

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. June is now available.

Day by Day: Available in the church at all times. Please leave the £1 in the candle box.

Re: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.

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 26th 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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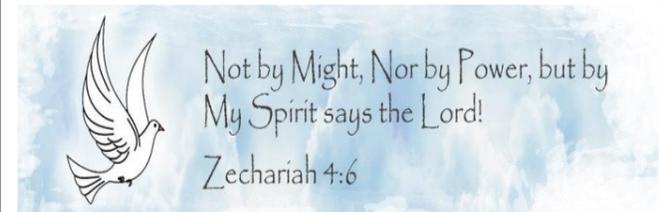
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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A (Psalter Week 2)

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	20 th May	10:00	Liam Cunningham, A
		18:30	Richard Burke, RIP
Sun	21 st May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Brian Nickolls, A
		10:45	Kronfli and Tarrazi Families, SI
Mon	22 nd May	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	23 rd May	10:00	Anne Skehin, RIP
Wed	24 th May	10:00	Martin Brown, A & Patricia Armitage, A
Thu	25 th May	10:00	Timothy O'Sullivan, RIP
Fri	26 th May	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Sat	27 th May	10:00	Rev Michael Clifton, RIP
		18:30	Maria Diana DeSouza, A
Sun	28 th May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Shay Godfrey, RIP
		10:45	Richard Burke, RIP

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 21st May 2017



I will ask the Father,
and he will give you
another Advocate,
to be with you forever.
John 14.16

John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

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; Michael Oke RIP and Lidia Filice RIP
Julia Kellerman RIP, Requiem Mass Wednesday 31st May at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church
Joe Ball RIP, Requiem Mass Tuesday 6th June at 12.30pm 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 £1076.34

There is a second Collection this weekend 20th and 21st May for Christian Aid and a second collection on the 27th / 28th May for World Communications.

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. 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.

Centenary of the Apparitions at Fatima: Thank you to all the many who came to watch the film on Saturday evening. Thank you to Father John for showing it and we hope you enjoyed the refreshments donated by UCM members. Your generous donations for Mary's Meals came to £520

Mary's Meals: There is still time for additional donations but they must be received by the end of May, we have now reached the £10,000 figure which is excellent.

Confirmation Ceremony: Pentecost Sunday, 4th June at 3pm. We can now confirm that the Ceremony will take place at 3pm at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth High Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HH. Please allow plenty of time to travel down and for your information there are two car parks nearby, Broad Street which is a 5 minutes' walk away and Clarence Pier which is 7 minutes away.

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 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!

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will on Wednesday 24 May at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there "for what the Lord had promised" (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to "wait for what the Lord has promised us", namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from **Friday 26th May to Saturday 3rd June** for the New Evangelisation in our diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray at this time for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel – Day of Prayer for the New Evangelisation

Sat 3rd June, 10am-3pm at St. Edward's Church, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU

The diocese will be hosting a day of prayer for the New Evangelisation, beginning with mass at 10am.

Throughout the day, there will be the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be a prayer workshop either side of lunch (please bring your own), centred on the theme of "using the gifts of the Holy Spirit". You are welcome to come for all or just some of the day. Even if you cannot join us, please take time that day to pray for the New Evangelisation in our diocese – it is essential that all our efforts are founded on a firm bedrock of prayer.

UCM Meeting: Tuesday May 23rd 7.45pm. 'Your Favourite Recipe, Bring and Taste'!

Parish Office: Shauna is on holidays from Thursday 25th May to Friday 2nd June. Gloria is covering both the Parish office and the Centre office. If you cannot get through to the Presbytery I ask you please to phone the Centre. Thank you for your patience

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