

**Portsmouth are hosting 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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 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.

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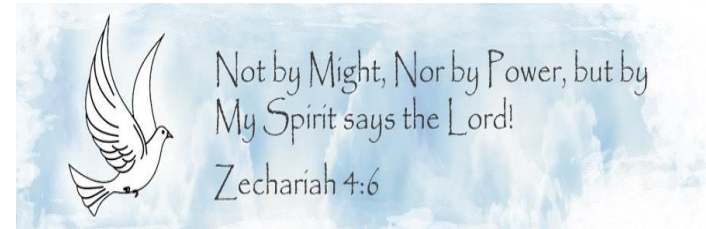
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST.JOSEPH'S,  
MAIDENHEAD & ST.ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**

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Forth Sunday of Easter, Year A (Psalter Week 4)

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

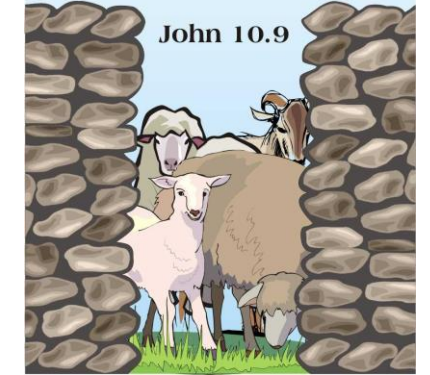
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Murial Veronica Roberts, FM
		18:30	George & Annisa Lam, SI
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Lilly Fario, RIP
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Mother Prayer Meeting
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Duncan Falconer, RIP
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	MR VT Thillainayagam, A
Thu	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	O'Shaughnessy Sisters, RIP
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Doreen Kearsley, RIP
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30	First Holy Communion
		12:00	First Holy Communion
		18:30	Bridie Waters, A
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Pauline & Frank Allen, Thanksgiving
		10:45	McDonagh Family, SI

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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**I am the gate.  
Whoever enters by  
me will be saved,  
and will come in  
and go out  
and find pasture.**



**Luke 10:1-10**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

**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 Leamage, 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;** 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?

**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.

**Gallup Survey:** We have received the final report during the week, thank you to all who took part. 405 questionnaires were returned. Below are some statistics drawn from the report:

20% of our Parishioners are engaged loyal and "own their Parish". These Parishioners are spiritually committed and are more likely to invite friends and family members to Parish events. They give more both financially and commitment of their time.

According to Gallup 50% of our Parishioner are not emotionally connected to their Parish. Their connection is more social than spiritual. They give moderately and may do a minimal amount of volunteering in the community. They are less likely to invite others and more likely to leave.

According to Gallup 30% of our Parishioners are said to be actively disengaged. That is they usually come to Church once or twice a year, say Christmas and Easter. They are enrolled in the Parish but may not be regular in attendance.

Fr John will be discussing the ME survey with the new Parish Pastoral Council and a more detailed report will follow. The survey will also be available online.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1189.6. There is a second Collection this weekend for Clergy Training Fund

**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: 14th May, 28th May, 11th June and 25th June. Hope that makes sense; do contact me with any queries. Tricia.

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

**Hymn for 10.45am Mass: Come and Fill this Temple (Arlene Friesen)**

Refrain:

Come, O come and fill this temple  
And fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.  
Come, O come and fill this temple  
And fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.

Verse 1:

There's a place of unity, a place for fellowship  
There's a place where God's people come together,  
When the Spirit of the Lord descends and binds our hearts as one  
And we're filled afresh with holy power.

Verse 2:

So we wait with open hearts we're hungry for your touch  
And we worship now the name of Jesus,  
Forgive us Lord for grieving you, and warm our hearts anew  
With the fire and zeal of Pentecost.

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**Feast of Our Lady of Fatima May 13th:** 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

**UCM members** meet at Bourne End Garden Centre at 2pm Tuesday May 9th.

**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!