

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church. 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.

Food share: Thank you to those who continue to contribute food for The Homeless. At the start of the New Year donations are needed now more than ever.

Are you thinking of getting married? Please note that twelve months' notice is required before a wedding can take place. This period of notice is necessary for the completion of paperwork. Also, this notice period allows plenty of time for the couple to engage with a marriage preparation course. In the first instance please contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Fr 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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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 Leauge

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 155, 6th & 7th January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord, Psalter Week 1, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	6 th Jan	10:00	Silvio O'Sullivan, SI
		18:30	Brendan Walsh, RIP
Sun	7 th Jan	08:00	Deceased members of the Wall Family
		09:15	Mary Jamieson, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish
Mon	8 th Jan	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	9 th Jan	10:00	Sean O'Neil, RIP
Wed	10 th Jan	10:00	Francis Flynn, RIP
Thu	11 th Jan	10:00	Rene Garcia, T
Fri	12 th Jan	10:00	Rev John Lewington, FM
Sat	13 th Jan	10:00	Dola O'Shaughnessy, RIP
		18:30	Ian Raines, RIP
Sun	14 th Jan	08:00	Deceased members of the Shortal Family
		09:15	Liam & Kitty O'Connor, A
		10:45	People of the Parish

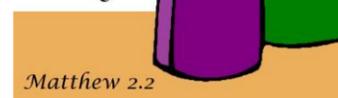
Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

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

Sunday 7th January 2018

Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.



Matthew 2.2

Matthew 2:1-12

For we observed his star and have come to pay him homage

Thought for the day

In our deepest selves, each of us is a mystery: Where do I come from? Where am I going? Why am I here? How should I live? The risk in our present culture is to sleepwalk through life, to be satisfied with a merely material existence. But the human "project" is much greater. Each of us is really on a pilgrimage, or better on a quest — a quest to become my true self, in image and likeness of God. My truest self is found by being open to God, in whom we live and move and have our being. By following that star, by listening to our conscience and our inner selves, we come home to God.

Prayer

You are the mystery at the heart all that exists: draw us to yourself, O Lord, that knowing you we find our true selves, and finding our true selves, we may come to know you.

Note from Fr John Lee

Dear Friends,

A very Happy New Year to one and all! Many Thanks for all the cards and gifts that Fr John and I received during the Christmas period. Thank you too for your very generous Christmas offering. Mass will be offered for all your intentions in the coming weeks.

With my prayerful best wishes

Fr John Lee

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 Leavage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Alf and Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Catherine Josephine Lee.

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; Francis Flynn, RIP, Ken Perkins, RIP, Pat Leonard, RIP, Mairanne Groom, RIP who are recently deceased.

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 continues every Thursday for any parishioners wishing but are unable to attend they may pray in unison from wherever they are between 7pm-8pm in the Church. 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

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1142

Second Collection: Weekend 13th / 14th January is a White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

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.

Christmas Eve Nativity - thank you to the children who took part, to the parents and helpers and especially to Helen Meanwell for organising the cast - you were all wonderful!

Children's Liturgy – we welcome the children back this Sunday 7th January during the 10.45 a.m. Mass. Please will Liturgists pick up their rotas from the filing cabinet. **Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?!!** We are really short of Liturgists to support the children during the 10.45 a.m. Masses in term time. Just once a term, could you help read the Gospel story, lead activities like card making, mini plays or singing with another Liturgist? All materials and weekly plans are provided - the children of St Jo's need your support. Please contact Tricia Weeks for further details Tel. **01628 627265** or email triciaweeksmail@gmail.com – we do need you.

The Catholic Academy Trust in East Berkshire

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus.



First Entry to St Mary's Catholic Primary - Sept. 2018: St Mary's is our Parish Primary School and parents are reminded that the closing date for applications for new entrants in Sept. 2018 is Jan. 15th. If you have a child born between 1st Sept. 2013 and 31st Aug. 2014 then it is necessary to submit a Common Application Form (CAF) to the Borough by **Jan 15th**. Parents with siblings already attending St Mary's are reminded that they must also submit a CAF. In addition, please contact the School for a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which when completed will enable children to be placed in the correct priority category. If any parishioner knows of a relevant Catholic family who may not be aware of this procedure, please bring it to their attention. Catholic children who miss the Jan. 18th deadline will go on a waiting list as a late applicant, and may miss out on a place at our wonderful parish school.

Common Application Forms are available from RBWM or on their website. They can be completed in hard copy or on line.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD?

CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. To find out more about our work please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27th Jan from 10am to 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge, or 30th Jan from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3rd Feb from 10:30am to 1pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8th Feb from 7:15pm to 9pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

The Directors of St Peter Catholic Academy Trust wish to appoint a new Head Teacher for St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Slough. It is a large successful and thriving school. Please ring 01753 645828 to speak to Mrs Sam MacKenzie or visit www.stanthonys.slough.sch.uk for further information.

WAMCF 2018 Dialogue Programme, all dialogues are FREE and start at 7pm and end at 8.30pm with refreshments. Next meeting in on Tuesday 16th January in SGI-UK Taplow Court, Berry Hill, Taplow. The topic for this discussion is WHAT DO YOU WANT MOST IN LIFE? Please see the notice board for dates in January, February and March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

UCM: Meeting this Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Bar Area is a welcome back evening with A Game of 'Grab a Present'. Please bring along secret wrapped presents. Some of you have played this game before and will remember it is good fun. Reminder subs (£16) are due in January

Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) will meet on Tuesday evening 9th January at 7.30pm. Meeting will take place in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

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.

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