

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. July and August are now available.

Mary's Meals: We have now raised an amazing £11,871.40. If you have any outstanding money can you please leave at the Parish Office. A full breakdown will be published shortly. A representative from Mary's Meals will be at 10.45am Mass on Sunday 23rd July where we will present the cheque. Congratulations to all who have supported this project.

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

Cleaning of the Church. : Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church is this Tuesday. 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.

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, careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Safeguarding Update: 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.

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

Number 137 – 15th and 16th July 2017
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 3

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	15 th Jul	10:00	The O'Mahony Family, A
		18:30	Denny Rooney, RIP
Sun	16 th Jul	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Philip and Peter Wall, A
		10:45	Carlos Tovar, Luis Carlos Hernandez, Craig Goldie and Salvatore Agricola, A
Mon	17th Jul	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	18th Jul	10:00	Herbert & Margaret Tremaan, A
Wed	19th Jul	10:00	Christopher Paul Hancox, A
Thu	20th Jul	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Fri	21st Jul	10:00	Ken Hoolan, Harry Middleton, Mollie Kiely A
Sat	22nd Jul	10:00	The Collins Family, FM
		18:30	Marie Corrigan, A
Sun	23rd Jul	08:00	Maria Diana D'Souza, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Pauline Gillen, SI

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.



Coming to St Josephs in the autumn



Catholic Bible School!!!

5 Reasons why we need a Bible Weekend in our Parish

Reason 1: Pope Francis



In Misericordia et Misera, Pope Francis asked us to take a Sunday each year to focus on Sacred Scripture. He also said that we should be creative about this. The Catholic Bible School team have a reputation for their creative and innovative presentations that enable people to make sense of the Scriptures. Here's the quote in full:

“It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people. Creative initiatives can help make this an opportunity for the faithful to become living vessels for the transmission of God's word.”

Pope Francis,
Misericordiae et Misera,
Apostolic Letter,
21 November 2016

Reasons 2, 3, 4, and 5 - Coming Soon ...

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 Leauge, 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.

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; Cornelius Hayes, RIP, Lionel Conroy, RIP, 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 £1479.50 and the second collection for Apostleship of the Sea was £622.76. Thank you.

Summer Social Events: Please look out for the posters around the Church foyer and Centre with dates for Church social events this summer. BBQ in the Presbytery on the 16th July and 10th September from 12.30pm. Ring Parish Office for details.

Parish Social 22nd July 2017: By popular demand STEPHEN & MEGAN are back to play their unique brand of music for us. Tickets will be £15.00 to include of a hot meal. Ticket will be on sale from Friday 9th June from both of the Parish Office.

Dear parishioners of St Joseph and St Elizabeth, We want to thank you for your warm welcome, support and generosity. We were very happy to meet you. Be sure that we keep all your intentions in our prayer. The sisters of Maria Stella Matutina

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, www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk. Office hours 9-4pm Monday to Thursday. Homebased on Monday's please call 0207 240 0630

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.

Finance Officer: St Joseph's Parish in Maidenhead is looking to employ a new Finance Officer for late August 2017. This is a part-time post; twenty hours per week, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm. We are looking for someone who is experienced; possesses good communication skills and is IT literate with a good working knowledge of finance packages such as SAGE Instant Accountant. The successful candidate will need to be a good team player but also able to work on their own initiative. Are you interested? Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01628 783988 or email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more details and an application form. Application forms are also available on our website. Closing date for applications: Wednesday 19th July (12 noon). Interviews will be held w/c 24th July 2017.

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 Liebenrood 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.

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

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 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.

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