

**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. June is now available.

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

**Re:Charge R&R** is part of the Maidenhead Waitrose Community Matters Scheme, the 'Green Token' collection during the month of May and the charity with the most tokens gets £500, then £300, and then £200.

If you are a regular shopper at the Maidenhead Waitrose we would be most grateful if you could take a few green tokens each time you pay for your shopping and drop them into the R&R box.

If you are not a regular shopper then perhaps you would consider doing an occasional shop at Waitrose so you can support us.

**Parish Council:** Fr John is in the process of forming a new Parish Council for St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's Parish. More information to follow.

**Cleaning of the Church:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Please join in if you can. We are desperately looking for new volunteers especially for the Friday group that cleans the church only once a month at 11am. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052

**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 evening 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.

**Postage Stamps:** If you have any used stamps please leave them with Joan Boland or Shauna in the office.

**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 during Lent. If you are interested please email Fr John or telephone the Parish Office.

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

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The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

#### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	27 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Rev Michael Clifton, RIP
		18:30	Maria Diana DeSouza, A
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Shay Godfrey, RIP
		10:45	Richard Burke, RIP
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Bank Holiday – Church Closed
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> May	18:30	Deceased members of the Shortal Family
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup> May	11:30	Requiem Mass for Julia Kellerman RIP
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	10:00	O'Shaughnessy Sisters, RIP
		12:00	Requiem Mass for Jamie Coleman RIP
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	10:00	Elizabeth McKeon, RIP
		18:30	Denis Corrigan, A
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	08:00	Private Intention
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Deceased members of the O'Rourke Family

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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.**

Luke 24.51



**Matthew 28:16-20**

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

**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 Leamage, Betty Buckley, Evelyn Withey. Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Alex Holden, Maria Wiggins, Joe Ball, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Jane Parkinson, Joan Lennarz, Pauline and Frank Allen.

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;** Michael Oke RIP and Lidia Filice RIP  
*Julia Kellerman RIP*, Requiem Mass Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am in St. Joseph's Church  
*Jamie Coleman RIP*, Requiem Mass Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12.00pm in St. Joseph's Church  
*Joe Ball RIP*, Requiem Mass Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00pm 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?

**Mother's Prayer Group:** No meeting on Monday as it is a bank holiday. All welcome. 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 continues and for any parishioners wishing but are unable to attend they may pray in unison from wherever they are between 7pm-8pm. You are invited to leave your petitions in the Red Book on our Lady's altar and they will be prayed for during the weekly meetings.

**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.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1099.63. Christian Aid Collection in St. Josephs was £197.58 and £243.00. Many thanks to all that contributed.

**There is a second Collection** this weekend the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May for World Communications.

**Safeguarding Update:** A team of Safeguarding Representatives for the two churches in our parish has now been formed. Louise Wood is the Safeguarding leader and is also the safeguarding rep for The First Holy Communion Group. George Lam is the safeguarding rep for Children's Liturgy and John Lynn is the safeguarding rep for Eucharistic ministers. If you have any queries please contact Louise on home 01628522215 and 07783684281 or the Parish Office on 01628 783988

**Safeguarding Courses:** We have three courses being held at St Joseph's for those people involved directly with running or helping at parish classes and ministries.  
Saturday 17 June 10am-12:30pm - Child Protection Awareness (for those who have done no courses)  
Saturday 17 June 1:30-4pm - Vulnerable Adult Awareness (for those who have done no courses)  
Saturday 24 June 10am-12:30pm - Combined Refresher Training ( for those who need a refresh)  
Please book your place with Soraya Ciccarone at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you are unsure whether you need to attend any of these, please speak to Louise Wood 07783684281. Details can be found on the Safeguarding notice boards in St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's.

**Mary's Meals:** There is still time for additional donations but they must be received by the end of May, we have now reached the £10,000 figure which is excellent.

**Confirmation Ceremony:** Pentecost Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. We can now confirm that the Ceremony will take place at 3pm at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth High Street, Portsmouth, PO1 2HH. Please allow plenty of time to travel down and for your information there are two car parks nearby, Broad Street which is a 5 minutes' walk away and Clarence Pier which is 7 minutes away.

**Sharing the Joy of the Gospel – Day of Prayer for the New Evangelisation**  
*Sat 3rd June, 10am-3pm at St. Edward's Church, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU*  
The diocese will be hosting a day of prayer for the New Evangelisation, beginning with mass at 10am. Throughout the day, there will be the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be a prayer workshop either side of lunch (please bring your own), centred on the theme of "using the gifts of the Holy Spirit". You are welcome to come for all or just some of the day. Even if you cannot join us, please take time that day to pray for the New Evangelisation in our diocese – it is essential that all our efforts are founded on a firm bedrock of prayer.

**Readers' Rota:** The rota for July to September 2017 is available in the Sacristy. Please ensure that you find a replacement if you cannot fulfil your duty. At 10.45am we do still need three readers. Many thanks to Joe and Harriet Graham who have read so well for a number of years and who are now giving up. This means we are very short again at 8.00am Mass and I have reverted to just one reader. If there is anyone who would like to read at that Mass, please contact Fr John or me, Tricia Brooking – triciabrooking@gmail.com

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Recently formed by Fr John the PPC came together for the first time during the week. 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. Fr John sincerely thanks each one for agreeing to become a member of this body. The Council will report back to the Parish at regular intervals as we progress in our work of developing the life of our Parish.

**Prayer of the Rosary:** From next Wednesday, the Rosary will be prayed *after* each weekday Mass. The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind.

**Manchester:** Please keep in your prayers in the coming days all those who were killed last Monday and all those who mourn for them. We pray also for the injured and for all our healthcare professionals. **Fr John will offer Mass next Friday evening at 6.30pm for the deceased and all those affected by this terrible tragedy. Please come along and join us.**

**Changes to Weekday Mass Times:** Next Tuesday Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm in the evening. There will be *no* morning Mass as Fr John has a commitment in Portsmouth that day. On Wednesday a Requiem Mass for the late Julia Kellerman RIP will be celebrated at 11.30am. Again there will be *no* 10am that morning.

Please note: The Church will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for repairs.

**Parish Office:** Shauna is on holiday from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Gloria is covering both the Parish office and the Centre office. If you cannot get through to the Presbytery, I ask you please to phone the Centre. Thank you for your patience

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