

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. September and October are now available.

A Day with Mary: St John's Catholic Cathedral Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. Saturday 23rd September 2017. Please see details on the notice board.

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

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

Cleaning of the Church. : Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church 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 evenings 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.

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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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.

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

Number 142 – 16th / 17th September 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 4

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	16 th Sept	10:00	The Machray Family, SI
		18:30	Nuala Mulhern, A
Sun	17 th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Sheila Lazenby, RIP
		10:45	Eileen Sweeney, A
Mon	18 th Sept	10:00	Mothers Group Morning Prayer
Tue	19 th Sept	10:00	Salvatore Agricola, A
Wed	20 th Sept	10:00	Sheila Lazenby, RIP
Thu	21 st Sept	10:45	Requiem Mass, Mary Cullivan, RIP
Fri	22 nd Sept	10:00	Aga J, SI
		12:00	Requiem Mass, Molly Cain RIP
Sat	23 rd Sept	10:00	Julia Richardson, FM
		18:30	Holy Souls
Sun	24 th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	John Coleman, FM
		10:45	Peggy Dooley, 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.

Migrants Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Philip Egan in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Sunday 24th September at 2pm. During this Mass we will praise and thank God for the ethnic and cultural diversity of our Diocese. ALL WELCOME!



St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes: St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave

Sunday 17th September 2017



***Not seven times,
but, I tell you,
seventy-seven times.***
Matthew 18.22

Matthew 18:21-35

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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 Leavage, 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, Christopher and Catherine Browne.

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; Kathleen Monica Carter, RIP, Sheila Lazenby, RIP, Margaret Theresa Gomes, RIP, Veronica Esther Steadman, RIP, David Jones, RIP
Marie Clark, RIP, Funeral Service, Wednesday 20th September, 1.30pm in Slough Crematorium
Mary Cullivan, RIP, Requiem Mass, Thursday 21st September, 10.45am in St. Joseph's Church
Molly Cain, RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 22nd September, 12pm 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: 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 every Thursday 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 £1396 and the second collection for Catholic Education Service was £393. Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collection Weekends: 16th / 17th Home Mission Sunday and 23rd / 24th Cathedral

The Children's Liturgy Team hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing all the children for the new term which starts on 10th September during the 10.45 a.m. Mass.

The Children's Liturgy Team - Please pick up your new rotas from the top drawer of the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby.

Cecilia and Don Leavage and family extend grateful thanks for all the prayers, thoughts and masses offered by the Parish Community for Cecilia during her recent long illness. We are pleased to state that your prayers have been answered and God has blessed her with greatly improved health and fitness. May God bless you all and keep you all in His care too.

An invitation to shape our Parish: "Liturgy" is everything that happens from the time you step into the church to the time you step out. It includes readings, prayers, music and many other aspects that help people to engage with the Mass. Our Liturgy Group are meeting to plan Liturgy for our Advent and Christmas seasons, and we would welcome any interested parishioners to attend our next meeting on Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend, please let the Parish Office know and we will send you an agenda.

10.45am Mass – Folk Choir 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.
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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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First Holy Communion Programme: Application forms are available in the Church and in the Parish Office. All forms are to be returned to the Parish office by 27th September 2017. Any application forms left in after this time will not be accepted.

Sunday 8th October: We will welcome Mrs Sandra Barry the new Head teacher of St Marys Primary School to the Parish of St Josephs at our 10.45am Mass. All Welcome!!

Life in the Spirit Seminars: The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity to find out more about that life and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The 7 seminars will run every Tuesday evening from Tuesday 26 September 2017 until Tuesday 7 November 2017 from 8pm - 9.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Stanley Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA. For more information and to book your place, please refer to the poster on the notice board.

St. Joseph's Readers and Eucharistic Minister Rotas: The rotas for Oct-Dec 2017 are available in the Sacristy. There are still some occasions when a Reader / Eucharistic Minister haven't turned up. PLEASE do find a substitute if you cannot fulfil your duty – it is most unfair if someone has to fill in at the last minute. Many thanks to those that will do this.

CAFOD Harvest Fast day Friday 6th October: This Harvest fast day we are standing with Eldemira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to provide for her family. With your help CAFOD has given her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Please help us to give this support to other farmers by picking up a fast day envelope and giving whatever you can. Many thanks.

The local branch of HCPT (the children's Pilgrimage Trust taking disabled to Lourdes) is looking for volunteers to help with the youngsters going on pilgrimage next Spring. Volunteers have to be 18 or over. If you are interested please phone 01753 840965. Or 01628 633681 for more information. UCM members in St. Joseph's are willing to help with financial aid.

Repository: The Repository has Christmas cards, St Joseph's 50p diaries and calendars in stock now.

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

