

**Cleaning of the Church:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church this Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. 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 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.

**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, 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 Pastoral Council**

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson) Shauna Hamilton (Secretary), Fr John Lee, Fr John Chadwick, Andrew Adamson, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leange

**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.

If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be discussed please contact the office



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

Number 149, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, Psalter Week 3

**Weekly Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Jim Buckley, RIP
		18:30	Yulis Perearea, SI
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Ben Ward, RIP
		10:45	Gino Reina, A
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00	Mary O'Neill, RIP
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Tess & Jim Blumel, A
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Gonda & Albert Neville, RIP
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Manuel Family, T
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Nicholas Maraggun, A
		18:30	David Hall, A
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, RIP
		10:45	Remembrance Sunday

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 and for Peace in the World**

An invitation and the programme for the Catholic Bible Weekend will be available this weekend at all Masses.



**Sunday 5th November 2017**

Matthew 23:1-12

And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—in heaven

***Thought for the day.***

Leadership is an issue in our world today: home, work, society, church. Two of our readings are quite stark critiques—the priests in the temple and the Pharisees of Jesus' day. There's plenty to reflect on for us today. Jesus does offer an alternative and we see that alternative in action in the second reading. Paul was a passionate pastor, who clearly loved those he served and gave himself fully to them and for them. He could be upset, as well, and angry at times, but always because he cared so deeply. For most of us not in leadership, the question is how can we help those in leadership to fulfil their role in a gospel manner?

***Prayer***

Good shepherd, bless the shepherds who care for us in your name. Help us also to know how we can enable truly Christian leadership in our time.

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**We welcome to St Joseph's Parish next Thursday evening 9th November, our Bishop, Rt Rev Philip Egan, who will be delivering a talk entitled 'Interreligious Dialogue: A Catholic Christian's Perspective'. The talk will start at 7.30pm and is open to all our parishioners and friends from the Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum. The talk will be followed with refreshments.**



**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, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Jane Parkinson, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Bernard Carty, Alf and Joan White, 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;** Frank Joseph Kompanik RIP, Carmen Duthie RIP, Yiu 'Mary' Shing Lee RIP who are recently deceased.

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:** 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 continues** every Thursday 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.

## Looking towards Advent and Christmas

### Calling all musicians and singers!

You are all invited to bring your musical gifts to make Christmas a special and beautiful season. The 'Christmas Choir' will be leading music for the Advent Carol Service and all Christmas Masses at St Joseph's – you can come and sing/play at any services you are already planning to attend.

You will need to commit to joining us for the following rehearsals at St Joseph's:

- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12 – 2 in the bar area**
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 2 in the bar area**
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 4pm (before the Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm)**
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm (for 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass)
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December TBC (for Midnight Mass)

If you have any questions, please speak with Lisa or Susan after the 10.45 Sunday Mass or through the Parish Office. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Invitation:** Our Advent Carol Service will take place at 6pm on 17th December, and we would love to celebrate the diversity of our community. If any individuals or groups feel confident to sing a carol from their home (in any language), please speak with Fr John, Shauna, Lisa or Susan by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November so we can plan our service. Thank you

**Repository:** The Repository has Christmas cards, St Joseph's 50p diaries and calendars in stock now.

**Blessing of the Graves** in Braywick Lawn Cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Fr John Lee and Fr Liam Cummins from St Edmund Campion Church will be present to bless graves.

**Catholic Legacy Week 5-11<sup>th</sup> November:** Gifts in your Will are a very valuable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet; contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370; go to [www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](http://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk)

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £1202. Second Collection for Aid to the Church in Need was £1336. Thank you.

**Upcoming Second Collection Weekends:** The second collection taking place this weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November is for Bamenda. Bamenda is the capital of North West Province in Cameroon, West Africa. Since 1974, the dioceses of Bamenda and Portsmouth are twinned and are trying to assist with a number of projects under the 4 categories: Faith, Education, Health and Social Welfare. Please contribute generously to this important work.

**Parish Bazaar: Unfortunately, due to no interest in organising this event has been cancelled. We hope that you will support our Schools Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 11am – 2pm.**

**A pilgrimage to Walsingham is being planned** next year commencing on the 28th September and returning on the 1st October 2018. The pilgrimage will be jointly led by Fr Jeremy Harris of All Saints, Boyn Hill, assisted by the clergy of St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's Maidenhead. 20 places have been allocated to St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's Parishioners. The total cost for Friday to Monday full board are £189.70. £10 paid with initial booking which is non-refundable with a further £20 paid with the list of those going. Final cheque to take when you go should be for the balance of £159.70 for each of the pilgrims.

**CAFOD Memorial Mass:** A mass of remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. Everyone is welcome.

**Our next WAMCF Ladies group** meeting will take place on Monday 20th November at 7.30 pm at St. Luke's Church. We will talk about winter festivals and also make decorations to go on the WAMCF Christmas tree at St. Luke's tree festival. Please also note that 12th – 19th November is Interfaith week – see this link for more detail: [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)

**A Journey to Santiago de Compostela:** Our parishioner, Eddie Piekut spent time this autumn walking the way of pilgrims to the shrine of St. James the Apostle in northern Spain. Come and hear his experiences on Tuesday November 7th 7.45pm in the Bar Area. Refreshments organised by the UCM. All are welcome

**Aine Harte** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support when she was unwell and would like everyone to know she is feeling much better.

**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. November and December is now available.

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

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