

**Cleaning of the Church:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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.

**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.

**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.**

**Contact Us:**

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09.00 to 13.00

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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 Leauge

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

**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.



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

Number 162, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 2, Year B

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Deceased members of the Magri Family
		18:30	Thomas Sheahan, RIP
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	Eileen Dunton, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Ken Perkins, RIP
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	No Mass - Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Giuseppe & Angelica Antinoro, RIP
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Murial Veronica Roberts, FM
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10:00	Louisa Coleman & the Coleman Family, FM
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion Church
		13:00	Requiem Mass, John Webb, RIP in St Elizabeth's Church
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
		18:30	Parish Priest Intention
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Patrick O'Brian, RIP
		10:45	Eileen Dunton, 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.

**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

**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.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**



**Mark 9:2-10**

**This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!**

**Thought for the day**

We live in a very noisy, busy world, a culture marked by constant distraction. Even at the ordinary level of relationship, attending to the other— really hearing him or her—is a challenge. It happens when we choose to make space, to shut out the other noises and graciously attend to each other. Something similar may be said of the life of the spirit. To listen to the Son happens when we choose it and, in a practical way, create spaces in our lives for such encounters.

**Prayer**

Revealer God, you open your heart to us in your Son Jesus. Help us to open our hearts to you, as we contemplate your living word. May the Scriptures be for us a place of true encounter and may we, hearers of the Word, listen with our hearts and lives to him, the Word made flesh.

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**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**

**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, 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;** Maureen Lazarus RIP, who are recently deceased.

*John Webb, RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1.00pm in St. Elizabeth's Church*

*Mary Bridget Christodoulou, RIP, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church*

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?

**The Thursday Evening Prayer Group** 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 £1,224. Thank you. Last Sunday's Film evening raised £282. A great start to our cause. Please put your CAFOD envelopes in the collection at your earliest convenience.

**During the season of Lent** we will be taking a second collection after the Sunday masses for our Lenten Projects. If you are a UK tax payer and you would like your offering to go 25% further, then please consider using one of the white envelopes to gift aid your offering. Envelopes and pens are out on the benches. Simply complete the details on the front, put your offering inside and place in the collection as you leave the church. Please talk to Louise Wood if you would like to set up a gift aid declaration in favour of St Joseph's Church, her contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

**Maidenhead Lions** invite all males aged over 45 to come for a FREE Prostate Cancer check; a simple blood test. When: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.maidenheadlions.org.uk)

**LADIES – GET THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES FOR YOUR MEN**

**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](mailto:triciabrooking@gmail.com) Other than Easter Sunday this also applies to Readers from St Elizabeth's

**Maidenhead Catenians** - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 28 February at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

**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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wamcf.org)

**Mill Hill Missionaries National Novena to Saint Joseph in St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead.**

Saturday 10th March - Opening Mass at 10.00am

Sunday 11th March Mass at 10.45am

Monday 12th March Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 13th March Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 14th March Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday 15th March Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 16th March Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 17th March Mass at 10.00pm

Sunday 18th March Mass at 10.45am



**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

**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.

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

**Children's Choir:** A small group of parishioners would like to set up a children's choir. This is likely to happen once a month at the 10.45am Mass, starting after Easter. We are having a planning meeting to talk about our ideas on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. If you would like to be involved, or would just like to give us your ideas, please come and share over a glass of wine and some nibbles – please let the Parish Office know so we have enough! If you have any ideas but are not able to come to the meeting, please do get in touch and let us know your thoughts.

**St Elizabeth's Church Lenten Project Bring & Buy:** A Bring & Buy Sale of HOME PRODUCE will be held at St Elizabeth's, Cookham after 09:15 Mass on Sunday 11 March. Please start making your jams, preserves, cakes, etc. and bring them along on Sunday morning 11 March. No bric-a-brac or garden produce at this sale please.

**UCM:** "Centenary of the Great War." An expert on the 1914-1918 war, Robert Watson will give a slide show and details of his tours of the battle fields of France on Tuesday March 6th at 7.45pm in the bar area All, both men and women, are invited to this, the next UCM meeting.

**Dear Parents,** You are the first teachers of your children in the way of faith. We are extremely keen that you receive every support from the Parish in this sacred task. We are also conscious that the experience at the back of the church during the 10.45 Mass might not be everything it could be for you, and your children. Thus we would appreciate your feedback regarding the following:

1. What do you find positive about your experience during the 10.45 Mass?
2. What do you find difficult or frustrating?
3. What can we do as a Parish to address these difficulties?

**SMALLS FOR ALL!** A fantastic charity which helps women and children in Africa meet their most basic hygiene or security needs by collecting brand new pants as well as new and gently worn bras. Ladies - do you have any of these items no longer needed in your drawers or going spare? If so, bring them along to St Joseph's - boxes available - and posters in the centre with more information. This Lent we can make lives better. Thanks for your help! Queries to Claire 416968.

**Room to rent:** A new Parishioner from Bangladesh, India has been assigned to work in Maidenhead with Three needs a room to rent for approximately six months. Please contact Jino on 07438568121.

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