The second Collection for Clergy Assistance was £310.15

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

**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.

**Readers at 10.45am Mass:** As you are aware Ben, the choirmaster has moved away. There is no problem on Folk Group days but when it was a Choir day a reader may have to read the Psalm. It is possible that one of the choir may still sing this but please could the person reading the Bidding Prayers be prepared to read the Psalm as well. You should be able to tell if that will be necessary if they go up onto the Sanctuary with you. The dates affected on the current rota are: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> June. Hope that makes sense; do contact me with any queries. Tricia.

**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 13<sup>th</sup>:** This year marks the centenary of the first appearance of Our Lady to three young children at Fatima in Portugal. Recently Pope Francis announced his intention to canonize brother and sister Francisco and Jacinta de Jesus Marto. To commemorate this very special event we invite all parishioners to attend a showing of a film called 'Fatima, the 13<sup>th</sup> Day: A Story of Hope'. We will begin the evening with a prayer. Light refreshments will also be served. You will be invited to make a donation that will go to Mary's Meals, our Lenten Project for 2017.

**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

**Safeguarding Courses:** We have three courses being held at St Joseph's for those people involved directly with running or helping at parish classes and ministries.

Saturday 17 June 10am-12:30pm - Child Protection Awareness (for those who have done no courses)

Saturday 17 June 1:30-4pm - Vulnerable Adult Awareness (for those who have done no courses)

Saturday 24 June 10am-12:30pm - Combined Refresher Training ( for those who need a refresh)

Please book your place with Soraya Ciccarone at [soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). If you are unsure whether you need to attend any of these, please speak to Louise Wood 07783684281. Details can be found on the Safeguarding notice boards in St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's.

**Flowers:** Thank you for all the Easter donations. A full team is needed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11am to arrange the flowers for First Holy Communion. If you are available to help PLEASE let Joan know.

**Bishop Steve Croft will give a talk on 'Leadership and Scripture** – recovering confidence in our own traditions'. The talk is organised by Berks Council of Christian and Jews on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at Maidenhead Synagogue. The talk is followed by questions and refreshments. All welcome. Please rsvp to [admin@maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk](mailto:admin@maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk) or 01628 673012