

If any Parishioner is Gluten Free / Coeliac please make yourself known in the Sacristy before Mass as we have Gluten free hosts available.

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday 8th May at 2pm. 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.

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. Our website is temporary down for maintenance.

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

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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 172, 6th May 2018.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Psalter Week 2, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	5 th May	10:00	Velarthur Thillainayagam, RIP
		18:30	Milagres & Ophelia Abreu, SI
Sun	6 th May	08:00	Maria Francisca Fernandes, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Michael O'Rourke, SI
Mon	7 th May	10:00	Bank Holiday
Tue	8 th May	10:00	Margaret Gomes, RIP
Wed	9 th May	10:00	Elizabeth & Francis Geronimo, FM
Thu	10 th May	10:00	John Kelly, RIP
		19:30	Elizabeth & Joseph Wheke, FM
Fri	11 th May	19:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Sat	12 th May	09:30	First Holy Communion Group 1
		12:00	First Holy Communion Group 2
		18:30	Ophelia & Abreu Family, SI
Sun	13 th May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	John Webb, RIP
		10:45	Fernandes Family, T

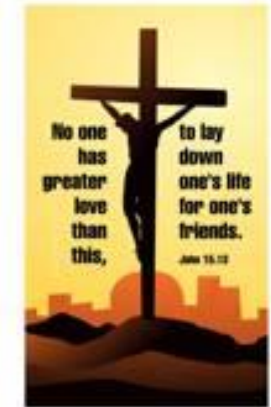
Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

Ascension Thursday: Next Thursday 10th May is Ascension Thursday and a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10am; 2.20pm (St. Mary's School) and 7.30pm (St. Elizabeth's).

Please note the change in Mass time for Friday 11th May.

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.

Sunday 6th May 2018



John 15:9-17

What I command you is to love one another

Thought for the day

There are odd expressions in the Fourth Gospel and in 1 John. It is strange to be commanded to love. Even stranger: "Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments." What can "command" and "obedience" have to do with the love, the most free thing of all? It may help to recall that both human nature and divine nature are defined by love. We are being commanded to become what we most want to be in our deepest selves. Obedience here is the invitation to become our truest selves, true to our identity before God and our true to our mission simply as human beings.

Prayer

You know us more deeply than we know ourselves: may your love go before us always and inspire in us a generous love for our neighbour.

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.



Thy Kingdom Come: National Pentecost Novena: All our parishioners and friends are invited to engage in nine days of intercessory prayer for evangelisation leading towards Pentecost. Our Parish needs renewal! The Novena will begin on Ascension Thursday and will be prayed after each weekday Mass. The Novena will conclude on Pentecost Sunday. A Novena booklet will be available after all the Masses this Sunday.

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 Leanage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Catherine Josephine Lee, Helen O'Donovan, Charlotte Comer and Kevin McGarry.

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, Pauline Lambert, RIP, Alf White, RIP, Raffaele Ruocco RIP and Derek Webber RIP, who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.
Frank Allen's Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 11th May at 11am. Please note that the Funeral will be taking place at St. Joseph's Church, Dorking.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael J Cooper, the brother of Parishioner Barbara Cooper. He was a Jesuit Priest and acknowledged specialist in Japanese Missionary History.

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?

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

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.

Collection: Last Sundays collection was £1118. Many thanks for your offerings. If anyone has not received their planned giving envelopes or would like to begin using envelopes please contact Louise Wood, (contacts on the last page of this letter).

Our future – Children aged 0 - 4

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Our little ones are very important to our Parish, and we recently asked some young families how we could improve their experience of the Mass. Based on their feedback, the following will be implemented:

- On the first Saturday of every month, we will engage with our little ones in a special way during 10am Mass. This will be followed by refreshments and playtime in the Parish Centre.
- **The first Mass will be on Saturday 2 June** and every family is very welcome!
- We will be introducing individual 'busy bags' that each child can collect at the beginning of Mass. This will help to keep little ones occupied while they are sitting with their family. The toybox at the back of St Joseph's will be removed at the beginning of June as this causes a lot of noise and distraction.



- **If you would like to be involved in choosing the items for the busy bags, please come to a short meeting after Mass on 13th May in the bar area.** Children are welcome to come and play!
- Parents at the 10.45 Mass fed back that it is sometimes difficult to find space for little ones and all their required baggage! To make sure our young families have somewhere to sit, we will reserve two benches for young families on a trial basis.

We really welcome any thoughts, feedback or ideas about how we can make our little ones an important part of our community. Please do speak up to any one of the Parish team!

UCM: On 22nd May UCM have organised a coach to Stratford upon Avon. Anyone wishing to go please ring Joan on 01628 637863. Cost is £12 per person.

On 19th June UCM are organising a trip to Wintershall to see the Tableau of the life of Christ. A few seats remain. Cost is £30 per person including coach and entrance. Call 01628 637863 for more details.

Eucharistic Ministers: The new rota for St Josephs is now available in the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Ministers: A day for all serving Eucharistic ministers within our parish is being offered at Douai Abbey on Saturday 23rd June 2018. The day will comprise reflection, training and time simply to be together. A hot lunch is provided. Every minister is to contact the office by email/phone to accept or decline. Closing date 6th June 2018. All Eucharistic Ministers are reminded that they are required to take part in a day retreat each year.

River Church Maidenhead is sending clothes and care packs to Syrian refugees with [Samara's Aid](#). Samara's Aid provides humanitarian relief to those that other aid agencies have missed. The appeal collection date is **Sunday 20 May**. If you would like to support the appeal, then you can do so by donating new or good quality used clothes. You can drop them off at the church office in Maidenhead ([2 Castle Hill Terrace, Maidenhead SL6 4JP](#)) between 9.30am and 1.30pm Monday 14 - Thursday 17 May. If you would like to find out more, or have any questions, please contact Daniel King at Daniel.Caleb.King@gmail.com.

The Brett Foundation is looking for people to help at The Centre. The Centre is one of our first ports of contact for those who need help in town. We offer hot food and hot drinks to not just the homeless, but elderly, lonely, those with mental health issues and people in need who live below the poverty line. We help with filling out forms, cooking sessions, help to find jobs and accommodation (plus support as a mentor once they have a home and job for those who are homeless) and a listening ear amongst many various other things which we are asked.

We are open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm and on a Saturday 10am to 12pm. We also open on a Tuesday, Wednesday evening 7pm to 9.30pm and Sunday evening 7pm to 8pm. We are in need of volunteers to come in and help with the work we do. If you think this maybe something you are interested in, please contact Sue Brett on either susanbrett4@aol.co.uk or call on 07582158849 it is only together we can truly make a difference to the lives of those who come through our door.

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