

**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. July and August are now available.

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

**Mill Hill Red Boxes.** If you are leaving a red box into the church for collection please leave it in the Parish office or the Sacristy. Boxes left in the porch are at a risk of being lifted.

**Food Share desperately short of the following supplies.** Jams, Honey, Peanut Butter, Rice Pudding, soups Canned veg (including potatoes) pasta, rice, toilet paper, 300ml or 500ml water (especially during this time of hot weather). Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Cleaning of the Church.** : Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Wednesday. 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. 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**

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 4

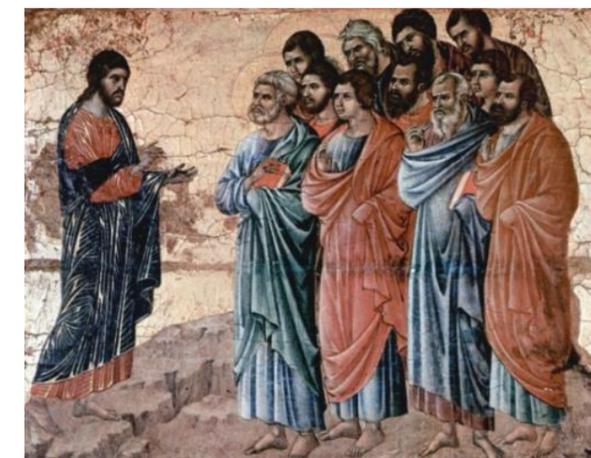
**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Hayley Whitehall, RIP
		18:30	Peter Millham, RIP
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Emily L Coleman, FM
		10:45	Anthony Perire, T
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Kathleen O'Sullivan, RIP
		13.00	Requiem Mass, Lionel Conroy, RIP
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Michael Bear, RIP
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Joe Ball, RIP
		19.30	Chris Brown, RIP – in St Elizabeth's Church
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10:00	Nico Neville, RIP
Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	10:00	Cornelius Hayes, RIP
		12:00	Wedding of Esther & Stephen
		18:30	Elaine Corrigan, A
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Peter Millham, 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**



**Matthew 10:26-33**

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

**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, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Alex Holden, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Jane Parkinson, Joan Lennarz, Aine Harte, Moira Erskine, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke.

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;** Joe Ball, RIP, Carmel Thompson, RIP, Cornelius Hayes, RIP  
*Lionel Conroy, RIP* Requiem Mass Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1pm in St. Joseph's Church

Please pray for all 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? Next Mass for the Holy Souls will be celebrated on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

**Please note that the next Mass of the Sacrament of anointing will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in September in St. Edmund Campions.**

**Mother's Prayer Group:** Meet every Monday in the Church. 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 – is now on a break until the autumn. 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 £1008.64 and the second collection Day for Life was £239.32

**Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> collections:** Peter's Pence on weekend 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> June. Apostleship of the Sea on weekend 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Summer Social Events:** Please look out for the posters around the Church foyer and Centre with dates for Church social events this summer.

**Parish Social 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017:** By popular demand **STEPHEN & MEGAN** are back to play their unique brand of music for us. Tickets will be £15.00 to include of a hot meal. Ticket will be on sale from Friday 9th June from both of the Parish Office. **Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. For anyone that has bought tickets and cannot attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, please contact Shauna for a refund.**

**Skittles Evening:** Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm at the Greyhound Pub, Eton Wick. £15 per person including a light snack. Limited numbers please contact Joan Boland on 01628 637863. LAST CHANCE TO BOOK. FEW SEATS REMAINING

**Holy Day of Obligation:** St Peter and Paul Holyday of Obligation is this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St. Joseph's Church and 7.30pm in St. Elizabeth's Church (SL6 9EJ). Fr John will also be celebrating Mass in St. Marys School at 2.20pm.

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020:** In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time depicting the life and death of Jesus. The death rate among adults rose from one person per 1000 per year in October 1632 to twenty in the month of March 1633. The adult death rate slowly subsided to one in the month of July 1633. The villagers believed they had been spared and they kept their part of the vow when the play was first performed in 1634. The play is now performed repeatedly over the course of five months during every year ending in zero. 102 performances took place from 15 May until 3 October 2010 and is next scheduled for 2020.

Fr John would like to organise a trip to Oberammergau which is in Bavaria and other parts of Austria in June 2020. Why book so early? Thousands travel from all over to see the world's famous Passion Play. So it is necessary to book your place early. Are you interested? Please leave your name and contact details on the sheet in the Sacristy or speak to Fr. John.

**Power to Be:** Every child has the power to achieve great things, but one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back from reaching their full potential. Join CAFOD's Campaign and speak up for local renewable energy to help families around the world lift themselves out of poverty. Go to [Cafod.org.uk/powertobe](http://Cafod.org.uk/powertobe) for more information.

**Mary's Meals:** We have now exceeded £11,000, which is excellent. If you have any outstanding money can you please leave at the Parish Office. Final details will be published shortly. Cheque will be presented in July. Congratulations to all who have supported this project.

**Prayer of the Rosary:** the Rosary will be prayed *after* each weekday Mass. The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind.

**The Sisters of Maria Stella Matutina,** from Grayshott, would like to invite you to support their craft sale, on Sunday the 2nd July. You will find calligraphy cards and postcards, frames for children, rosaries, incense, biscuits and cakes, jams and pottery. Our monastic crafts help to supply for our basic needs. Thank you for your support and generosity. And we come also to meet you and receive all your prayer intentions.

**Lyford Grange Mass - July 2nd.** Annually a Pilgrimage Mass is celebrated at Lyford Grange, near Oxford, where St Edmund Campion was captured before being shackled and taken through the Thames Valley to Tyburn where he was put to death after a show trial. Details of the transport, lunch arrangements and the 4.00pm Mass are shown in the signup sheet in the porch. Any queries, contact John Lynn on 01628-636668. Further Pilgrimage details are available on <http://www.province30.co.uk/Lyford%20Grange%20Mass%202017.htm>

**PPC:** The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting is this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting room.

**Safeguarding Update:** If you have any queries on safeguarding then please speak to one of the team, Louise Wood, George Lam and John Lynn. Contact Louise on 07783 684281 or get in touch with the Parish Office.

**Lost Property:** If anyone has seen a pair of black sunglasses that were left in the Church last Saturday at the 6.30pm Mass can they please let the Parish office know.

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