

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 Monday 14th May at 11am. 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

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

##### 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 173, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Psalter Week 3, Year B

### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> May	09:30	First Holy Communion Group 1
		12:00	First Holy Communion Group 2
		18:30	Ophelia & Abreu Family, SI
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	John Webb, RIP
		10:45	Fernandes Family, T
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Morning Prayer Group in Church
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Ellen Kissane, A
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Tessy, Babu, Johnny & Elsa, SI
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	John Kelly, RIP
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Catherine Hayes, SI
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Freda Shardlow, RIP
		18:30	Marques & Abreu Family, SI
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Menino Marques, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Evelyn & Peter Neville, SI

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018



In January, 45 children began a journey of preparation to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Yesterday, each child received Jesus in a very special way for the first time in Holy Communion. This is not the end of their journey— it is rather a step forward in each child's individual faith journey as a Catholic.

At every Mass we remember Jesus' Last Supper, when He took some bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to His disciples. During our Mass, the bread and wine we offer transforms into the Body and Blood of Jesus—the Living Bread that will bring us eternal life. Although our First Communion is very special, every Communion brings us closer to Jesus.

### Congratulations to all the children below who made their First Holy Communion

Amaranth MacQuarrie, Christian Rubim-McKeating, Chloe Rye, Liam Chaundy, Sabrina Pickering, Lucas Caires, Konrad Pindych, Daniel Luberda, Stephanie Gibbs, Izabella Pindych, Patryk Romasz, Emil Szczechowicz, Shauna McCullough, Daniel Szczechowicz, Kasper Majchrzak, Alfie Gourlay, Sophia Fletcher, Latoyah Mtumbula, Mete Bal, Isobel Townend, Natalia Siata, Romilly Moore, Olivia Moss, Isabelle McDonnell, Anna Hern, Olivia O'Shea, Adam Szmyt, Vanessa Paschia, Iona Latham-Brash, Emilia Beasley, Pearl Clougherty, Cait Hamilton, Allan Krzysztof Apcio, Philip Komorowski, Summer Wilkins and Ethan Burt



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, 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, Derek Webber RIP and Frank Allen, who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

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?

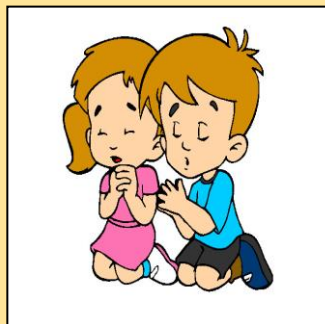
**RCIA:** The Journey of faith – meeting takes place each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you or if you know anyone that wishes to find out more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office for more information.

**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](mailto:Daniel.Caleb.King@gmail.com).

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### **Come and Fill this Temple (Arlene Friesen)**

##### *Refrain:*

Come, O come and fill this temple  
And fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.  
Come, O come and fill this temple  
And fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.

##### *Verse 1:*

There's a place of unity, a place for fellowship  
There's a place where God's people come together,  
When the Spirit of the Lord descends and binds our hearts as one  
And we're filled afresh with holy power.

##### *Verse 2:*

So we wait with open hearts we're hungry for your touch  
And we worship now the name of Jesus,  
Forgive us Lord for grieving you, and warm our hearts anew  
With the fire and zeal of Pentecost.

#### **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.



**Cake Sale:** one of our young parishioners, Georgia Wilson, is raising money for the Sue Ryder Foundation. Please support her efforts and buy a cake (or two or three) in the hall after the 10.45am Mass today.

**The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

**UCM and Parishioners:** The trip to Stratford upon Avon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June UCM are organising a trip to Wintershall to see the Tableau of the life of Christ. 6 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. All Eucharistic Ministers are reminded that they are required to take part in a day retreat each year.

**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 £1133. 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).

**Second Collections:** This weekend 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May is for World Communications Day and Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May is for Christian Aid.

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