

**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.

**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.

**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 are now available.

**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 Wednesday. 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](mailto: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**

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 4

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

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
Mon	24th Jul	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	25th Jul	10:00	Felicity Joseph, A & Emily Chinkodenji RIP
Wed	26th Jul	10:00	Sarah Chethy, FM
Thu	27th Jul	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Fri	28th Jul	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Sat	29th Jul	10:00	Anthony Micallef, A
		18:30	Ivor McLaughlin, A
Sun	30th Jul	08:00	Augusto Sequiem, A
		09:15	Liam & Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish

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.



**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

**Coming to St Josephs in the autumn ....**



**Catholic Bible School!!!**

**5 Reasons why we need a Bible Weekend  
in our Parish**

**Reason 2: Mountains**



**The Bible Weekend is designed to be a "mountain-top experience" for parishes. It will be a high point in the parish calendar, and a high point of your year, if you let it.**

In the Scriptures the mountain-top is the place where people go to meet God. Moses met God up the mountain many times, Elijah met God up the mountain in the still small voice and of course, they were both on the mountain-top at the transfiguration of Jesus which the disciples Peter, James and John were witness to. Let the Bible Weekend be an opportunity for you and your parish to encounter God anew.

**Reasons 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 Leamage, 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. 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;** 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 £1111.92. Thank you.

**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

**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.

**Mary's Meals:** We welcome today Elaine from Mary's Meals who is receiving a cheque from our Parish today on behalf of the charity for an amazing £12,000. Congratulations to all who have supported this project.

**Hymn for the 10.45am Mass: Lord, I lift your name on high**

Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

**OBERRAMMERGAU 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 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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 26th July at 19:30 and Wednesday 30th August 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.

**Congratulations to** Kenneth Pancho who is making his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at 10.45am Mass today.

**Please Take Me Home. I have lots of useful information that you can read during the week. Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter. Please note there will be no newsletter in the month of August**