

## Sacraments

**Are you thinking of getting married?** Please note that the Church is now asking for twelve months' notice in order that necessary paperwork and other marriage preparation can be completed. In the first instance, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Father 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.

**First Holy Communion:** Application forms are available in middle of September when the children are back to school

**Confirmation:** All Confirmation Candidates and their families are invited to 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September for the presentation of certificates.

## Parish Office Notices

**House Masses:** Fr John Lee is more than happy to celebrate a House Mass for any family or group of families who would like one. If you are interested please email Fr John or telephone the Parish Office.

**Holidays:** Please note that Gloria is covering both the Parish office and the Centre office. If you cannot get through to the Parish Office, I ask you please to phone the Centre Office. Thank you for your patience

**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.

As we are now in "holiday mode" the Parish print will be taking a short break for the month of August and our next Newsletter will be out at the Beginning of September.

**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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Parish Centre Administrator: <b>Gloria McQueen</b> Monday to Friday 09:00 to 12:30 01628 636312 email <a href="mailto:stjoecentmhead@btconnect.com">stjoecentmhead@btconnect.com</a>	Head Teacher: <b>Mrs Janice Laycock</b> St Mary's Catholic Primary School Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG 01628 622570 <a href="http://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk">www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk</a>
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.	Finance Officer: TBC Monday to Friday 09.00 to 13.00 01628 783988 email <a href="mailto:maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

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



## PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM Month of August to include 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time And the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Coming to St Josephs in the autumn ....



**Catholic Bible School!!!**

**5 Reasons why we need a Bible Weekend  
in our Parish  
Reason 3: Vatican II**



**Vatican II dedicated one of the four main documents to Sacred Scripture.**

In that document, called Dei Verbum, it asks the church

*"to provide the nourishment of the Scriptures for the people of God, to enlighten their minds, strengthen their wills, and set their hearts on fire with the love of God."*

The Bible Weekend aims to do just that.

Reasons 4, and 5 - Coming Soon...

## Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	29 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10:00	Anthony Micallef, A
		18:30	Ivor McLaughlin, A
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> Jul	08:00	Augusto Sequiem, A
		09:15	Liam and Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish
Mon	31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10:00	Franco Bigoni, RIP
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	10:00	Cornelius Hayes, RIP
Thu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Holy Souls
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Alan Bunting, RIP
		18:30	Jim Pillion, A
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	William
		10:45	Margaret and Michael O'Rourke, A
Mon	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Clotilde Lucia Esther Bianco, FM
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Betty Shiu Kuen Lam, RIP
Thu	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Simone Clarke, A
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Joyce Hope, RIP
Sat	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Pasalo Family, Thanksgiving
		18:30	John and Jonita Vales, RIP
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Celia Lansdale, RIP
		10:45	Holy Souls
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Billy Meehan, RIP
		19:30	Hanrahan Family, SI
Wed	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Henry Coleman, FM
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Jimensey DeSilva, SI
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Michele Adams, A
Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Nicholas Maraggun, RIP
		18:30	Mininio Jesus Marques, A
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	08:00	Manual Satan Dias, Maria Angela and their son Inas Sias, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Ben Broers, SI
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Tony Joyce, RIP
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Canon Charles Walker, RIP
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Pedro Marques, A
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	08:00	Julieta Marques, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Joao and Sheldon Fernades, SI
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Asta Williams, A
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00	Feast of Margaret Clitherow Trust
Thu	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10:00	Anthony Felton, A
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound, St. Edmund Campion
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10:00	Elizabeth Bianco, FM
		18:30	Maureen and John Cooney, RIP
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Timothv De Souza, A

## Notices

**Have you ever thought about fostering** or do you know someone who would be great at supporting a local child?

The Cornerstone Partnership is looking for people with space in the hearts and room in their home to become a Foster Carer for the Royal Borough.

The social enterprise organisation based in Maidenhead is working with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's Family Placement Team to raise awareness of fostering.

As a Foster Carer you will be giving a child or young person:

- A chance
- A safe and secure home
- Structure and support
- Skills they need for the next stage of their life

You will be part of a professional team with training and financial support.

If you are over 21, have a spare room or room that can be used as a bedroom, are a UK resident and keen to help then please do get in touch.

To find out more:

Call Rebecca at The Cornerstone Partnership on 01628 636376 or email [rebecca@thecornerstonepartnership.com](mailto:rebecca@thecornerstonepartnership.com)

**The Brett Foundation** is in-need of volunteers. There is a wide variety of ways you can help. At our drop-in centre, our evening meals, collecting fresh food daily from various places around the town, or cooking meals for us. You can do as little or as much as you wish and the cooking can be done in your own home (we do reimburse you) and brought down to the centre. The centre is open daily 10am (new summer holiday time) till 1pm Monday to Friday and 7.00pm till 9pm (again new summer holiday times) Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings. We truly make a difference in Maidenhead to the people who really need our help. We can only do this with a fantastic team of volunteers. We would love to have you on our team. If you are interested and would like to pop into the centre for a chat (49 King Street) Sue Brett is there on Thursday morning or email [info@thebrettfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@thebrettfoundation.org.uk) or call 07582158849. It is only Together we can make a difference.

**The Children's Liturgy Team** hope that all the children and their families have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all for the new term which starts on 10th September.

**Contact The Elderly** - Maidenhead Tea Parties for the Elderly. Do you know an Elderly Person who would benefit from a monthly outing? Contact the Elderly, Maidenhead Group have some vacancies available for Guests to attend their monthly Sunday Tea Parties, hosted by volunteers in their homes. Transport provided. If you know someone who would benefit please see the attached information or contact: Suzan Hyland, National Volunteer Support Officer, Telephone 020 7881 2361, [suzan.hyland@contact-the-elderly.org.uk](mailto:suzan.hyland@contact-the-elderly.org.uk), [www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk](http://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk). Office hours 9-4pm Monday to Thursday. Homebased on Monday's please call 0207 240 0630

### Young Catholic Adult Weekend @ Douai Abbey 20th -22nd Oct 2017

Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like-minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! All Masses are in the Old Rite.

To book go to: <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>

For updates go to: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/>. For more details go to: <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm>. Prices start from £18.50.

**9th August 2017 – Retreat Day for the Deaf:** There will be a retreat day for the deaf on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15. Full details and booking form are available at the exits. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email,

## Notices

**Unwanted Wooden Pallets:** The Mill Hill Missionaries have in their resources garage in Colby Gardens 7 unwanted wooden pallets. If anyone would like to collect these – they are free – please contact Margaret on 01628 674172/Carolyn 01628 626207 during office hours for further details or to arrange collection.

**Single Room required** in family home for young lady who is in full employment. Room needed end of July. Rent £300-£350/m including bills. If you can help, please contact 07785308037.

**OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020:** In 1633, the residents of Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague ravaging the region, they would produce a play thereafter for all time depicting the life and death of Jesus. The death rate among adults rose from one person per 1000 per year in October 1632 to twenty in the month of March 1633. The adult death rate slowly subsided to one in the month of July 1633. The villagers believed they had been spared and they kept their part of the vow when the play was first performed in 1634. The play is now performed repeatedly over the course of five months during every year ending in zero. 102 performances took place from 15 May until 3 October 2010 and is next scheduled for 2020.

Fr John would like to organise a trip to Oberammergau which is in Bavaria and other parts of Austria in June 2020. Why book so early? Thousands travel from all over to see the world's famous Passion Play, so it is necessary to book your place early. Are you interested? Please leave your name and contact details on the sheet in the Sacristy or speak to Fr. John.

**CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing:** Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday 7 September from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenroad Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

**UCM.** Last meeting before the summer break is on Tuesday July 25th at 2.30pm (Please note the change of date). Afternoon strawberry tea at 15 Manor Lane £4."

**Coffee after 10.45 am Mass.** A number of the team members have left recently and we are urgently in need of volunteers. Can you spare one Sunday every 4-5 weeks to help? Please contact Claire on 416968 or clairesamber@yahoo.com - the more the merrier! The coffee team will be having a well-deserved break in the summer, so the last coffee will be on Sunday 30th July until we return on 10 September.

**St. Elizabeth's Gardening Team:** next event on 30th July. Can you spare approx. half an hour after mass on the last Sunday of each month? Tools and drinks provided, or bring your own if you prefer. By making it a regular event there should be less to do each time and it is a good way to meet fellow parishioners.

**Catenians** - Maidenhead Catenians monthly circle meeting is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

**A Message from Mrs Laycock:** As I leave St Mary's I would like to thank everyone at St Joseph's for their encouragement and help over the last twelve years. We are so fortunate and very grateful for the amazing support of Fr. John and the whole Parish community. Fr John gives his time and love to care for us here in School and we are always welcomed when we visit the Church. You assist us in so many ways, helping with our fundraising, collecting vouchers and other items for us and coming in to hear readers and share in our Liturgies. This relationship is very important and precious to us; it is a vital part of building and embedding our faith. Thank you so very much.

**St. Elizabeth's Gardening Team:** next event on 27th August. Can you spare approx. half an hour after mass on the last Sunday of each month? Tools and drinks provided, or bring your own if you prefer. By making it a regular event there should be less to do each time and it is a good way to meet fellow parishioners.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is suspended during the month of August.

**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.

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Maura Gray, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leavage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Alex Holden, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Jane Parkinson, Joan Lennarz, Aine Harte, Moira Erskine, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne.

**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.**

**During this holiday time if you have any urgent enquiries or if you need to see a Priest please telephone the Parish Office number. Please note there may be a delay before you receive a reply.**

**Please pray for the souls of;** Joyce Zerilli, RIP, Pam Georgina Upshon RIP

**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?

**Please note** that the next Mass of the Sacrament of anointing will take place on the 1st Friday in September in St. Edmund Campions.

**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.

**Thursday St Joseph's Prayer group** is taking a break over the summer holidays and will be back in September.

**RCIA:** The Journey of faith – is now on a break until the autumn. 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.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1095.89. Thank you.

**CAFOD:** A representative is visiting the Parish on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at all Masses

**Magnificat: Did you know?** This is one of the best publications around for following scripture readings for daily Mass and every Sunday. There are also many interesting articles to help you in your spiritual life. If you would like a copy please get in touch with Shauna in the Parish Office to arrange. We can leave in the sacristy or post out to you. The Magnificat is only £4 per month. August is now available.

**Day by Day:** Available in the church at all times. Please leave the £1 in the candle box.

**Upcoming Feast Days:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Patron of Europe)  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Mary's Meals: Lenten Project 2017

We have now raised an amazing £12,000. Elaine from Mary's Meals collected the cheque at the 10.45am Mass last Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Congratulations to all who have supported this great project. Please see below an email sent to Fr John from Elaine and a full breakdown of the money raised.

Church Collections and Donations	5,329
Gift Aid Recovered	481
Church Collection at the Funeral of Duncan Falconer RIP	863
<b>Events and Activities</b>	
April Fools Quiz Night	1,650
Social Night with Stephen and Megan	1,350
Golf Day	571
Fatima Film Show	500
Confirmation Group Sponsored Walk	455
Mothers Group Cake Sale	401
St. Elizabeth's Produce Sale	283
Chocolate Raffle	66
Easter Egg Sale	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,996</b>



Dear Father John,

I was a great pleasure to join you all for Mass on Sunday, thank you for making so welcome. Thank you all for the 'large' cheque both in size and amount raised, £12,000 this will be used to sponsor Utumbe Primary School in Malawi for a year, in due course you will receive reports photos etc, which will enable you all to see the results of your fundraising. We agreed the name for the school wall would be St Joseph's, Maidenhead (UK if necessary).

Mary's Meals a simple solution to world hunger!

It attracts chronically poor children to the classroom where they can gain a basic education which provides an escape from poverty.

The number of children being fed has increased year on year since Mary's Meals first started feeding 200 Malawian children in 2002 and when you take into account the increase food costs, it is thanks to amazing people like yourselves that this happens, I guarantee that 93p of every £1 you have raised will ensure that this continues.

It currently costs £13.90 to feed a child for a year and Mary's Meals is currently feeding 1,230,171 of the World's poorest children in a place of education,

The impact of Mary's Meals programmes bring about the following changes:

### Short-term changes:

- Reduced hunger.
- Increased school enrolment.
- Improved attendance, concentration and learning.
- Increased progression between grades.
- Improved health and wellbeing.

### Long-term changes:

- Encouraging community support for education
- Support for smallholder farmers.
- Increasing government recognition of school feeding.

Kind regards  
Elaine

## Parish Pastoral Council

*The Parish Pastoral Council was recently formed by Fr John and has come together twice since May. The members of the Council are Don Leamage; Andrew Adamson; Anthony Marques; Eleanor Chinkondenji; Francoise Rogoszewski; Fr John Chadwick; Norma Machray; Gloria McQueen; Andy Strowbridge and Shauna Hamilton. Andy Strowbridge has very kindly agreed to become Chairman with Eleanor agreeing to act as Vice-Chair. Shauna will be the Secretary.*

We spent the first two meeting reflecting on the results from the recent Gallup Survey. A number of points were highlighted from the survey. First that only 20% of our congregation are engaged with the life and the mission of the Parish.

Secondly the survey also showed that out of those that participated in the survey, 57% were over the age of 55. Another interesting statistic: 58% of our Parish population volunteered to help and serve others in our community for an hour or less a week.

Over the next twelve months we aim to address the concerns highlighted by this survey and to put in place different programmes and activities with a view of changing these percentages.

Two big projects we will be engaged with in the autumn are the Catholic Bible School and Called and Gifted. More information to follow.

Also in the Autumn, we look forward to welcoming and introducing Mrs Sandra Barry our newly appointed Headteacher to St. Marys School.

If you have any issues or concerns that you feel should be discussed by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) please write to or email the Parish Office.

Fr John would like to express a sincere word of thanks to the members of PPC for their time, commitment and interest.