

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church this Thursday 23rd 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 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.

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 Pastoral Council

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson) Shauna Hamilton (Secretary), Fr John Lee, Fr John Chadwick, Andrew Adamson, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leverage

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 151, 18th & 19th November 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 1

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

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
Mon	20 th Nov	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	21 st Nov	10:00	Maureen Savage, A & Zaza Delaney, RIP
Wed	22 nd Nov	10:00	Deceased members of the Chinkondenji family
Thu	23 rd Nov	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Fri	24 th Nov	10:00	Frank Henry, A
Sat	25 th Nov	10:00	No Morning Mass due to Bible Weekend
		18:30	Maria Mateo, A
Sun	26 th Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Derrick Gallagher, A
		10:45	Mr & Mrs Di Dernordo, 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

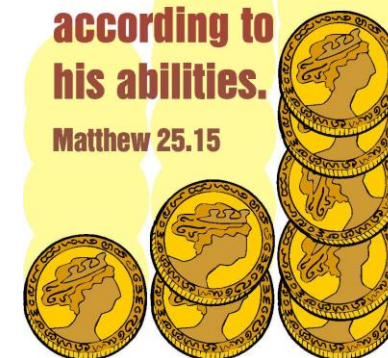


Sunday 19th November 2017

Matthew 25:14-30

To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his abilities.

Matthew 25.15



The Parable of the Talents

Thought for the day

What does God desire of us? This simple question is perhaps not asked frequently enough! It can be made quite personal: what does God want of me, from me? In the end, the answer has to be—in the words of the song—“all that I am,” precisely because God loves all that I am. This will mean allowing ourselves to be loved. It will also mean responding with my whole self, including all the gifts of body, mind and soul that God has bestowed upon me. In the end, God does hope that we may be and become our true selves. Nothing less is adequate to God's own love for us.

Prayer

We are truly grateful to you, God our creator and redeemer, for your many gifts. We ask for your help that we may use all you have given us for your glory and for the good of our neighbour.

We ask your blessing for the forthcoming Bible Weekend so that we may all come to know, find and experience you in your Word. We make this prayer through Jesus our loving Saviour. Amen

One week 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 join us during the weekend 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.

URGENT: 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.

Thank you

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, 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, Zaza Delaney, RIP and Mary Walton, 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?

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.

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

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1155.

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.

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 1st December 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. December is now available.

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.

Scouts Cake Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale after Mass on Remembrance Sunday. We raised £219 for the Group funds which we very much appreciate. As ever the sale would not have been possible without the kind support of our parents and Group baking, and support of the Homemade Cake Company based on Switchback Road, their cakes are always well received.

**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!

Advent & Christmas Liturgy 2017: Fr John and the Liturgy committee would like to hear from anyone who can speak their mother tongue (eg Konkani, Polish or Italian etc) This year we would like to involve as many as our ethnic community in the celebration of Advent and Christmas. Please can you make your known to Fr John Lee or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Food share: Thank you to those who continue to contribute food for The Homeless. With Christmas in mind more donations are needed now more than ever.

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