

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church this Wednesday 8th November. 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

Parish Bazaar: Please note there will be no Christmas Bazaar this year. We hope that you will support our Schools Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 11am – 2pm.

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 interest, 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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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.

If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be discussed please contact the office



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

Number 150, 11th & 12th November 2017
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 4

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	11 th Nov	10:00	Nicholas Maraggun, A
		18:30	David Hall, A
Sun	12 th Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, RIP
		10:45	Remembrance Sunday
Mon	13 th Nov	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	14 th Nov	10:00	James Jamesion, RIP
Wed	15 th Nov	10:00	Barry Wiles, A
Thu	16 th Nov	10:00	Michael John Heaven, A
Fri	17 th Nov	10:00	Rafael Roza, A
Sat	18 th Nov	10:00	Patrick & Barbara Roddy, RIP
		18:30	Gretta Gomes, RIP
Sun	19 th Nov	08:00	Kenneth Haines, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Jerry Curran, 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 and for Peace in the World



Sunday 12th November 2017

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

Matthew 25.7



Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour

Matthew 25:1-13

Thought for the day

To engage with today's readings, it might helpful to go back in your own mind to someone in your life whom you regard as really wise. When did you become aware of it? Have you benefitted from it? If someone were to ask how would you recognise wisdom and what are its marks, what would you say? Have you learned from your encounters with wise people? Do you desire wisdom for yourself? Perhaps as parent or friend or family member of colleague. Do you nourish your hunger (!) for the qualities and attitudes which we associate with people who have learned from life?

Prayer

All-wise and loving God, the desire for you lies deep within us. Awaken us to the quest for true wisdom that by being true to ourselves we make come to you, the source of all wisdom. Amen.

Following 10.45am Mass today Sunday 12th November, there is a cake sale in the hall. Please come and support our 19th Maidenhead Scout Group.

Two weeks to go to The Bible Weekend!

Our Bible Weekend is fast approaching, and we would like to invite you to get involved! You can attend any session that interest you, so please come and help at a time that suits you.

Catering – There will be lots of opportunities to help to serve refreshments or breakfast/dinner on Saturday. If you can make a good cup of tea, we need you!

Welcoming – we need people with a smile to greet people and help any guests to find what they need. Also, we need volunteers to help hand out hymn books and sheets before each Mass on the programme.

Adoration Rota – the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day in our dedicated Adoration Chapel for people to go and pray with Jesus. We have a rota of 30minute slots to make sure there is always someone in the chapel.

There are sign-up sheets available at the church entrances, so please add your details and what area you are able to volunteer for. We will then get in touch with you to confirm times and details.

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 Leange, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Jane Parkinson, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Bernard Carty, 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; Carmen Duthie RIP, Yiu 'Mary' Shing Lee 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?

Looking towards Advent and Christmas

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 5.30pm)**
- 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!

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1151. Second Collection for Bamenda was £519. Thank you

Parish Social Saturday 16th December 2017: By popular demand **STEPHEN & MEGAN** are back to play their unique brand of music for us. Tickets will be £15.00 and include of a hot meal. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 17th November from both the Parish and Centre Offices. All proceeds go to The Margaret Clitherow Trust

Hymn Beauty for Brokenness 10:45am Mass

Verse 1

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord in the suffering this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace.
Sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Verse 2

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Verse 3

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Verse 4

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain.

Verse 5

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

Verse 6

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
Until your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

CAFOD Memorial Mass: A mass of remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday 19th November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Our next WAMCF Ladies group meeting will take place on Monday 20th November at 7.30 pm at St. Luke's Church. We will talk about winter festivals and also make decorations to go on the WAMCF Christmas tree at St. Luke's tree festival. Please also note that 12th – 19th November is Interfaith week – see this link for more detail: www.interfaithweek.org

A pilgrimage to Walsingham is being planned next year commencing on the 28th September and returning 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. The total cost for Friday to Monday full board are £189.70. £10 paid with initial booking which is non-refundable with a further £20 paid with the list of those going. Final cheque to take when you go should be for the balance of £159.70 for each of the pilgrims. Closing date 20th November 2017.

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. November and December are now available.

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