

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 Friday. 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.

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.

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 136 – 8th and 9th July 2017
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 2

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	8 th Jul	10:00	Mary Kane, A
		18:30	Michael Oke, RIP
Sun	9 th Jul	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Sr Patricia Coughlan, RIP
		10:45	Terry Boland and Claire Sambre, SI
Mon	10 th Jul	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	11 th Jul	10:00	Eileen Murphy, RIP
Wed	12 th Jul	10:00	Deceased members of the Chinkondenji Family
Thu	13 th Jul	10:00	Rasol Rodrigues and Ranifa Dias SI
Fri	14 th Jul	10:00	Anna O'Brien, RIP
Sat	15 th Jul	10:00	The O'Mahony Family, A
		18:30	Denny Rooney, RIP
Sun	16 th Jul	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Philip and Peter Wall, A
		10:45	Carlos Tovar, Luis Carlos Hernandez, Craig Goldie and Salvatore Agricola, A

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 9th July 2017

**Come to me,
all you that are weary
and are carrying
heavy burdens, and
I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11.28



Matthew 11:25-30

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to 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 Leauge, 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; Cornelius Hayes, RIP, Lionel Conroy, RIP, Joyce Zerilli, RIP, Pam Georgina Upshon RIP

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 7th July at 10am.

Please note that the next Mass of the Sacrament of anointing will take place on the 1st 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 £1060.67

Upcoming 2nd collections: Apostleship of the Sea on weekend 8th / 9th July.

Summer Social Events: Please look out for the posters around the Church foyer and Centre with dates for Church social events this summer. BBQ in the Presbytery on 9th, 16th July and 10th September from 12.30pm. Ring Parish Office for details.

Parish Social 22nd 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.

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.

Mary's Meals: We have now raised an amazing £11,871.40. If you have any outstanding money can you please leave at the Parish Office. A full breakdown will be published shortly. A representative from Mary's Meals will be at 10.45am Mass on Sunday 23rd July where we will present the cheque. Congratulations to all who have supported this project.

Finance Officer: St Joseph's Parish in Maidenhead is looking to employ a new Finance Officer for late August 2017. This is a part-time post; twenty hours per week, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm. We are looking for someone who is experienced; possesses good communication skills and is IT literate with a good working knowledge of finance packages such as SAGE Instant Accountant. The successful candidate will need to be a good team player but also able to work on their own initiative. Are you interested? Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01628 783988 or email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more details and an application form. Closing date for applications: Wednesday 19th July (12 noon). Interviews will be held w/c 24th July 2017.

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 for more information.

Coffee after 10.45 am Mass. A number of the team have left recently and we are urgently in need of volunteers. Can you spare one Sunday every 4-5 weeks to help? Please contact Claire on 416968 or clairesamber@yahoo.com - the more the merrier! The coffee team will be having a well-deserved break in the summer, so the last coffee will be on Sunday 30th July until we return on 10 September.

The Maidenhead & District Talking Newspaper Association records and distributes to visually impaired people weekly edited versions of the Maidenhead Advertiser and a monthly Magazine compilation and is looking for volunteers in 2 areas. Volunteers are needed to join rotas either as Editors or Recording Technicians with a commitment to give their time roughly once every 6-8 weeks. Editors prepare the news at home between Thursday morning (when the Advertiser appears) and Friday afternoon and the job takes about 3 hours. Three other readers (and I think there are plenty of volunteers available) join the Editor for recording (usually in the Editor's home) either on Friday afternoon or evening and recording takes about 2 hours. Recording Technicians join the reading teams for the recording and, with travel time, give up about 3 hours of their time. If you know of anyone who might be interested or can circulate this request amongst your contacts, it would be appreciated. Newcomers will be given as much training as they need. Further details can be found on www.maidenheadtn.org.uk

Children's Liturgy Meeting - a reminder that that there is a meeting with drinks for all Liturgists and helpers this Sunday 9th July, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. mass in the Bar area. Please bring your diaries and your friends! Any new helpers are **very welcome and much needed**. Contact Tricia Weeks on **01628 627265** for further details.

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