

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

Parish Prayer Group: The Group will meet every Wednesday at 7.30. Please note there is no prayer group on the 26th September and 3rd October.

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church. Please join in if you can. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 07526 526052.

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.

Readers' Rota Oct-Dec 2018: The next Readers' Rota is available in the folder in the Sacristy for those that didn't get their email copy. **Please note the changes at 6.30pm and 8.00am Masses.** In the Sacristy are some useful guidance notes which serves as good refresher. Welcome and many thanks to the new volunteer readers – Becky, Louise and Vince at 6.30pm and Sheen at 10.45am. And thank you to the Readers who have 'retired' – Bliss, and the Scott family from 8.00am – for all their efforts in the past. Any queries please contact me – triciabrooking@gmail.com tel:01628 637759

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.

Website: Our website is finally back up and running again after being down for a few weeks. This is now an ideal time to give it a makeover. Do you have any experience in designing a web site and would like to help? Please call Shauna in 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

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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 188, 30th September 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter week 2, Year B

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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| Sat | 29th Sept | 10:00 | Veronica & Raymond Brown, A |
| | | 18:30 | Lourdina Pires, A |
| Sun | 30th Sept | 08:00 | Ana Rita Mascarehas, A |
| | | 09:15 | People of the Parish |
| | | 10:45 | Arthur & Phyllis Henderson, A |
| Mon | 1st Oct | 10:00 | No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church |
| Tue | 2nd Oct | 10:00 | Intentions of Lower Juniors in St Marys School |
| Wed | 3rd Oct | 10:00 | Roy Dias, SI |
| Thu | 4th Oct | 10:00 | Intentions of Upper Juniors in St Marys School |
| Fri | 5th Oct | 10:00 | Mass of the Sick & Housebound – St Joseph's Church |
| Sat | 6th Oct | 10:00 | Mary Oulds, FM |
| | | 18:30 | Alert Marques, SI |
| Sun | 7th Oct | 08:00 | People of the Parish |
| | | 09:15 | David Cloet, SI |
| | | 10:45 | James Buckley, RIP |

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each morning Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 10am when Mass begins. During this time let us pray for all those who have been hurt or abuse and for the renewal and the healing of the Church.

Code: SI: Special Intention, **RIP:** Rest in Peace, **A:** Anniversary, **FM:** Foundation Mass

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

Mothers' Prayer Group: Meets every Monday morning at

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

Sunday 30th September 2018



Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Do not stop him; whoever is not against us is for us.

Thought for the day

Jesus knows, of course, that it is not our hands or our feet or our eyes which cause us to sin (cf. Mark 7:14-23). There is a certain sarcastic, even caustic wit in telling us to lop off extremities, as if it were that simple. Sometimes, humour is more effective—more disarming at any rate— than blunt exhortation (hence, dictators always fear the comedians). The point is not lost however: we need to get to the root of the matter and undergo conversion of heart, then of life and then of the whole person, limbs and all!

Prayer

Loving God help us to continue on the path of conversion of heart and life. Help us to make those choices which will reflect our faith in you, loving, just and faithful God. Help us to see ourselves as you would wish us to be, in your own image and likeness.

Bible Timeline: After the two 'taster' sessions we now have enough 'seriously minded' and interested disciples to form a small group. Fr John has to order some more course materials before the Programme can begin. New meeting dates will be released soon.

Christmas Bazaar: Yes, it is that time of year again. We need to put a team together who would like to take on the organising of the Church Bazaar in December. If you are up for the role, please contact Shauna in the Parish office.

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, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Helen O'Donovan, Charlotte Comer and Mary Wall, John and Jacqueline Groom

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.

Please pray for the souls of; Sheila Hall, RIP, Brenda Peterson, RIP and Salvatore Scozzari, RIP 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?

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.

Gift Aid: If you are a taxpayer and make a gift aid declaration for St Joseph's Parish, we can claim back an extra 25% of your offering from the Government. Many of you put your offering in the loose collection, we would dearly like to get your hard earn tax back to help St Joseph's. Please sign a gift-aid form and then either use the offering envelopes or set up an online payment. Please contact Louise Wood for advice and forms. Contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Collection: The plate collection last Sunday was £1112 and the second collection for Home Mission Sunday amounted to £368. Many thanks

Safeguarding Courses – There are new courses scheduled for September and October for both Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adults. The schedule is up on the notice boards. **On Saturday October 6 at English Martyrs in Reading there are Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults courses taking place in the morning. On 3 November Windsor are also holding both courses.** Please book directly with Soraya whose details are on the bottom of the forms. Any queries speak to Louise Wood in the Parish Office.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land: Fr John is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for September 2019. We depart from Luton Airport on Monday 16th September and return on 23rd. The cost is 1500 pounds and covers return fares, transfers, accommodation and a packed itinerary visiting the sites associated with Our Lord's life and ministry. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Interested? Please email the parish office maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Fr John jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. With your name and contact details. To secure these dates we need to have names by the beginning of October. Please get in touch as soon as possible

First Holy Communion: Application forms will now no longer be accepted as the closing date has passed. If you have missed the deadline, please apply next year.

Marys Meals: With the end of school year approaching, parents may be contemplating replacing existing backpacks. Mary's meals are asking for reasonable condition bags to be collected and sent out hungry children in the world's poor communities. These backpacks can be deposited at St Mary's school or given to Shauna in the parish office.



St Mary's Catholic Pre School Autumn Fayre: Sunday 7th October from 11.30am-2pm. We would like to invite our Past and Present pupils, their families and members of our Parish to an exciting afternoon of Autumnal family fun, crafts and food. Come and Enjoy: Tomato soup bar, Pumpkin Crafts, Homemade cake stall, Woodland story-telling and arts and apple bobbing.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

Singing for Lung Health is specialist weekly singing sessions open to anyone with a chronic lung disease and their carers, designed to help participants better self-manage their conditions by developing better breathing, correcting postural tension, building stamina, and hopefully having fun, whilst socialising with others! The sessions are more physical to help exercise the lungs and the body, but participation can be seated, and oxygen tanks are welcome. Lastly there is NO expectation of ability; you do not have to be a singer, you merely have to be willing to use your voice as a way to improve your lung health, so don't worry. Singing for Lung Health is held every Wednesday from 1.30-2.30 in the Parish Centre hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits from 1pm, come and join us for a chat beforehand!

St Joseph's Church Eucharistic Ministers Rota is now available in the blue folder in the Sacristy.

RCIA Team Meeting: Meeting will take place on Wednesday Evening at 7.30pm. Meeting to take place in the Presbytery

Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee: We are looking to find some new members for the Finance and Property Committee. If you have some expertise with figures or in managing property or other health and safety knowledge and you would like to contribute to helping with managing the Parish, Fr John would be delighted to hear from you. The committee meets quarterly in the evenings and provides valuable support in looking after our Parish

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