



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

Number 147, 21st & 22nd October 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, *Psalter Week 1*

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	21 st Oct	10:00	Dennis Kallagher, RIP
		18:30	George Figueria and Family
Sun	22 nd Oct	08:00	Ryan DeOliveira, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Mission Sunday
Mon	23 rd Oct	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	24 th Oct	10:00	Antino Francis Fernandes, A
Wed	25 th Oct	10:00	Cloet Family, SI
Thu	26 th Oct	10:00	Margaret Rose Kane, RIP
Fri	27 th Oct	10:00	In Reparation for 50 years of Abortion
Sat	28 th Oct	10:00	David Jones, RIP
		18:30	Avila Demelo, SI
Sun	29 th Oct	08:00	Khloe Abreu, SI
		09:15	Bill and Alice Witt, A
		10:45	People of the Parish

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 and for Peace in the World.

A Date for your diary: We welcome to our Parish on Thursday evening 9th November, Bishop Philip Egan. Who will be delivering a talk on 'Interfaith Dialogue from a Catholic Perspective'. The talk will start at 7.30pm and is open to all our parishioners and friends from the Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum. Followed by refreshments.

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.

Parish Bazaar: Do you know anyone that can take on the role of organising this year's Bazaar?? Please let us know ASAP. Without your help this will not go ahead.

Bible Weekend 24th – 26th November 2017:

"...when we brought the good news to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit..."

Following these words of St Paul in the second reading, how many of us are truly awake to the power of God, and the breath of the Holy Spirit? We think of the Bible purely as words to be read or recited, when in fact they point to something deeper and more alive – the love of the God who chose us, and knows us each by name. There is much to discover through the pages and words for those who make the time and space to reach deep into the meaning of those words.

The reality for many of us is that we read or listen to the Bible, but aren't sure how to reach the deeper meaning in the words. The Bible Weekend (24-26 November) will be the perfect opportunity to learn how to read into the words. By prioritising the Word of God on that weekend, we will also tap into the power and the Holy Spirit that bring the words to life.

Calling all musicians and singers!

You are all invited to bring your musical gifts to make Christmas a special and beautiful season. The 'Christmas Choir' will be leading music for the Advent Carol Service and all Christmas Masses at St Joseph's – you can come and sing/play at any services you are already planning to attend. You will need to commit to joining us for the following rehearsals at St Joseph's:

- **Sunday 3rd December 12 – 2 in the bar area**
- **Sunday 10th December 12 – 2 in the bar area**
- **Sunday 17th December 4pm (before the Advent Carol Service at 6pm)**
- Sunday 24th December 5pm (for 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass)
- Sunday 24th December TBC (for Midnight Mass)

If you have any questions, please speak with Lisa or Susan after the 10.45 Sunday Mass or through the Parish Office. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on the 3rd!

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

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, 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 Carty, Peter Eyre, Alf and Joan White, 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; Mary Cullivan, RIP, Molly Cain, RIP, Frank Joseph Kompanik RIP, Carmen Duthie RIP, Yu 'Mary' Lee 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.

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.

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 25 October at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1062. Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collection Weekends: Please return CAFOD envelopes in the Sacristy or Parish office. World Missions collection takes place on 21st and 22nd October. A representative from Aid to the Church in Need, will visit our Parish on the 28th and 29th October.

UCM: Tuesday 24th October 7.30pm in the bar area. Talk on planning applications around Maidenhead from the Civic Society Representative. Open to all as this could affect you. Everyone welcome.

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

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 Thursday. 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

"The Catenians - Maidenhead Circle's 31st Annual Musical Evening:

Maidenhead Catenians will present their Annual Musical Evening on Saturday, 18th November 2017, at Claires Court School, College Avenue, Maidenhead, featuring professional operatic singers associated with the English National Opera. The programme will include music from modern musicals as well as items from classical opera.

The theme for the evening will be a tribute to Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh who will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of their Wedding on 20th November 2017.

You and your family and friends are invited to come along and share in this unique evening of entertainment. Please contact Kmmcgarry@talktalk.net or 01628 639577 for tickets which are available at £18 per person."

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.

Invitation: Our Advent Carol Service will take place at 6pm on 17th December, and we would love to celebrate the diversity of our community. If any individuals or groups feel confident to sing a carol from their home (in any language), please speak with Fr John, Shauna, Lisa or Susan by Sunday 5th November so we can plan our service. Thank you!

A pilgrimage is being organised next year commencing on the 28th September and departing on the 1st October 2018. The pilgrimage will be jointly led by Fr Jeremy Harris of All Saints, Boyn Hill, assisted by the clergy of St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's Maidenhead. 20 places have been allocated to St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's Parishioners. More details to follow next week, which will include the cost and accommodation information. In the meantime feel free to register your interest with Fr John Chadwick.