

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. October is now available.

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

Cleaning of the Church. : Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church this Tuesday. 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.

Safeguarding Team

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.

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 2

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	30 th Sept	10:00	Nino William Prierra, RIP
		18:30	Satana & Maria Rodrigues Family, RIP
Sun	1 st Oct	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	David Cloet, SI
		10:45	Grace & John Lafferty, A
Mon	2 nd Oct	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	3 rd Oct	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
Wed	4 th Oct	10:00	Doreen Boyle, RIP
Thu	5 th Oct	10:45	Edmund Coleman, FM
Fri	6 th Oct	10:00	Mass of the Sick & Housebound – St Joseph's Church
Sat	7 th Oct	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
		18:30	Maria Figueira
Sun	8 th Oct	08:00	Anthony Felton, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Giovanni Licota, 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.

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

When was the last time you invited a 'not yet' practicing Catholic to Mass?



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 1st October 2017



As we heard in last week's Pastoral Letter, many Catholics do not have a personal relationship with God, and many are not certain whether God exists. As humans, it's tough to maintain our faith with God who can't physically sit beside us and talk to us.

The Bible is one way to connect with how God loves us, but this is also tough! The Bible is not a cover-to-cover read, and you have to know HOW to use it to really understand it. That's why Pope Francis has asked every Catholic community to focus on the Bible for one weekend this year.

Our weekend will take place at St Joseph's on 24 - 26 November. This is the perfect opportunity to have some spiritual breathing space before the Christmas rush begins!

We have two external specialists who will lead a full and varied programme that you can pick and choose from – you can fit it around commitments or simply come to what interests you! The weekend is structured around mealtimes, and there will be lots of other things to get involved with besides the workshops. **The key aims of this weekend are to give us a better understanding of how to use the Bible, connecting with God and building a relationship with Him.**

The programme will be available in the next few weeks, but we welcome the thoughts and ideas of all parishioners to make this the best Community weekend it can be. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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, Bernard Carthy, 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; Marie Clark, RIP, Mary Cullivan, RIP, Molly Cain, RIP, who are recently deceased.

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 £1006 and the second collection for The Cathedral was £322. Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collection Weekends: 7th and 8th October please return CAFOD envelopes. 21st and 22nd October World Missions

Stromenti presents 'Love, Loss & La Follia' Sunday 15th October 2017, doors open at 7pm, show starts at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets are £8 and can be bought on the door. All proceeds to the charity Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya. There will be an interval, with bar, of twenty minutes

Couples for Christ, Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth. You are invited to a Christian life programme that will help you refresh your faith. The Christian life programme on Sunday 22nd October at 1pm – 5pm, Saturday 28th October at 9am-5pm, Sunday at 1pm – 5pm in St Joseph's Church Maidenhead. The different topics discussed in the talks are as follows: Gods Love, Who is Jesus Christ? What it means to be a Christian, plus many more. Refreshments and lunch will be provided free. Bring your children. For more information please call Rene & Agnes 07900901343, Lily 07447943281, Michael 07525176477.

Saturday 18th November, Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese

At Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am – 5pm

This is for everyone in the diocese who would like to know and serve the Lord more deeply, and move towards being an active disciple. Being with each other in community, both in the parish and diocese, helps us greatly on this journey. Bishop Philip will be hosting the day and giving a talk at the beginning and the end. There will be talks by Katherine Coolidge (global head of Called and Gifted) on Fruitful Discipleship and developing a personal relationship with the Lord. We will have a number of testimonies from parishioners and from parishes around the diocese and we will hear from a number of active groups and teams who are doing wonderful work in serving others.

Parents of Children enrolled for First Holy Communion Programme. A parent meeting is on 11th October at 7.30pm in the Church. Attendance is a must.

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 sustain her family with good crops and harvests. 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.

Coffee after 10.45 Mass Sunday 8 October. This is the first time coffee is being run by a group of teenagers in our Parish. Come along and wish them luck or if you are between 13-19 and would like to help they would be grateful. Come and have a chat Next time they are on the rota is 19 November. All welcome and a great way to be involved.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 9th – 18th April 2018. There are a few spaces available for this pilgrimage which is organised by Fr Ethelbert's Parish. For further information contact Fr Ray:07939987872

Children's Liturgy of the Word training day on 4th November from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, in St Bede's, Basingstoke. Ran by Sr Veronica OP. Check the diocesan website for future training days www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation

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.

St John's Beaumont an Independent Catholic and Jesuit School for boys aged 3-13 has an Opening Morning Saturday 7th October. Please see website for more details: www.SJBwindsor.uk

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