

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 Thursday 18th 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.

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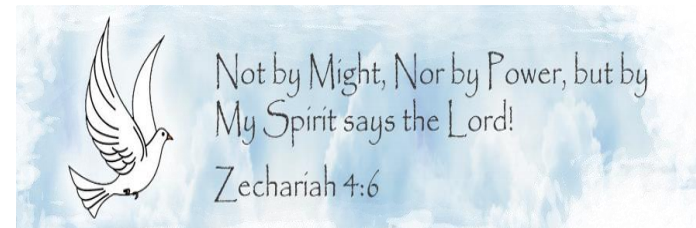
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S,
MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**

Number 128 – 13th / 14th May 2017
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A (Psalter Week 1)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

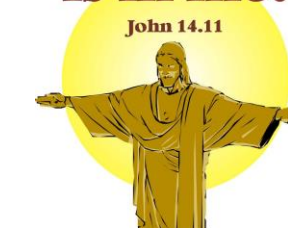
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| Sat | 13th May | 10:00 | First Holy Communion First Holy Communion |
| | | 18:30 | Bridie Waters, A |
| Sun | 14th May | 08:00 | People of the Parish |
| | | 09:15 | Pauline & Frank Allen, Thanksgiving |
| | | 10:45 | McDonagh Family, SI |
| Mon | 15th May | 10:00 | Mothers Prayer Group |
| Tue | 16th May | 10:00 | John Williams, RIP |
| Wed | 17th May | 10:00 | Rafael Rozo, RIP |
| Thu | 18th May | 10:00 | John O'Shanessey |
| Fri | 19th May | 10:00 | Josie O'Carroll, RIP |
| | | 18:30 | Mass for the Mothers Prayer Group |
| Sat | 20th May | 10:00 | Liam Cunningham, A |
| | | 18:30 | Richard Burke, RIP |
| Sun | 21st May | 08:00 | People of the Parish |
| | | 09:15 | Brian Nickolls, A |
| | | 10:45 | Kronfli and Tarrazi Families, 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 14th May 2017

**I am in
the Father
and the
Father
is in me.**



John 14:1-12

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

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; Michael Oke RIP and Lidia Filice RIP
Julia Kellerman RIP, Requiem Mass Wednesday 31st May at 11.30am 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 – meeting takes place each Wednesday evening 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.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1187.97. The second Collection Clergy Training Fund was £507.31

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 Ciccione at 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.

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

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communion candidates and their families! On your behalf I would like to thank most sincerely our wonderful catechists and parent volunteers who have helped prepare our boys and girls for this wonderful Parish occasion. I would also like to thank all those who have helped to prepare the liturgy, music and flower arrangements for today. May God bless you all!

Please keep all the First Holy Communion candidates and their families in your prayers.

Rick Fernandes, Julia Cousin, Owen Ryan, Matylda Fryt, Justin Czysz, Sophia Fernandes, Diego Fernandes Sousa, Nikola Zamojska, Chiara Brancato, Aaliyah Locicero, Sheen Philip, Miguel Hope, Kizhiera Huerto, Rocco Piazza, Cathryn Ashok, Andre Fernandes de Freitas, Aleksandra Reczynska, Nuno Martins Brito, Marie Sophie Macquarrie, Antoni Orzel, Sophia Hills, Janusz Orzel, Natasha Shaw, Brandon Crofts, Zuzanna Dabrownny, Rosita Papoff, George Norton, Lily Niedbala, Giordan Eustache, Maja Leja, Isaac Taylor, Zuzanna Piankowska, Harrison Gilmour, Darcy Veazey, Stanislaw Wrobel, Kacper Wrobel, Wiktoria Zygmunt, Edward Lennarz and Henry Irvine-Fynn.

Gallup Survey: We have received a report on the 405 survey questionnaires that were submitted. Please note that the Gallup Survey is an indicator of a Parish's state of health. It is **not** the last word. Below are some statistics drawn from the report:

20% of our Parishioners are said to be engaged, loyal and "own their Parish". These Parishioners – mostly between 65 and 75 years of age - 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.

50% of our Parishioners are not 'emotionally connected' with their Parish. Their connection is more social than spiritual. They give moderately and may commit to a minimal amount of time volunteering in the community. They are less likely to invite others to our Parish church and are more likely to leave.

30% of our Parishioners are said to be actively disengaged. They may come to Church once or twice a year, say, at Christmas and Easter. They are registered as parishioners but may not be regular in attendance. They are most unlikely to engage with any voluntary work within the parish.

Fr John will be discussing the Membership Engagement survey with the new Parish Pastoral Council at its first meeting later in the month. A more detailed report will follow. The survey will also be available online. Thank you again to all those who took part in this exercise!

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Philip Egan has issued a pastoral letter which will be read at all the Masses this Sunday. Copies will be made available for anyone who wants one.

Golf Day - Join us for a relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas on 7 July at 12.30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. For more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or e mail dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com

Charge R&R is part of the Maidenhead Waitrose Community Matters Scheme, the 'Green Token' collection during the month of May and the charity with the most tokens gets £500, then £300, and then £200. If you are a regular shopper at the Maidenhead Waitrose we would be most grateful if you could take a few green tokens each time you pay for your shopping and drop them into the R&R box. If you are not a regular shopper then perhaps you would consider doing an occasional shop at Waitrose so you can support us.

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 25th May at 8pm at Maidenhead Synagogue. The talk is followed by questions and refreshments. All welcome. Please rsvp to admin@maidenheadsynagogue.org.uk or 01628 673012