

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church this Friday 1st December. 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.

Parish Bazaar: Please note there will be no Christmas Bazaar this year. We hope that you will support our Schools Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 11am – 2pm.

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 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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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 152, 25th & 26th November 2017
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A,

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	25 th Nov	10:00	No Mass due to Bible Weekend
		18:30	Maria Mateo, A
Sun	26 th Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Derrick Gallagher, A
		10:45	Mr & Mrs Di Dernordo, A
Mon	27 th Nov	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	28 th Nov	10:00	Anthony Frederick Warrilow, A
		11:00	Funeral Service Mrs Joan Pauline Horwood
Wed	29 th Nov	10:00	Sheila Lazenby, RIP
Thu	30 th Nov	10:00	Silvio Domenico Bernardo Bianco, FM
Fri	1 st Dec	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound – St Joseph's Church
Sat	2 nd Dec	10:00	Michael Clarke, A
		18:30	Kenneth Haines, RIP
Sun	3 rd Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Jim Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Mary Bourke, A

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

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

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.

Sunday 26th November 2017



We extend a warm St Joseph's welcome to Sarah, Molly & David Beresford from the Catholic Bible School who, this weekend, have been leading our Parish in a deeper reflection and exploration of the Bible. The Scriptures offer us direction, encouragement and challenge. But we need to learn how God speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures. We need to learn how to recognize His voice and learn what to do what He says. The more I engage with the Word of God, the more reassurance I receive about the destination of my journey.

**Matthew 25:31-46
The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory**

Thought for the day
"King" is a foundational metaphor in the Bible, which in ordinary usage suggests power and glory. But even in the ancient biblical tradition, there are two great modifications. According to an Old Testament vision, a king is meant to be a shepherd to his people, a true shepherd who cares for and who knows and even loves his sheep. According to a New Testament vision, Jesus our king rules paradoxically by loving service, humility and the gift of himself. This example and teaching of Jesus has lost none of its power today.

Prayer

Wake us up, O God, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognise you in every moment and in every person each day of our lives.

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; Zaza Delaney, RIP and Mary Walton, RIP, Mary Jamieson, RIP who are recently deceased.

Joan Pauline Horwood, RIP, Funeral Service, Tuesday 28th November, 11.00am in St. Joseph's Church
William Franks, RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 15th December 2017, 10am in St. Joseph's Church

Please pray for all 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?

Thursday St Joseph's Prayer Group is taking a break until January 2018.

Children's Liturgists - a reminder that there is a short **meeting next Sunday 3rd December**, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. Mass in the Bar area. It is important that ALL leaders, helpers and register takers attend. Please bring your diaries. Any new helpers and parishioners with suggestions are very welcome at the meeting. Please contact Tricia Weeks on 01628 627265 for further details.

Christmas Eve – Children's Nativity: All children are most welcome to dress up as angels / shepherds / kings / donkeys / sheep etc for the Christmas Eve Mass at 6.30pm. Do come and celebrate with us! More details next week or contact Helen on 01628 623707 or helen.meanwell@btopenworld.com

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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. Closing date 1st December 2017.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018: 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Food share: Thank you to those who continue to contribute food for The Homeless. With Christmas in mind more donations are needed now more than ever.

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.

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. December is now available.

Parish Social Saturday 16th December 2017: By popular demand **STEPHEN & MEGAN** are back to play their unique brand of music for us. Tickets will be £15.00 and include of a hot meal. Tickets will be on sale from Friday 17th November from both the Parish and Centre Offices. All proceeds go to The Margaret Clitherow Trust.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1261.

Sunday Evening Liturgy in Advent: There will be an evening liturgy during Advent. Everyone is welcome.

3rd Dec: Taize Service at 6pm in St Joseph's Church

10th Dec: Evening prayer and Benediction at 6pm in St Elizabeth's

18th Dec: Advent Service at 5.30pm in St Joseph's

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

Advent & Christmas Liturgy 2017: Fr John and the Liturgy committee would like to hear from anyone who can speak their mother tongue (eg Konkani, Polish or Italian etc) This year we would like to involve as many as our ethnic community in the celebration of Advent and Christmas. Please can you make your known to Fr John Lee or the Parish Office. Thank you.

Candles, music and stillness – Advent Taize Service, 3rd December 6pm at St Joseph's: Taize is a place in France where a community of monks have created a place of pilgrimage and stillness. Three times a day, everything on the hill of Taizé stops, and the bells call everyone to church for prayer. Thousands of mainly young people from all over the world pray and sing together with the brothers of the community.

The famous Taize music is very easy to sing, and is based upon single lines of Scripture, repeated over and over until they enter your heart and become a prayer.

Our candlelit Advent Taize service will last about 45 minutes and is open to people of all ages. During the service, we will sing some Taize songs, hear a short Bible reading and have some time for prayer and reflection. This is a perfect opportunity to step out of the busyness of the season, and enjoy a moment of stillness in a beautiful and simple style.

We welcome any singers to come and help to lead the chants. If you would like to get involved, please arrive at 4.45pm for rehearsal.

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