

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 22nd after 10am Mass. Please join in if you can. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052.

Are you thinking of getting married? Please note that twelve months' notice is required before a wedding can take place. This period of notice is necessary for the completion of paperwork. Also this notice period allows plenty of time for the couple to engage with a marriage preparation course. In the first instance please contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Fr 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. Please note there are no baptisms during Lent.

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 Leavage

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 161, 17th & 18th February 2018
1st Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 1, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	17 th Feb	10:00	Maria Dsouza, RIP
		18:30	Maria Razada Fernandes
Sun	18 th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Peter Wyles, RIP
		10:45	Lily Faria, A
Mon	19 th Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	20 th Feb	10:00	O'Donovan Family, SI
Wed	21 st Feb	10:00	Paul Mulholland, RIP
Thu	22 nd Feb	10:00	Family, friends and St Joseph's Community of the late Francis Flynn, T
Fri	23 rd Feb	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Sat	24 th Feb	10:00	Deceased members of the Magri Family
		18:30	Thomas Sheahan, RIP
Sun	25 th Feb	08:00	Eileen Dunton, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Ken Perkins, RIP

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

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.

Station of the Cross: next week Friday after the 10am mass AND at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.

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 18th February 2018



Mark 1:12-15

The time is fulfilled: the kingdom of God has come near

Thought for the day

In Italian, Lent is quaresima or forty (days). In German, it is Fastenzeit or time for bodily restraint. Our English word comes from an older Anglo-Saxon word for spring—len(c)ten— whence our Lent. Italian tells us how long it will last (with its symbolic overtones). German tells us what to do in that time. But English tells us what is supposed to happen, that is, we are supposed to experience a springtime of faith, a time growth and new life.

Prayer

God of new life, bless us on our pilgrim way towards the great feast of Easter. Help us to know our need of your presence, breath your Spirit into our reading of the Word, teach us to set aside whatever hinders our true discipleship so that we may come to life in abundance and know in our hearts the joy of the Gospel.



Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Margaret Gallagher, Cecilia Leavage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Alf and Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Catherine Josephine Lee, Helen O'Donovan.

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; Maura Gray, RIP, Douglas James McLaughlin RIP, Maureen Lazarus RIP, who are recently deceased.

Please pray for all 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?

The Thursday Evening Prayer Group to pray for the Parish of Saint Joseph's and its parishioners has resumed for 2018. If you are attending for the first time, please make your way to the alter-side entrance doors and let us know you are there. For anyone not able to attend our 7 to 8pm prayer hour, you may pray in unison with us from wherever you are. Please feel welcome to add any prayers of petition to the red book on Our Lady's alter, and they shall be included.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection £1,099. Thank you.

Many thanks for your offerings. If you would like to make your donation go even further and you are a tax payer, then please Gift Aid your offering. Contact our Finance Officer, Louise or call in at the Parish Office for a form.

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.

Safeguarding Courses for 2018: This years' training calendar is now up on the church noticeboards. Local venues include, on Saturday 24 March there are both Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adults courses at St Edmund Campion. Details of how to book are on the notice boards and on our website but do contact Louise Wood with any queries.

Maidenhead Lions invite all males aged over 45 to come for a FREE Prostate Cancer check; a simple blood test. When: Thursday 1st March 2018. From: 5pm to 9pm. Where: Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead. No need to book an appointment. For more information visit our website www.maidenheadlions.org.uk

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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.

Readers' Rota: The rota for April to June 2018 is available in the Sacristy. PLEASE, if you cannot fulfil your duty find your own substitute, contact numbers are on the reverse. Readers for the Triduum and Easter Sunday (29th March – 1st April) have not been included. If you would like to read then please contact Tricia – triciabrooking@gmail.com Other than Easter Sunday this also applies to Readers from St Elizabeth's

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

Governor Update – St Mary's Catholic Primary School

We continue to work as a school to ensure we educate and nurture the whole child. We are delighted with the academic results attained by our children, led and ably supported by our excellent teachers and teaching assistants, who we are blessed to have in our community.

Our children are skilled, resourceful and independent learners. The latest results reflect the significant progress made in all departments as the children leave St Mary's ready for secondary education. The new school development plan continues to build on developing the attainment and progress of all our pupils over the coming academic years.

Results for July 2017 – Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

We are above national levels for both Age Related Expectations (ARE) and Age Related Expectations+ (ARE+) across all areas at Key Stage 2 (Year 6).

In 2016/17 our Key Stage 2 results place our school in the **Top 10%** of all 25,000 primary schools in England **across all subjects** and within subjects our school places as below:

Top 6%	Reading	Top 7%	Writing
Top 3.5%	Maths	Top 2%	SPAG

Windsor And Maidenhead Community Forum 2018 Dialogue Programme, All dialogues are FREE and start at 7pm and end at 8.30pm with refreshments. Next meeting in on Tuesday 27th February in Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX. The topic for this discussion is WHAT ARE YOU MOST GRATEFUL FOR? Please see the notice board for dates in March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

The Great Big Fun Quiz in aid of the **LENTEN PROJECT** takes place on Saturday 24th March 2018 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets are £10.00 each and includes a Ploughman's Supper. Tickets obtained from: Parish and Centre Office, Gerry Tekerian – 07770423688 - Eddie Piekut – 07786114332. Bar and Raffle are available on the night.

CAFOD's Family fast day is on Friday 23rd February. Please can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope to help those who go hungry every day. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million. Please collect your Fast day envelope from your church on 17th / 18th February. Many thanks for your support

Lenten Project - Film Schedule: A variety of films have been selected as an aid for reflection during Lent and will be shown in St Joseph's Hall at 4.30pm each Sunday. A separate schedule is available with a short description and rating for each film. All proceeds will go towards this year's Lenten Project.

St Marys School: Our school needs our support. If any parishioner has a spare few hours and can come in to listen to the children read, please contact the school on 01628 622570.

Urgent help needed in the Repository. Please contact the Parish Office if you can spare time on a Sunday.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is taking place this year at St Elizabeth's, Cookham, on Friday March 2nd starting at 10am and at St. Edmund Campion Church, Altwood Road, at 2pm. The school choirs will sing at both services. All are welcome, including men. Refreshments will be served.

For our families (especially primary aged children): Lent is a time to think about how we live our lives, and to consider changes that could help us to live a better life with Jesus. We have created a Lenten Calendar for our families, with a different suggestion for every day. This is a great way to celebrate Lent with your children, and you are welcome to collect a copy as you leave today. Enjoy journeying with the ideas this Lent!