

Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church: Also, an appeal from Fr. John to *all* Parishioners, if you can spare some time on Thursday 29th March after the 10.00am Morning Prayer to help with a deep clean of the Church to prepare for Easter Weekend, please come along and help. Tea and cake will be served after. Thank you. Please join in if you can. 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.

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

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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.



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

Number 166, 24th & 25th March 2018.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Psalter Week 2, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	24 th Mar	10:00	Neil Cooney, A
		18:30	Bridget Malpass, A
Sun	25 th Mar	08:00	Duncan Falconer, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Edgar Fernandes, SI
Mon	26 th Mar	10:00	No Mass - Mothers Prayer Group in Church
Tue	27 th Mar	11:00	Chrism Mass – St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
Wed	28 th Mar	10:00	John Barton, A
		19:30	Stations of the Cross – St. Elizabeth's
Thu	29 th Mar	10:00	Morning Prayer
		20:00	Mass of the Lords Supper
Fri	30 th Mar	10:00	Children's Stations of the Cross
		11:00	Walk of Witness
		15:00	The Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
Sat	31 st Mar	09:30	Morning Prayer
		10:00	Blessing of the Easter Baskets followed by Confessions
		20:00	Easter Vigil and Blessing of the New Easter Fire
Sun	1 st Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Maria Nealon, RIP
		10:45	Jerry Curran, RIP

Sunday Mass times: 8pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

Please note the changes in Mass times this week.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: There is an Easter card with the times and dates of services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday available after all the masses this Sunday. Please collect your card before going home today. Thank you!

Sunday 25th March 2018



Mark 14:1-15:47

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last

Thought for the day

There is a core similarity between the four accounts of the death of Jesus in the New Testament. However, they differ in sequence and in details, allowing various understandings of the cross to unfold. Because the death of Jesus was and is such a deeply mysterious and indeed perplexing event, different dimensions are explored and laid bare by different New Testament writers. None is more stark than Mark's Gospel: all who knew Jesus have failed him; his only "helper" is a complete outsider, Simon, the unknown passer-by. The only acknowledgment comes from the unnamed Gentile soldier, accidentally present.

Prayer

O Lord, we tell again of the death of your Messiah, Jesus the Christ. In his story we see the story of your love as you reach out to us in the darkness of tragic death and tremendous suffering. Touch our hearts again with your compassionate love that we may be return to you with all our hearts.

As we enter Holy Week may we all try to observe a prayerful silence when moving in and out of the Church. 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, Margaret Gallagher, Cecilia Leamage, 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; Mary Bridget Christodoulou, RIP who are recently deceased.
Raffaele Ruocco RIP, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 3rd April, 12noon 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?

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £898. Last Sunday's Film evening raised £31. The second collection for the Lenten Project last week raised £715. The Bring and Buy sale at St Elizabeth's raised £214 for the Lenten Project. We have sent off our CAFOD collection which amounted to £1180 and this will be matched, pound for pound by the Government, so thank you for your generous contributions.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year are available for collection after Mass today. The envelopes can be found at the Parish Centre end of the Church.

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.

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

St. Elizabeth's Cookham: We respectfully ask that drivers attending the 9:15am mass at St Elizabeth to refrain from parking on the pavements outside the church entrance. If the car park is full, please park thoughtfully away from the church entrance as a mark of respect to our neighbours and fellow parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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 March at Windsor Humanist, Austen-Leigh Baldwin Institute, Eton Court, Eton SL4 6BY. The topic for this discussion is WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN? Please see the notice board for dates in March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

Coffee and Cakes: The refreshment team are doing their bit for the Lenten Project and will be serving delicious cakes after 10.45 Mass today. Please come and buy a cake to eat with your coffee or get something to take home.

Refreshments: After the Easter Vigil you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Easter Holidays: The Centre Office is closed 28th March to 5th April inclusive. The Parish Office is closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd April.

Music for the Easter Services

If anyone would like to be involved in the music for the Easter Services we would love you to join us.

The Easter Triduum consists of the three most important services in the church calendar:

The Mass of The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (March 29th), The Passion on Good Friday (March 30th), and The Easter Vigil (March 31st).

We will be rehearsing in the church after Sunday Mass on March 25th (after 10:45 Mass): 12-1pm and then 7:15pm for the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8pm. 2pm for the 3pm Good Friday service and 11:30am for the Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Do let me know if you would like to be part of this important liturgy so that I can have music ready for you. Either see me after Mass, email at lmattthews63@gmail.com or ring on 07912622503.

Lenten Project - Film Schedule: This week's film is 'Mary of Nazareth cert. PG, showing in St Joseph's Hall at 4.30pm. All proceeds will go towards this year's Lenten Project

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.

Primary school-aged children – WE NEED YOUR HELP! At 10am on Good Friday, we will be telling the story of Jesus' Passion through a special Stations of the Cross. We need confident readers to help us to tell the story, and people who can help us to welcome guests! Then on Easter Sunday morning, we would like to invite all children who love singing to come and help lead the music at the 10.45am Mass – we will start learning some new songs for the Mass at 10am, so please come early. (Parents /Carers - we also welcome backing singers of all ages!) If you have any questions about these, please speak with Susan, after the 10.45am Mass

Easter Flowers: If anyone would like to sponsor flowers to decorate the Church, please put a donation and prayer dedication in an envelope and hand in to the Office or in the Sunday collection marked 'Easter Flowers.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Please come and represent St Joseph's at the annual Good Friday procession through Maidenhead organised by Churches Together. We start at 11 a.m. outside Sainsbury's and walk through town with readings and hymn singing. It only takes half an hour and we finish at the Methodist Church at the end of the High Street and go in for a cup of tea and a hot cross bun. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every family joined in this year - a great way to show your faith at Easter time.

After the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, all are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre for tea/coffee and hot cross buns. Donations will be given to the Lenten Project.

Palm Crosses: The Palm crosses are made in eight villages in the Masasi area of southern Tanzania, these being Mpetu, Namikunda, Mulndelunde, Murmbarka, Machombe, Chirikiti, Makanyama and Marika. African Palm crosses are made from Dwarf Palms *Hyphaena Coriacea* which grow wild and are not cultivated. The villagers cut the palms in an area near Mbangara where they grow wild; they are then dried and cut into strips before being transported back to the villages, by bicycle or on foot. They are then woven into Palm Crosses and taken to a central collection point which at present is in Mpetu.

Easter Baskets: The blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place on Saturday 31st March at 10am. All welcome

Maundy Thursday Watching: As part of the tradition of watching on Holy Thursday the experience will be shared with St Luke's and All Saints who also observe this tradition. As a mark of our shared faith and prayer for more visible Christian unity Fr John Chadwick will be visiting St Luke's after Holy Thursday Mass followed by All Saints for a further period before returning to St Joseph's Church. Anyone wishing to join are all welcome.